

Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

Jan 5-11



■ 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.



■ **Jan. 5, 2000:** The leader of the All Ceylon Tamil Congress, Kumar Ponnabalam was shot dead by LTTE terrorists in Colombo.

■ **Jan. 6, 1985:** Catholic priest, Fr. Mary Bastian was killed by LTTE terrorists in Vankalai, Mannar.



■ **Jan. 6, 2007:** An LTTE suicide bomber detonated herself inside a Colombo-Matara passenger bus at Peraliya, killing 16 passengers and injuring over 50 people.



■ **Jan. 7, 2006:** Fifteen Sri Lankan Navy personnel were killed in a suspected suicide attack by the LTTE on a navy gunboat outside the Trincomalee naval harbour.

■ **Jan. 7, 2009:** A minor blast occurred in Mount Lavinia along the railway track behind S. Thomas' College. No casualties were reported and the police and STF conducted a raid in the area following the night blast.



■ **Jan. 8, 2008:** An LTTE roadside bomb killed National Building Minister D.M. Dassanayaka at Thudella, Ja Ela.



■ **Jan. 8, 2008:** A suspected parcel bomb placed in a telephone booth opposite Lake House roundabout, Colombo and adjacent to the Regent flats injured nine people. It exploded minutes after Air Force Commander Roshan Goonetilleke passed the location.



■ **Jan. 10, 2006:** United States Ambassador to Sri Lanka Jeffrey Lunstead has warned the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam to stop its violent activities and return to peace talks.

■ **Jan. 10, 2009:** The LTTE desperately tried to prevent a mass exodus of civilians from un-cleared areas of Mullaitivu, even going to the extent of shooting those defying their orders, as demonstrated in the killing of seven civilians in the Wanni. More than 200 civilians sought refuge with the Security Forces.

■ **Jan. 11, 2008:** A blast at the Colombo Fort railway station caused minor damages to the railway station. The public panicked after hearing the explosion. One person who was injured was admitted to the National Hospital.



■ **Jan. 11, 2001:** An LTTE terrorist threw a hand grenade in a crowded market in Jaffna, killing three Tamil civilians. The intended target of the terrorist was unclear.

■ **Jan. 11, 2006:** Nine sailors were killed and eight injured in an LTTE claymore mine blast in Chettikulam on the Mannar-Medawachchiya road. The incident occurred at the 18th mile post in Chettikulam. The sailors were travelling in three buses from the Pandukabhaya Navy Camp at Punewa.



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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