

Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

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■ 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.

■ The **Sunday Observer** graphic series highlights how the Tigers carried out brutal terror acts in the guise of so-called liberation until they were crushed militarily by our valiant Security Forces on May 18, 2009.



■ **Oct. 15, 1987:** Armed terrorists shot dead 14 Sinhalese passengers travelling in two lorries on the Ella Kantali Road, Trincomalee.

■ **Oct. 15, 1991:** Tiger terrorists killed 109 Muslim villagers, including women and children in Palliyagodella, Polonnaruwa.

■ **Oct. 15, 1992:** About 200-300 armed terrorists attacked Palliyagodella, Ahamedpura, Abapura, Pamburana, Polonnaruwa Muslim villages and shot and hacked to death a total of 171 Muslim civilians. 12 policemen and soldiers were among 83 others who were injured in the attack.

■ **Oct. 15, 1997:** Suicide bombers detonated a truck packed with a large quantity of explosives in the parking lot at Galadari Hotel close to the World Trade Centre, Colombo, killing 18 persons and injuring at least 110 others.

■ **Oct. 16, 1995:** The LTTE butchered 120 Sinhalese civilians in an Eastern village. The dead included men, women and children. Many of the victims were hacked to death with swords and axes.



■ **Oct. 16, 2005:** The LTTE failed with another mission to target civilian life as C-4 type deadly explosives, weighing 1.5kg was found near the Kelani Nadi Vihara in Modera. The highly destructive explosive type that could create extensive damage was found inside a biscuit tin near a garbage dump.



■ **Oct. 16, 2006:** At least 98 sailors of the Sri Lanka Navy were killed and 100 more injured as LTTE cadres rammed an explosive-laden vehicle into a naval convoy at Digampatana, Habarana.

■ **Oct. 16, 1987:** Armed terrorists stopped a private bus and took away Sinhala persons travelling in it. They were later hacked to death in Pulmoddai, Trincomalee.



■ **Oct. 16, 2008:** Fifty World Food Program lorries carrying essential food items, medicine and other dry rations to Wanni civilians were forced to return to Vavuniya due to LTTE artillery fire and claymore mine attacks. The convoy loaded with essential food for displaced persons came under a barrage of LTTE artillery fire and a claymore mine attack.

■ **Oct. 17, 1995:** Nine Navy personnel were killed and their vessel was damaged after a male suicide bomber targeted the naval facility in Trincomalee.

■ **Oct. 18, 2005:** LTTE terrorists fatally shot dead a village official - P. Weerasingham, in Vavuniya.



■ **Oct. 18, 2006:** LTTE cadres carried out a suicide mission on the Dakshina Naval Base in Galle. The troops, however, successfully repulsed the attack, killing 15 LTTE cadres, while one sailor also died in the incident. Another 15 sailors and 14 civilians were injured in the clashes.

■ **Oct. 19, 1987:** A private bus transporting Tamil passengers was blown up by a LTTE land-mine, killing 40 civilians and an Indian Peace Keeping Force soldier in Kalkudah.

■ **Oct. 19, 1997:** During an attempt to destroy a naval gunboat on the north eastern coast, two sailors were killed and two LTTE boats were sunk.

■ **Oct. 19, 2000:** Three civilians were killed and 21 persons, including three Americans, were injured in a suicide bomb attack near the Colombo Town Hall as the new Cabinet took oath.

■ **Oct. 19, 2000:** Terrorists shot dead BBC reporter Mylvaganam Nirmalaranjan in Jaffna.

■ **Oct. 19, 2006:** LTTE's aim for another major attack targeting the public was averted after a claymore mine was detected by the side of the Colombo-Kandy Road in Kadawata town. The eight kilo claymore was detected by a civilian who alerted Police.



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.

