

# Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

Sept 8 - 14

■ It is still fresh in people's minds how LTTE terrorists carried out some of the most brutal bomb attacks and massacred Sinhala, Tamil and Muslim civilians during their three decades of terror.

■ The **Sunday Observer** graphic series highlights how the Tigers carried out their brutal terror acts in the guise of so-called liberation until they were crushed militarily by our valiant Security Forces on May 18, 2009.

■ **Sept 9, 2008:** Security Forces foiled a major LTTE attack targeting the radar system installed at the Air Force Base in Vavuniya bringing down one of the light aircraft of the LTTE on its way back to Mullaitivu. Tigers fired barrages of artillery into the Army, Air Force and Police Headquarters complex in Vavuniya.



■ **Sept 9, 2009:** Police unearthed a large stock of arms and ammunition from Vellaimullivaikkal. Task Force VIII launched a huge search operation in Puthukudiyiruppu and Sugandipuram areas and recovered a haul of arms, thereby preventing another human disaster by the terrorists.

■ **Sept 10, 1988:** Armed terrorists shot dead seven Sinhalese and four Tamils at the 16th Colony, Central Camp in Ampara.



■ **Sept 10, 2000:** LTTE Terrorists killed two parliamentary candidates ahead of elections in Kalmunai, Batticaloa. The victims were identified as Chellian Perimpanayagam, a former mayor of Batticaloa town and S Manoharpillai also a PA party member.

■ **Sept 10, 2006:** A claymore mine exploded just 200m away from the Ganemulla Commando Camp.

■ **Sept 10, 2008:** LTTE terrorists exploded a bomb on the coastal rail track near De Saram Road, Mount Lavinia. Over 200 g of C4 explosives had been used for the bomb. The railway track was slightly damaged but there were no injuries.



■ **Sept 11, 1998:** Mayor of Jaffna, Ponnuthurai Sivapalan, and 11 persons are killed and 12 people wounded when a suicide bomber detonated a bomb strapped to his body at the Municipal Council building in Jaffna. The dead included Brigade Commander, 51-4 Brigade, Major General Susantha Mendis and SSP Jaffna, Chandra Perera.

■ **Sept 13, 1990:** LTTE cadres hacked to death seven Muslim civilians and injured one in Poonani, Batticaloa



■ **Sept 13, 1994:** Chairman, Chenkalady Pradeshiya Sabha, T. Jeyarajah was shot dead by LTTE terrorists in Chenkalady, in the Batticaloa District.

■ **Sept 13, 2006:** Over thirteen civilians were injured when an LTTE terrorist lobbed a hand grenade into a poultry stall in Poonthottam, Vavuniya. The terrorist had arrived on a push cycle through a hand grenade and fled the scene. Thirteen civilians were injured.

■ **Sept 14, 2005:** Leader, EPRLF (Razeek Group) Sivaguru Navaratnarajah (alias Kanthy) was killed in an LTTE grenade attack in Batticaloa.

■ **Sept 14, 2005:** LTTE cadres lobbed a hand grenade into the Lake road Army camp killing one soldier attached to the 14th Sri Lanka National Guard and injuring another.



The freedom enjoyed by one and all today was achieved due to the supreme sacrifices by the Security Forces, the political sagacity of President Mahinda Rajapaksa and the military strategies of Defence Secretary Gotabaya Rajapaksa.



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