

# Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

Sept 15 - 21

■ 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 brutal acts of terror in the guise of so-called liberation until they were crushed militarily by our valiant Security Forces on May 18, 2009.



■ **Sept 15, 2000:** Seven people were killed and 28 others sustained injuries when a suicide bomber, on being detected, blew himself up in front of a busy hospital in Colombo. Health Minister Nimala Sripala de Silva had a narrow escape as he had passed through the site barely seven minutes before the blast.

■ **Sept 16, 2008:** A major disaster was averted after swift action of a bus driver and a conductor. A massive bomb exploded inside a SLTB bus near Horton Place, minutes after its 60 passengers were off loaded on suspicion that a parcel inside the bus contained a bomb. Hence no casualties were reported. However, several passengers were admitted to the Colombo General Hospital due to shock.



■ **Sept 17, 1986:** LTTE cadres entered block No. 4 of the Sugar Corporation, Kantalai and shot to death ten civilians.

■ **Sept 17, 1986:** The same LTTE group which attacked Kantale the same day, once again attacked Wadigawewa village on the same day and killed 12 villagers including women and children.



■ **Sept 17, 2006:** Eleven Muslim civilians, who had gone to repair an irrigation system, were murdered by LTTE terrorists, armed with guns, knives and axes, in Pottuvil. The Tigers had taken the civilians to the forest and blindfolded them before killing then indiscriminately.

■ **Sept 18, 1983:** UNP candidate S. Gopallapillai, contesting local government elections in Jaffna, was killed by LTTE terrorists in Jaffna.

■ **Sept 18, 1999:** LTTE women cadres attacked 31 Colony in Ampara and hacked to death 50 Sinhalese civilians, most of them in their sleep.



■ **Sept 18, 1999:** LTTE cadres attacked Punchi Sigiriya, Kalpengala, Bedirekka villages and killed 58 civilians including 17 women, two pregnant mothers and 14 children. They were hacked to death with machetes and knives by LTTE terrorists. The victims were dragged from their sleep and butchered.



■ **Sept 18, 2006:** Ten Muslim youths who were returning home after constructing a sluice gate were hacked to death by the LTTE near Irathal Kulam, Paanama.

■ **Sept 19, 1990:** The LTTE massacred 23 Sinhalese villagers and burnt 11 houses at Vellanmundal, Puttalam.

■ **Sept 19, 1990:** People travelling in a tractor were attacked by terrorists, killing five and injuring two others at Kotmale Colony, Uhana, Ampara.

■ **Sept 19, 1991:** Terrorists attacked a Muslim village, killing 13 Muslims and injuring six others in Palliyagodella, PLN.

■ **Sept 21, 1990:** LTTE cadres attacked a village killing 15 Muslims and injured eleven others at Pudukudiyirippu Ampara.

■ **Sept 21, 2008:** The Chief priest of Koneswaran temple in Trincomalee, Sivashri Kungaraja Kurukkal was shot dead by Tiger terrorists.



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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