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➤ LTTE cohorts have once again launched a fresh campaign to mislead Western politicians and influential officials of those countries and international organisations ahead of the upcoming United Nations Human Rights Commission sessions.

➤ Sri Lanka had repeatedly called all those who level wild allegations to visit the country to gain firsthand experience on the progress Sri Lanka has made after terrorism was eradicated.

➤ Even the delegates to the recent Commonwealth Parliamentary Association conference in Colombo were surprised to see the advances Sri Lanka has made in developing the Nothern Province and the efforts made in the reconciliation process.

➤ This was a good eye-opener to certain countries in the West, which now try to pontificate on human rights and frame war crime charges against Sri Lanka. Countries which voted against Sri Lanka for the US-led resolution at the UNHRC earlier this year must come here and find out for themselves before the next sessions. When the Tiger terrorists mercilessly killed hundreds of thousands of innocent people, hardly any of these godfathers of human rights were there even to speak a word on behalf of Sri Lankans who had been at the receiving end. These 'God fathers' of human rights seem to have forgotten how the LTTE carried out these massive bomb attacks and threatened the legitimate Government and the leaders voted in by the masses. It is still fresh in people's memories of how the LTTE terrorists carried out some of the most brutal bomb attacks during this period. This is the 35th in a series of graphic stories by the *Sunday Observer* on the anniversaries of those indiscriminate and inhuman attacks.

➤ **Sept 24, 1990**: Armed LTTE terrorists set fire to five houses and killed four Sinhalese villages in Gajabapura, Welioya.

➤ **Sept 24, 2001**: Six members of a Tamil family, all civilians, were killed by the LTTE terrorists using a land-mine explosion near Jaffna. The family had been travelling in a three-wheel taxi to the airport, bound for Colombo to escape the LTTE terror.

➤ **Sept 25, 1989**: University teacher; political and human rights activist Rajani Thiranagama was shot dead in Thirunelweli, Jaffana District

➤ **Sept 25, 2006**: A civilian was shot dead by an LTTE gunman in Trincomalee. Mohammed Musur, the deceased was a business man from Trincomalee.

*Rajani Thiranagama*

➤ **Sep 25, 2007**: A Jaffna University lecturer and a Government Technical Officer were killed and three soldiers injured in an LTTE claymore mine attack targeting a Security Forces foot patrol at Sithankerni Junction along the Manipay-Karainagar road in Jaffna. Sharadha Maransodhi, 42, a senior lecturer of the Jaffna University and Kandan Nishanthan, 25, a Technical Officer of the Uduvil AGA office were the unfortunate victims.
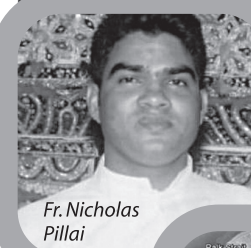
➤ **Sept 26, 1999**: A bomb exploded in a private bus near the 2nd mile post of Badulla-Passara-Monaragala road killing one civilian and injuring 28 others.

➤ **Sept 26, 2007**: Catholic priest and aid worker, Father Nicholas Pillai Pakiaranjith was killed in Kalvilaan, Mannar.

➤ **Sept 28, 2006**: Eyewitness reports confirmed that it was the LTTE terrorists who brutally hacked and chopped to death the 10 Muslim workers at Sasiriveli in Pottuvil 11 days ago (Sep 11, 2006). F.I. Meera Mohideen, the only surviving victim of the incident said 11 workers including himself arrived at the worksite at Raddella irrigational tank in Sasiriveli.
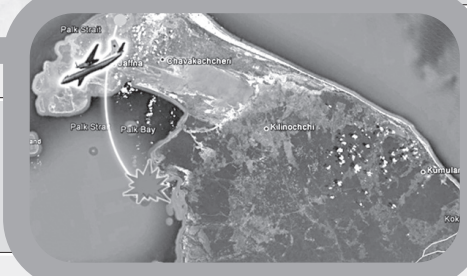
➤ **Sept 27, 2007**: Two civilians were killed and 15 others including two policemen were injured when the LTTE set off a claymore mine targeting a Security Forces convoy in Chunnakam, Jaffna. LTTE had targetted a police convoy near the public market in Chunnakam.

➤ **Sept 28, 2008**: An LTTE suicide cadre on a bicycle struck his bike against a three-wheeler and blew himself up killing one civilian and injuring nine others in the Vavuniya town. Four police personnel, including three women, were about to leave the place in the three-wheeler after their duty. Two soldiers, including a female, at the nearby roadblock on 2nd Cross Street and two civilians were also injured in the explosion. One of the injured soldiers died later.

*Fr. Nicholas Pillai*

➤ **Sept 29, 1996**: Vice Chairman, Vakarai Pradeshiya Sabha Kandiah Amirthalingam was killed by Tiger terrorists in Oddamavadi.

➤ **Sep 29, 1998**: LTTE missile attack shown down Lionair Flight 602, killing 55 people on board.

➤ **Sep 29, 2008**: A bomb explosion damaged several vehicles at the parking lot in Front Street, Pettah leaving two persons injured. The time bomb was placed in a parcel under a van. Three vans, two cars, three trishaws, a lorry and two motorcycles were damaged.

➤ We salute Sri Lanka's Security Forces for providing a safer today for all communities to live in peace and harmony.

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