

Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

Nov 3-9

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.

■ **Nov. 3, 1995:** A suicide unit intruded into an oil storage depot in Kolonnawa, Colombo and destroyed 14 storage tanks causing USD 61 million in damage. They also killed 23 soldiers and two civilians.



■ **Nov. 5, 2008:** LTTE gunmen shot dead two members of a Tamil political party, including the head of the TMVP office of Eravur in Sithandy. They were gunned down by Tiger gunmen near the Murugan Kovil.

■ **Nov. 6, 1989:** Staff Reporter of Eelanaadu & Eelamurasu newspapers, I. Shanmugalingam was kidnapped and executed by LTTE terrorists in Jaffna.



■ **Nov. 6, 1996:** A group of LTTE terrorists, armed with sharp weapons and firearms, attacked Eluwankulama village in Puttalam district and butchered 14 civilians including women and children. Several others were injured in the indiscriminate attack.

■ **Nov. 7, 1985:** Armed terrorists shot dead ten Sinhala villagers in Namalwatta, Morawewa, Trincomlee.

■ **Nov. 7, 2000:** LTTE terrorists shot dead former TULF parliamentarian for Batticaloa District Nimalan Soundaranayagam in Kiran, Batticaloa.



■ **Nov. 7, 2006:** Five civilians were killed and several others were wounded as the LTTE carried out indiscriminate mortar attacks on the Security Forces and civilians. LTTE cadres fired on an Army foot patrol in Thirunaveli, Jaffna using small arms. The Tiger cadres directed fire from the uncleared areas using 81 mm. mortars toward Sithandi and Chenkaladi areas in Batticaloa.



■ **Nov. 8, 2006:** The LTTE used civilians trapped in the uncleared areas as a human shield to cover up its artillery and mortar positions and to tarnish the image of the Security Forces when civilians get caught in the retaliatory fire. As a result of the LTTE holding hapless civilians as a human shield, more than 45 Tamils were killed under tragic circumstances and over 135 people sustained injuries in Vakarai.

■ **Nov. 9, 1987:** A terrorist bomb explosion in a vehicle parked in Maradana killed 23 civilians and injured 106 others. 15 vehicles were also damaged.



■ **Nov. 9, 2006:** The Sri Lanka Navy repulsed a major LTTE attack on the civilian passenger vessel 'Green Ocean I' with 300 Jaffna bound civilians from Trincomalee in the seas off Nagarkovil, destroying a flotilla of Sea-Tiger boats, including three suicide boats. Two Tiger suicide boats rammed into two Dvora fast Attack Craft escorting 'Green Ocean I', destroying one and damaging the other.

■ **Nov. 9, 2007:** The LTTE detonated a claymore mine targeting home guards in Padaviya. Two homeguards returning after duty were killed.



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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