

Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

Dec 22 - 28

■ 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.

■ **Dec 22, 1987:** Six civilians, including a Tamil, were tortured to death by Tiger terrorists in Morawewa, Trincomalee.

■ **Dec 23, 1998:** LTTE terrorists shot dead the General Secretary, TULF Nallur Branch, Pon Mathimukarajah (Mathimugaraj).



■ **Dec 23, 1997:** Three suicide bombers died when their truck exploded half a mile from the Magalle naval base in Galle District where Navy Commander Cecil Tissera was staying. Ten shops and two houses were damaged.



■ **Dec 24, 2006:** A policeman was killed after Tigers lobbed a grenade at officers guarding a church in Mannar on Christmas day. The LTTE attacked a police post at St. Lucia's Church in Mannar district.

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■ **Dec. 24, 1999:** A female suicide bomber killed herself and two persons near a police station in Colombo. The bomber's target was Chief Inspector Mohammed Nilabdeen, head of the terrorism investigation unit. Eight civilians were injured in the incident.

■ **Dec 25, 1998:** Armed terrorists shot dead nine Sinhala villagers in Medavachchikulam, Vavuniya.

■ **Dec 25, 2005:** LTTE terrorists shot dead former TNA and TULF Batticaloa District MP Joseph Pararajasingham in Batticaloa.



■ **Dec 25, 2006:** The LTTE's plan for another suicide attack was prevented when a 38-year-old woman who concealed electricity wire under her clothes was arrested by Wanathavilluwa Police in Puttalam when security was tightened in the area in view of an impending visit by President Mahinda Rajapakse. The woman had been first noticed by a passenger sitting next to her in the Eluvankulama-Puttalam bus.



■ **Dec 25, 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 them.

■ **Dec 27, 1986:** The same LTTE group who attacked Kantale on the same day, once again attacked Wadigawewa village and killed 12 villagers including women and children.

■ **Dec 28, 1990:** LTTE cadres attacked a village killing 15 Muslims and injuring eleven at Pudukudiyirippu Ampara.

■ **Dec 28, 1990:** When some persons were travelling in a tractor, terrorists attacked them killing five and injuring two others at Kotmale Colony, Uhana, Ampara.

■ **Dec 28, 2004:** Terrorists attacked a Muslim village, killing 13 Muslims and injuring six others in Palliyagodella.



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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.

