

# Atrocities by LTTE terrorists

**Sept 29 - Oct 5**

■ 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 acts of terror in the guise of so-called liberation until they were crushed militarily by our valiant Security Forces on May 18, 2009.



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

■ **Sept 29, 1998:** An LTTE missile attack downed Lionair Flight 602, killing 55 people on board.

■ **Sept 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 under a van. Three vans, two cars, three trishaws, a lorry and two motorcycles were damaged.

■ **Sept. 30, 1990:** LTTE cadres hacked to death nine Sinhalese villagers at Peraweltalawa, Maha Oya, Ampara.

■ **Oct. 1, 1992:** LTTE terrorists attacked the Konwewa detachment, Welioya and simultaneously threw hand grenades into the bunkers of villagers, killing 15 civilians and injuring nine others.

■ **Oct. 1, 2006:** Tiger terrorists, ignoring all universally accepted principles, exploded a grenade outside the office of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Jaffna.

■ **Oct. 1, 2007:** Three Airmen and a civilian were injured in an LTTE claymore mine attack targeting an armoured personnel carrier in Vavuniya.



■ **Oct. 2, 1990:** LTTE terrorists shot dead seven Sinhalese villagers and set fire to 39 houses in Vahalkada, Padaviya.

■ **Oct. 2, 2008:** An attempt by Tigers to blast a power transformer in Kokavil was averted by troops guarding it, despite injuries received by the troops in the grenade explosion. Terrorists mingling with the public in the area lobbed a hand grenade towards the transformer and at the troops from a distance. Three soldiers sustained injuries following the explosion.

■ **Oct. 3, 1997:** SLFP organiser for Jaffna S.P.Tharmalingam was killed by LTTE gunmen.

■ **Oct. 3, 2000:** National Unity Alliance's Trincomalee district candidate M. L. Baithullah, a candidate for the 2000 parliamentary elections and 20 persons, including four police personnel were killed and another 49 people were wounded when an LTTE suicide bomber attacked an election rally in Muttur town.

■ **Oct. 3, 2007:** Another major human disaster planned by the LTTE was averted when the Security Forces foiled a bid by a group of Sea Tiger cadres to enter Trincomalee in a flotilla of boats through Pulmoddai. An LTTE boat carrying explosives was destroyed in the fighting.

■ **Oct. 4, 2006:** LTTE's attempt to target civilian lives was foiled as the STF bomb disposal squad defused a powerful claymore mine lying in a garbage pile in Wellawatte. The claymore weighing 15 kg discovered by a scrap iron collector during his morning rounds, would have claimed several innocent lives had it been blown off.

■ **Oct. 5, 2000:** At least 12 persons were killed and over 40 injured when a LTTE suicide bomber blew himself attempting to enter a People's Alliance election meeting at the Medawachchiya bus stand, which was being addressed by the Health and Indigenous Medicine Deputy Minister Tissa Karaliyadda.

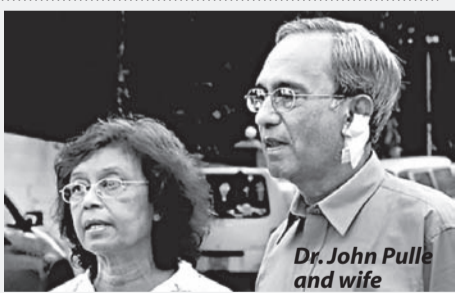


■ **Oct. 5, 2004:** LTTE terrorists murdered two Muslim civilians who were returning after prayers in Welikanda. The victims were identified as 45-year-old M.S. Mohomadu and 42-year-old U. Kudduth. They were shot and killed at point-blank range, allegedly by LTTE cadres who arrived on a motorbike. One of the victims was a school teacher and the other a farmer.

■ **Oct. 6, 1987:** LTTE cadres shot dead 27 Sinhalese villagers at Sagarapura in Kuchchaveli, Trincomalee.



*Maj. General Janaka Perera and wife*



*Dr. John Pulle and wife*

■ **Oct. 6, 2008:** A bomb explosion carried out by the LTTE in Anuradhapura killed 28 persons, including Chief Ministerial candidate for the North Central Provincial Council, Maj. General Janaka Perera and his wife. More than 86 people were injured following the suicide bomb attack inside the UNP office near the Old Bus Stand. UNP Anuradhapura district organiser Dr. John Pulle, UNP Legal Advisor and Attorney-at-Law A.C.S. Hameed, North Central Provincial Council UNP member Shantha Dissanayake and UNP Provincial Council candidate Subashi Charles were among others killed.

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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