


Terrorism in the guise of liberation – 42


 ■ Certain countries in the West which had pontificated to us on peace when the LTTE terrorists were killing innocent civilians, now level war crime allegations against Sri Lanka. When Sri Lanka was at the receiving end due to barbaric acts of Tiger terrorists, these countries turned a Nelsonian eye on those brutal killings. It was mostly the Tamils in the North and the East who became unfortunate victims as LTTE terrorists showed no mercy even to their own community.

■ The countries that now show concern about the rights of Tamils did not utter a word against those LTTE atrocities. When the Tiger terrorists mercilessly killed hundreds of thousands of innocent people, none of those champions of human rights were there even to speak a word. The LTTE rump, Tiger sympathisers or Tamil diaspora now make wild allegations to bring the Government into disrepute and woo sympathy of the international community.

■ It is still fresh in people's memories how the LTTE terrorists carried out some of the most brutal bomb attacks during this period. This is the 42nd in a series of graphic stories by the **Sunday Observer** on the anniversaries of those indiscriminate and inhuman attacks.



■ **Nov. 11, 1984:** A group of armed LTTE cadres attacked the Dollar Farm village in the night and massacred at least 33 civilians including large number of women and children.

■ **Nov. 11, 1987:** Seven Sinhalese selling fish were shot dead by LTTE cadres in Kalkudah.



■ **Nov. 11, 1995:** A female suicide bomber exploded herself near the Slave Island railway station in Colombo killing over 15 people, including children. Over 35 people were injured.

■ **Nov. 11, 2008:** Tiger terrorists intensify their campaign of using innocent civilians as human shields. A group of 15 civilians, including eight females and two children, escaped from the LTTE grip and came to cleared area seeking protection from the Security Forces in Thanankilappu, Jaffna.



■ **Nov. 12, 1987:** A van transporting passengers was blasted by land mine explosion, killing 12 Tamil persons and 13 PLOTE members in Cheddikulam, Vavuniya.

■ **Nov. 12, 2006:** More than 700 civilians, who had been subjected to untold privations in the LTTE-held areas in Uyilankulam in Mannar, dismantled a Tiger roadblock to enter the cleared areas and sought protection of the Security Forces. Many of the civilians had been detained by the LTTE in Madhu while they were travelling between Vavuniya and Jaffna. They had been treated with disdain by the Tigers during the enforced stay.

■ **Nov. 13, 1987:** Tiger terrorists shot dead independent (formerly SLFP) MP for Muttur, A.L. Abdum Majeed in Muttur, Trincomalee.

■ **Nov. 14, 1988:** LTTE cadres shot dead 26 Sinhalese civilians and two security forces personnel at Paniketiyawa, Gomarakadawela in the Trincomalee district.



■ **Nov. 14, 1997:** Colombo's Kelanitissa Power Plant was attacked by Tiger suicide bombers.

■ **Nov. 14, 2008:** LTTE terrorists shot dead TVMP President Kumarasawamy Nandagopan alias Ragu in Colombo.

■ **Nov. 15, 2001:** Three Army intelligence personnel and a civilian were killed while eight persons sustained injuries in a suicide bomb attack in a high security zone in Batticaloa town.



■ **Nov. 16, 2006:** LTTEers, posing as Indian fishermen, were caught smuggling weapons into uncleared areas in the North. Tiger terrorists had hijacked boats belonging to Indian fishermen in the Northern seas.

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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