

# Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

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■ 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.

■ **Oct. 6, 1987:** LTTE cadres shot dead 27 Sinhalese villagers at Sagarapura in Kuchchaveli, Trincomalee.

■ **Oct. 6, 1987:** Armed LTTE cadres shot dead 18 Sinhalese civilians in Batticaloa.

■ **Oct. 7, 1987:** LTTE cadres shot dead 25 Sinhalese passengers, who were travelling by bus along Pottuvil-Moneragala Road. The Tigers also killed five motorcyclists who came along the same route.

■ **Oct. 7, 2007:** A desperate attempt by the LTTE to claim thousands of human lives was prevented as the Tigers' plans to smuggle arms to the embattled Wanni was foiled by the Navy destroying the LTTE's 10th vessel 1,700km south of Dondra Head. The 70m ship capable of carrying 3,000 tonnes of weapons and equipment was completely destroyed and sunk.



■ **Oct. 8, 2007:** The Security Forces successfully repulsed an LTTE attempt to breach the Forward Defence Line, North of Uyilankulam in Mannar. One STF personnel was killed and two others injured in a claymore mine detonated by the LTTE in Ampara.

■ **Oct. 9, 1988:** Armed LTTE terrorists shot dead 44 Sinhalese villagers and set fire to 11 houses in Mahakongaskada, Medavachchiya.



■ **October 9, 2008:** The Agriculture Development and Agrarian Services Development Minister Maithripala Sirisena escaped an LTTE suicide attack at Pirivena junction in Boralesgamuwa. A female suicide cadre blew herself targeting Minister Sirisena's motorcade at Pirivena junction when the Minister was returning after a Government function in the area. A civilian was killed and five others injured.

■ **Oct. 10, 1987:** Armed Tiger terrorists shot dead 10 Sinhalese villagers in Gantalawa, Kantalai.

■ **Oct. 10, 2006:** Three civilians were killed and three others injured when Tiger terrorists detonated a claymore mine fixed inside a van in Periyarakulum, Punthottam.

■ **Oct. 11, 1990:** Two LTTE terrorists shot dead nine Muslims who were collecting firewood in Arugam Bay.



■ **Oct. 11, 2005:** Members of the notorious LTTE pistol gang gunned down Kopay Christian College Principal, N. Sivakadachan, another fierce opponent of child conscription. He was shot at while he was riding his motorcycle near the gate of the Weerasingham Hall. He was on his way to attend a cultural show organised by the Jaffna Divisional Secretariat.

■ **Oct. 11, 2007:** The Navy detected a large haul of war like equipment including a remote controlled aircraft with a 5.5m long fuselage having a wing span of three metres after detecting and destroying two LTTE boats heading towards Vedithalthivu. The LTTE was trying to use more complicated terror strategies with the deployment of these remote controlled aircraft and a remote controlled helicopter along with remote controlled devices that could be used to detonate claymore mines.

■ **Oct. 12, 2005:** The LTTE pistol gang gunned down Jaffna Central College Principal Kanapathy Rajadurai (58), a strong critic of LTTE child conscription. He was on his way to the Jaffna Weerasingham hall to attend a cultural show when he was fatally shot. Rajadurai had been at the helm of the Central College, one of the oldest schools in Sri Lanka, for ten years.

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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