

Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

Nov 10-16

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. 10, 1992:** A suicide bomb attack in front of Taj Samudra Hotel, Galle Face killed four persons, including Navy Commander Admiral Clancy Fernando and injured several others.



■ **Nov. 10, 1993:** Eight officers and 233 soldiers were killed in an LTTE's attack on the Pooneryn defences. The LTTE also executed 200 soldiers captured during the attack.

■ **Nov. 10, 2006:** The Navy destroyed a weapons laden LTTE suicide craft and captured another that were sailing in the seas off Nilaveli coast in the guise of ordinary fishing boats. At least six Sea Tigers aboard were killed.

■ **Nov. 10, 2006:** The LTTE's attempt to target another civilian target was prevented after two foreign-made hand grenades were recovered in Carlwill Place, Kollupitiya following a tip off from a civilian. Police found two K- 400 Pakistani made hand grenades hidden among the rocks along the coastal railway track in Kollupitiya.

■ **Nov.10, 2008:** The LTTE intensified its attacks targeting civilians and as a result group of Tamil civilians escaping from the LTTE came to the cleared area seeking protection from the Security Forces in Thanankilappu, Jaffna. 15 civilians comprising five males, eight females and two children had crossed Kilaly lagoon from their home in the uncleared area of Paranthan.



■ **Nov 11, 1990:** Terrorists killed 17 Muslim farmers working in a paddy field in Muliyankadu.



■ **Nov. 11, 1994:** About 40 armed terrorists stormed a Sinhalese village and killed 32 people and injured four in Bandaraduwa, Uhana in Ampara district. A majority of the victims were women and children.

■ **Nov. 12, 1999:** A group of armed LTTE terrorists attacked the ancient Sinhalese village of Navagamuwa in Vavuniya. They tortured seven civilians to death while four others survived serious injuries caused by swords and axes.

■ **Nov. 13, 1988:** A group armed LTTE cadres stormed Central Camp in Ampara and massacred 11 civilians after brutally torturing them .



■ **Nov. 13, 2001:** The LTTE shot dead two civilians in the Eastern district of Polonnaruwa. The civilians are believed to have been shot in revenge for the recent air attacks by the government on terrorist training camps. The civilians were shot as they were returning from a night watch in their farms.

■ **Nov. 15, 2001:** A civilian and two police officers were killed by a bomb planted by the LTTE at Kalmunai, Ampara district. The civilian a labourer attached to the Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat, later succumbed to his injuries.

■ **Nov. 15, 1986:** Villages of Beruwil and Waigawewa were stormed by a large group of armed LTTE cadres numbering over 100. They killed 17 villagers including women and children and caused serious cut wounds to at least five others.



■ **Nov. 16, 1998:** Two civilians were killed and one injured when LTTE terrorists fired at a group of civilians at Mangalagama and Nuwaragaltenna in the Ampara district.

■ **Nov.16, 2007:** Four civilians including two schoolchildren sustaining injuries as Tiger terrorists detonated a claymore mine targeting a crowded civilian bus plying from Chettikulam to Vavuniya. The rear of the bus, carrying more than 60 passengers, mostly schoolchildren, was completely destroyed in the attack at Cheddikulam.

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.

