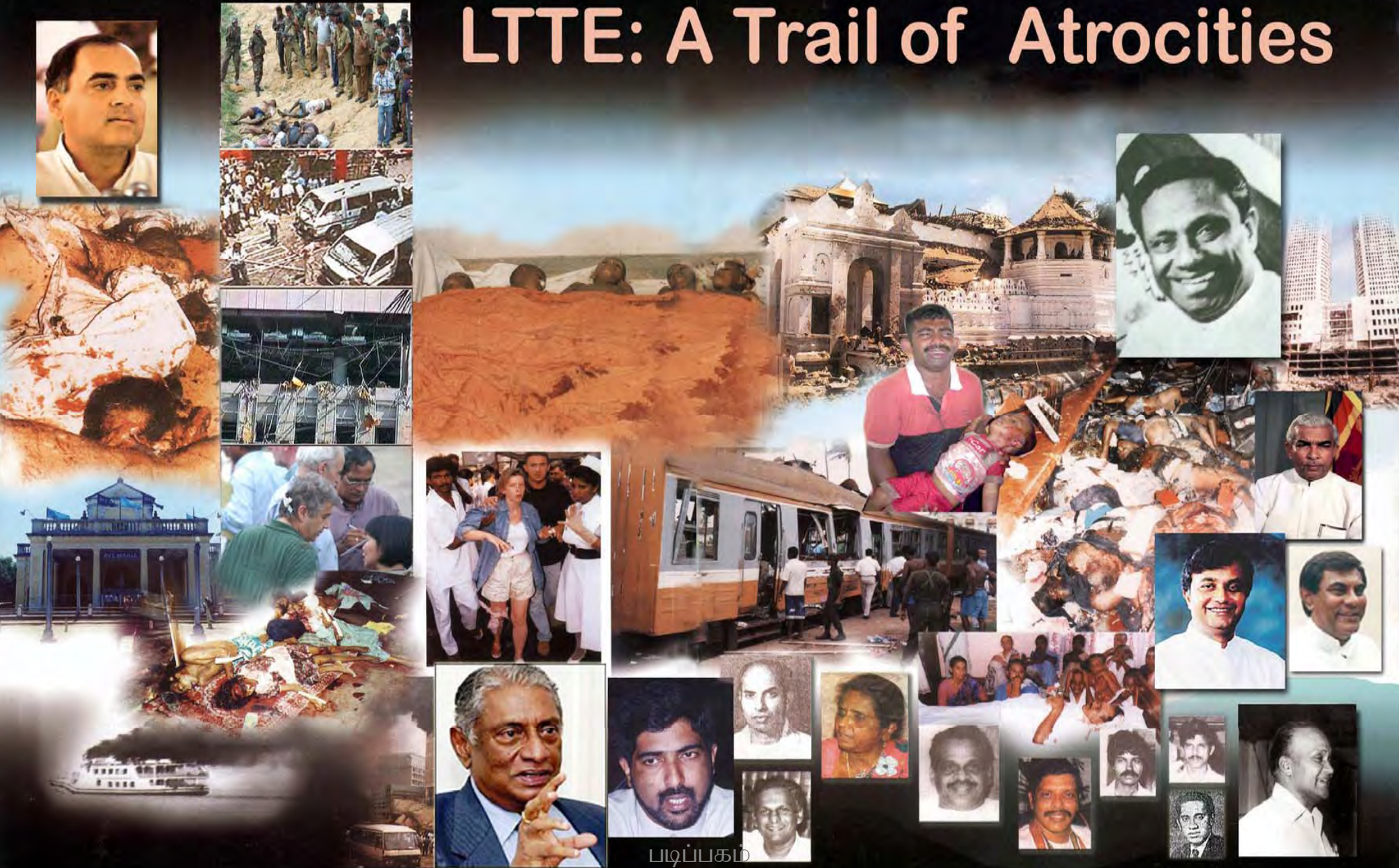


# LTTE: A Trail of Atrocities



# The LTTE

- ❑ Originating in the mid-1970s, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), is a mono-ethnic, fascist, terrorist organisation operating in Sri Lanka that seeks to carve out a separate state in an area that comprises 1/3 of Sri Lanka's land mass and 2/3 of its coastline.
- ❑ Its trail of atrocities has resulted in the killing of some 60,000 persons and destruction of public and private properties.
- ❑ Among its victims are former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi of India, President Ranasinghe Premadasa of Sri Lanka as well as two generations of Tamil politicians and academics of Sri Lanka, including Foreign Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar and TULF leaders A.Amirthalingam and Dr. Neelan Thiruchelvam.
- ❑ The LTTE's global network of propaganda, fundraising, procurement and shipping has been in existence since the early 1980s.
- ❑ The LTTE is a proscribed terrorist organisation in India, US, UK, EU and Canada.

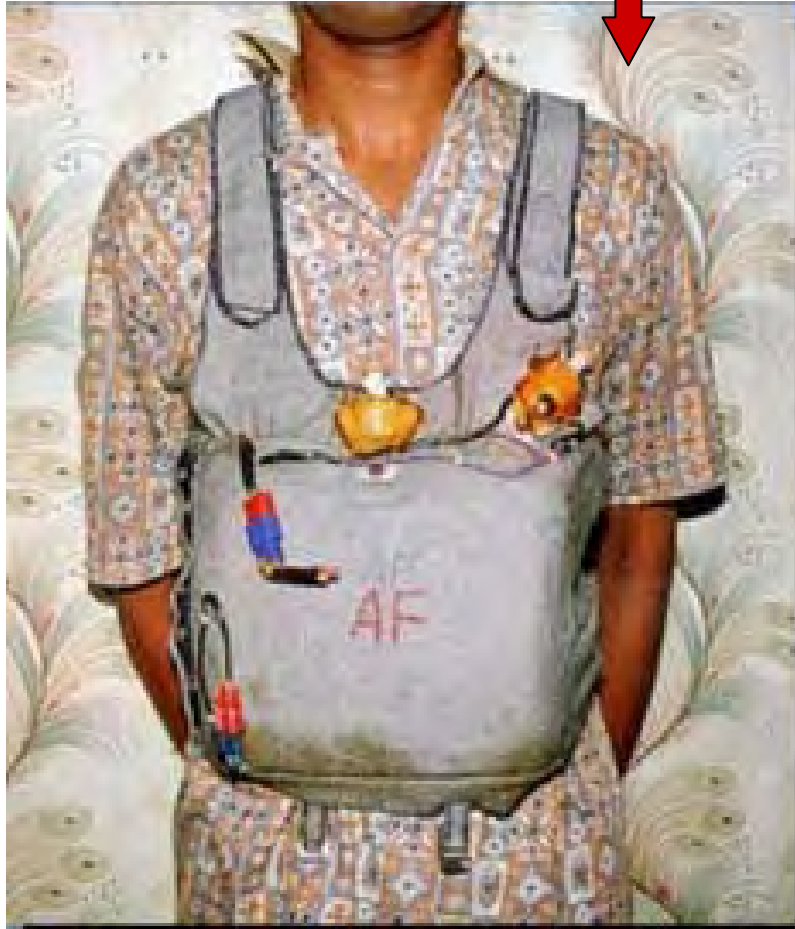
# Suicide Bombing

- ❑ Since its first suicide attack in 1987, the LTTE has successfully used the art of suicide bombing to achieve the elimination of political leaders, including moderate Tamil leaders who were part of the democratic political mainstream.
- ❑ The LTTE has carried out around 1/3 of all suicide attacks in the world.
- ❑ The use of the cyanide capsule is a standard method of the LTTE suicide bombers to evade arrest. Even its leader Velupillai Prabhakaran proudly displays a cyanide capsule around his neck and has made it mandatory for all LTTE cadres to carry one, to reflect the spirit of sacrifice and martyrdom expected of an LTTE suicide bomber.
- ❑ The LTTE has taken its suicide technology into the maritime perimeter by attacking civilian shipping with explosive laden boats. The cargo carrying 'MV Liverpool' was attacked off Point Pedro in January 2007.
- ❑ Analysts have noted the similarity of the LTTE suicide bombing technology and that used in other parts of the world.

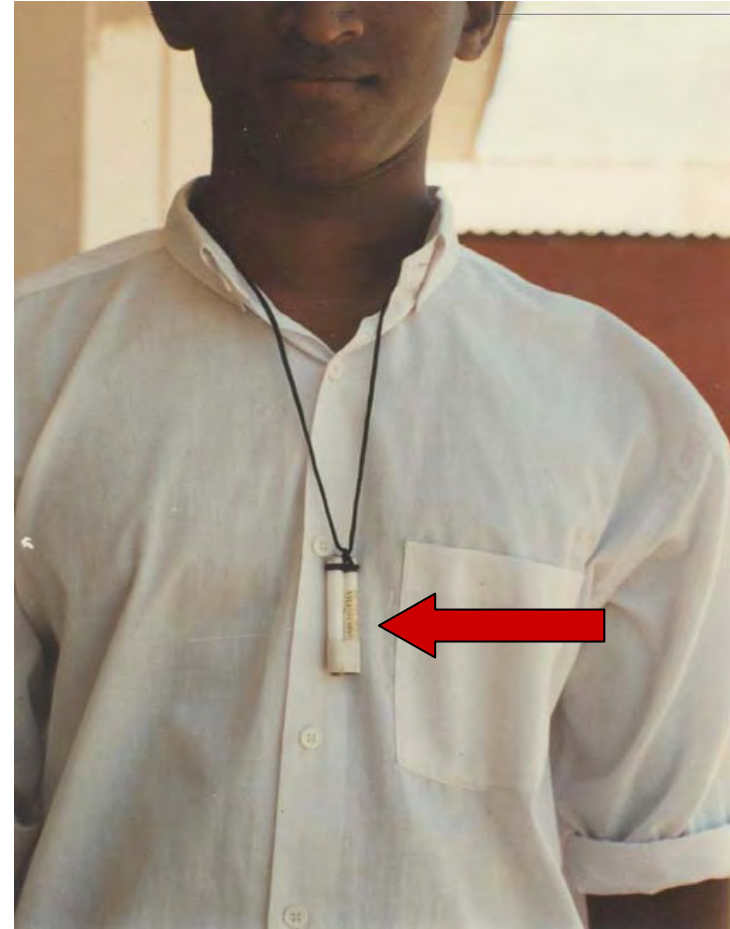
# Suicide kits



**LTTE cadre wearing a  
Suicide Bomb Jacket**



**LTTE cadre wearing a  
Cyanide Capsule**



# **ATTACKS ON CIVILIANS**

# Attack on the Dollar Farm & Kent Farm – Welioya



On 30 November 1984, LTTE terrorists attacked civilian settlements at Dollar Farm and Kent Farm killing 62 unarmed civilians including women and children.

Child combatants are regularly used in attacks on civilians to “blood” them.

# Attack in the Sacred City of Anuradhapura



On 14 May 1985, LTTE terrorists shot and killed 120 devotees, including children and wounded 85 others in the sacred Buddhist city of Anuradhapura.





# Kithuluthuwa Bus Attack



On 17 April 1987, LTTE terrorists shot dead 122 civilians including women and children and injured 44 others on the Habarana- Trincomalee highway.

# Aranthalawa Massacre



On 2 June 1987, LTTE terrorists massacred and brutally mutilated 33 young monks and their mentor Chief Priest Ven. Hegoda Indrasara at Aranthalawa in Ampara.

# Kattankudy Muslim Mosque Massacre



On Friday, 4 August 1990, LTTE terrorists opened fire and killed 103 Muslims and injured 70 others while they were praying at the Meera Jumma Mosque in Kattankudy.



# Dehiwela Train Massacre



On 24 July 1996, LTTE terrorists detonated multiple bombs on several carriages of the Colombo-Aluthgama train in Dehiwela killing 56 civilians who were returning home in the evening after work.

# Barbaric Attacks On Civilians





# Attacks on Irrigation Workers in Welikanda



On 29 May 2006, LTTE terrorists killed 12 workers and injured 2 others in Welikanda.

# Kebitigollawa Bus Massacre



On 15 June 2006, LTTE terrorists detonated a claymore mine in Kebitigollawa killing 64 civilians, including children and Buddhist monks, and injured 39 others.





# Nittambuwa Bus Blast

On 5 January 2007, LTTE terrorists exploded a powerful bomb killing 6 civilians and injuring 63 others in the Nittambuwa town.



# Seenigama Bus Blast



On 6 January 2007, LTTE terrorists exploded a powerful bomb inside a civilian bus in Seenigama, killing 15 civilians and injuring 40 others.

# Cheddikulam Bus Blast



On 23 April 2007, LTTE terrorists detonated a claymore mine on the Mannar - Medawachchiya road, killing 7 civilians and injuring 37 others.

# Ratmalana Bomb Blast

On 28 May 2007, LTTE terrorists detonated a claymore mine on Galle Road in Ratmalana, killing 8 civilians and injuring 36 others.



# **ASSASSINATIONS OF PROMINENT SRI LANKANS**

# **Assassination of leader of the Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF) and former Opposition Leader A. Amirthalingam**



Date : 13 July 1989

Location : Bullers Lane, Colombo

Type of Attack : Shot inside his home

# Assassination of Former Foreign Minister and State Minister for Defence Ranjan Wijeratne



Date : 2 March 1991  
Location : Havelock Town, Colombo  
Type of Explosive : High Explosive  
Device : Suicide Vehicle  
Casualties : 25 killed, 70 injured



# Assassination of Navy Commander Vice Admiral Clancy Fernando



Date : 16 November 1992  
Location : Galle Face Road, Colombo  
Type of Explosive : High Explosive  
Device : Male suicide bomber  
Casualties : 4 Naval personnel killed



# Assassination of President R. Premadasa



Date : 1 May 1993  
Location : Armour Street, Colombo  
Type of Explosive : High Explosive  
Device : Male suicide bomber  
Casualties : 15 killed, 33 injured

# Assassination of Presidential Candidate & Opposition Leader Gamini Dissanayake



Date : 24 October 1994  
Type of Explosive : High Explosive  
Location : Thotalanga, Colombo  
Device : Female suicide bomber  
Casualties : 56 killed including prominent politicians.  
70 injured

# Assassination of eminent Tamil intellectual and constitutional expert Dr. Neelan Thiruchelvam



Date : 29 July 1999  
Location : Colombo  
Type of Explosive : High Explosive  
Device : Male suicide bomber

# Assassination of Minister C. V. Gooneratne



Date : 7 June 2000  
Location : Ratmalana  
Type of Explosive : High Explosive  
Device : Male suicide bomber  
Casualties : 29 killed, 65 injured

# Assassination of Foreign Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar



Date : 12 August 2005

Location : At his home, Colombo

Type of Attack : Shot by a gunman



# Assassination of Army Deputy Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Parami Kulatunge



Date : 26 June 2006  
Location : Pannipitiya  
Type of Explosive : High Explosive  
Device : Male suicide bomber  
Casualties : 4 killed, 7 injured



# Assassination of Deputy Secretary General of the Government Peace Secretariat Kethesh Loganathan



Date : 12 August 2006

Location : At his home, Dehiwala

Type of Attack : LTTE Pistol Group

# LIST OF TAMIL POLITICIANS ASSASSINATED BY THE LTTE

- 27.07.75 Alfred Duraiappah Mayor/SLFP organizer in Jaffna
- 25.05.81 A Thiagarajah MP for Vadukkodai
- 29.04.83 S J Muttaiah UNP Candidate for Chavakachcheri
- 29.04.83 S Rajarathnam UNP Organizer Velvettithurai
- 29.04.83 K B Rathnasinghem UNP Organizer Point Pedro
- 12.08.83 A R Rajasooriyar UNP Organizer Jaffna
- 18.09 .84 S Gopalapillai UNP Organizer Thambuluvil Ampara
- 03.09.85 V Dharmalingam MP for Manipay
- 03.09.85 K Alalasunderam MP for Kopai
- 06.05.86 Sri Sabarathnam TELO Leader
- 08.03.88 S Vijayanandan District Secretary of Ceylon Communist Party
- 20.03.88 V Master TULF Organizer Kalmunai
- 07.03.89 S Sabarathnamoorthy TULF Ex-DDC Chairman
- 13.07.89 A Amirthalingam TULF Leader
- 13.07.89 V Yogeswaran Ex-TULF MP for Jaffna
- 07.05.90 Sam Thambimuththu EPRLF MP for Batticaloa
- 19.06.90 K Pathmanabha EPRLF Leader



- 19.06.90 W K Yogasangarie EPRLF MP for Jaffna
- 19.06.90 P Kirubakaran Ex-Finance Minister for NEPC
- 28.06.90 T Ganeshalingam Provincial Minister for North & East
- 13.09.94 T Jeyarajah Chairman Chenkaladi Pradeshiya Sabha
- 31.12.94 K Kandasamy Deputy Chairman DPLF
- 28.04.95 K Vinthan Former SLFP Organizer Jaffna
- 26.10.95 Thomas Anton Deputy Mayor of Batticaloa MC (TELO)
- 16.04.96 N Rajadurai Chairman Poraitivu Pradeshiya Sabha (TELO)
- 29.09.96 K Amirthalingam Vice Chairman Vakarai Pradeshiya Sabha
- 05.07.97 A Thangathurai TULF MP for Trincomalee
- 03.10.97 S T Tharmalingam SLFP Organizer Jaffna
- 17.05.98 Sarojini Yogeswaran Mayor of Jaffna MC
- 24.06.98 S A Oswald SLFP Secretary Jaffna
- 15.07.98 S Shanmuganadan PLOTE MP Vavuniya
- 11.09.98 P Sivapalan Mayor of Jaffna MC
- 11.01.99 Peter Member of Velvettithurai Pradeshiya Sabha
- 14.02.99 P Kandasamy Member of Pradeshiya Sabha Kopai South
- 05.05.99 V Gunarathnam Member of Pradeshiya Sabha Pachchlapai

- 13.05.99 M Balasingham Member of Pradeshiya Sabha Valikamam East
- 29.05.99 M Ganesakumar Leader of Razeek Group
- 31.09.99 T Rajkumar Member of Pradeshiya Sabha Nallur
- 29.07.99 Dr Neelan Thiruchelvam TULF MP
- 02.09.99 N Manikkarajan Deputy Leader of PLOTE
- 05.01.00 Kumar Ponnambalam Leader of the Tamil Congress
- 07.02.00 K Kethishwaran Former EPDP Member
- 10.09.00 R J Peripenayagam PA Candidate for Batticaloa District
- 07.11.00 A N Sundaranayagam TULF MP Batticaloa District
- 17.11.01 Tambiraja Jayakumar UNP Candidate for Batticaloa District
- 18.04.03 M Rajalingam Member of EPDP
- 14.06.03 T S Robbet Member of EPRLF (Vardhan group)
- 28.02.04 S Sundarampillai UNP Candidate Batticaloa.
- 30.03.04 R Sathyamurthi TNA Candidate Batticaloa
- 19.10.04 K Rajananagam Former MP of TNA
- 12.08.05 Lakshman Kadirgamar MP / Minister of Foreign Affairs
- 25.12.05 J Pararajasingham TNA MP
- 10.11.06 Nadarajah Raviraj TNA MP

# **ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATIONS IN SRI LANKA**

# Attempted Assassination of Minister Nimal Siripala De Silva



Date : 04 July 1996  
Location : Stanley Road, Jaffna  
Type of Explosive : High Explosive  
Device : Suicide bomber  
Casualties : 21 killed, 64 injured

# Attempted Assassination of President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga



Date : 18 December 1999  
Location : Town Hall, Colombo  
Type of Explosive : High Explosive  
Device : Female suicide bomber  
Casualties : 21 killed, 100 injured



# Attempted Assassination of Minister Douglas Devananda



Date : 07 July 2004  
Location : Kollupitiya, Colombo  
Type of Explosive : High Explosive  
Device : Female suicide bomber  
Casualties : 4 killed, 9 injured

# Attempted Assassination of Army Commander Lt. Gen. Sarath Fonseka



Date : 25 April 2006  
Location : Army Headquarters, Colombo  
Type of Explosive : High Explosive  
Device : Female suicide bomber  
Casualties : 9 killed, 12 injured



# Attempted Assassination of Defence Secretary Gotabhaya Rajapaksa



Date : 1 December 2006  
Location : Kollupitiya, Colombo  
Type of Explosive : High Explosive  
Device : Male suicide bomber  
Casualties : 2 killed, 12 injured





# **ATTACKS ON FOREIGN DIGNITARIES**

# Assassination of Former Prime Minister of India Rajiv Gandhi



Date : 21 May 1991  
Location : Sri Perumpuddur, India  
Type of Explosive : High Explosive  
Device : Female suicide bomber  
Casualties : 17 killed, 32 injured



# Attempted Assassination of Pakistan High Commissioner Bashir Wali Mohamed



Date : 14 August 2006  
Location : Kollupitiya, Colombo  
Type of Explosive : High Explosive  
Device : Remote controlled suicide device fixed to a three-wheel vehicle  
Casualties : 7 killed, 8 injured

# Attack on a group of Diplomats in Batticaloa



Date : 27 March 2007

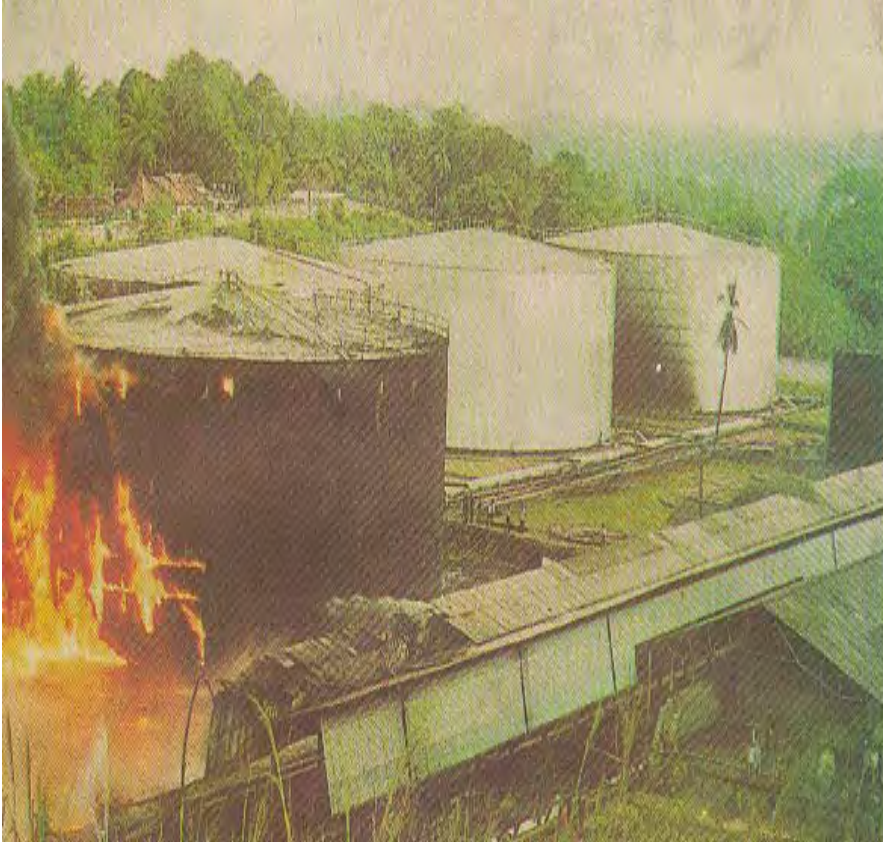
Location : Webber Stadium, Batticaloa

Type of incident: Mortar and Artillery attack



# **ATTACKS ON PROMINENT PLACES AND COMMERCIAL INSTALLATIONS**

# Attack on Oil Installations



Date : 20 October 1995  
Location : Kolonnawa, Colombo  
Type of Explosive : High Explosive  
Device : Mortar attacks  
Casualties : 17 killed, 35 injured

# Attack on Central Bank of Sri Lanka



Date : 31 January 1996  
Location : Colombo  
Type of Explosive : High Explosive  
Device : Suicide cadre and explosives laden vehicle  
Casualties : 86 killed, 1338 injured







# Attack on Colombo World Trade Centre and Galadari Hotel



Date : 15 October 1997  
Location : Colombo  
Type of Explosive : High Explosive  
Device : Suicide bombers and explosive laden lorry  
Casualties : 12 killed, 113 injured



# Attack on the Sacred Temple of the Tooth Relic – The Sri Dalada Maligawa



Date : 25 January 1998  
Location : Kandy  
Type of Explosive : High Explosive  
Device : Suicide cadres and explosives laden truck  
Casualties : 12 killed, 13 injured



# Attack on the Bandaranaike International Air Port, Katunayake



Date : 24 July 2001  
Location : Katunayake  
Casualties : 07 killed, 12 injured  
Damages : 2 A320's, 2 A330's and 1 A340



# Attack on Oil storage at Kolonnawa & Gas storage facilities at Muthurajawela



Date : 28 April 2007

Location : Kolonnawa and  
Muthurajawela

Damages : Minor damages

Mode : LTTE light aircraft

# SEA PIRACY

# Attack on 'MV Cordiality'



Date : September 1997

Location : Near the port of Trincomalee

Incident : The LTTE hijacked and killed all 5 Chinese crew members on board



# Attack on 'Fu-Yuan'



Date : 20 March 2003

Location : Off Trincomalee

Incident : The LTTE captured and exploded the Chinese Fishing trawler 'Fu-Yuan' killing 20 of its crew members



# Attack on 'MV Farah III'



Date : 23 December 2006

Location : Off Mulaithivu

Incident : Hijacking and looting of  
Jordanian owned cargo vessel,  
including 14, 000 tons of rice





# Attack on 'MV Liverpool'



Date : 21 January 2007

Location : Off Point Pedro

Incident : 15 - 20 LTTE vessels attempted to attack and destroy the cargo vessel transporting essential food supplies to the Jaffna peninsula.

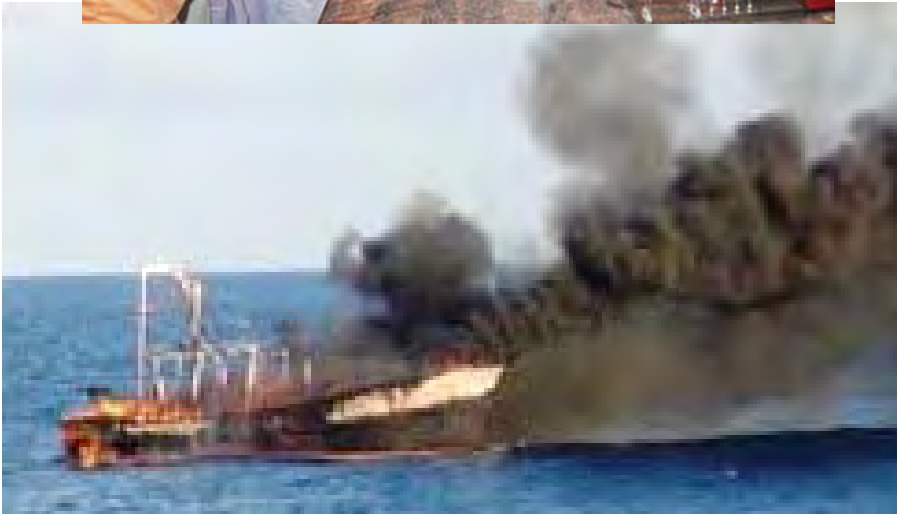
# Hijacking of Indian fishing trawler 'Sri Krishna' for arms smuggling



Date : 16 May 2007

Location: Maldivian territorial waters

Incident : LTTE hijacked an Indian fishing trawler and used it for arms smuggling. The Maldivian Coast Guard destroyed the vessel which was carrying a large consignment of shells. An Indian national and 4 LTTE cadres were arrested by the Maldivian authorities.



# LTTE SEA PIRACY

- ❑ In October 1994 LTTE destroyed the *MV Ocean Trader* off Vettilaikerni
- ❑ In June 1995 LTTE destroyed the *MV Sea Dancer* off Kankesanturai
- ❑ In August 1995 LTTE attacked the *MV Lanka Muditha* off Kankesanturai
- ❑ In August 1995, the LTTE hijacked and looted the *MV Irish Mona* off Mulaithivu.
- ❑ In April 1996, the LTTE staged an abortive attack on the port of Colombo and damaged three foreign owned vessels.
- ❑ In August 1996, the LTTE blasted the Philippine registered *MV Princess Wave* with underwater explosives while it was loading mineral sands at Pulmoddai. The cargo was for a Japanese consignee. 15 soldiers were killed.

- ❑ In May 1997, the LTTE blasted *MV Athena*, a Greek registered bulk carrier while in anchor in Trincomalee.
- ❑ In July 1997, the LTTE set fire to a 500 seat passenger ferry *MV Mission*, an Indonesian flagged vessel, transporting Tamil civilians from Mannar to Jaffna.
- ❑ In July 1997, the LTTE captured the North Korean registered, flagged, and crewed *MV Morang Bong*, a 3000 ton general cargo vessel, which was anchored off Point Pedro. It had delivered a consignment of food to the Jaffna peninsula.
- ❑ In September 1997, the LTTE captured a Panama-registered, Chinese owned *MV Cordiality*, a bulk carrier, which was transporting essential food cargo. 5 Chinese crew members were killed.

- ❑ In August 1998, the LTTE hijacked the Indian owned *MV Princess Kash* off Mullaittivu. The 6000 ton ship, chartered from Dubai based Goodwill company was transporting cement, dry food rations and vehicles for civilian use in Jaffna.
- ❑ In July 1999, LTTE destroyed the *MV Newco Endurance* at Trincomalee Harbour
- ❑ In September 1999, LTTE attacked the *MV Julia* off North of Mullativu
- ❑ In June 2000, LTTE destroyed the *MV Mercs Uhana* off Point Pedro
- ❑ In September 2001, LTTE attacked the *MV Pride* off Point Pedro
- ❑ In October 2001, LTTE attacked the *MT Dunhinda* off Point Pedro

- ❑ In March 2003, a Chinese fishing trawler named *Fu-Yuan* was captured and was exploded by the LTTE, killing 20 of its crew members.
- ❑ In December 2006, the LTTE attacked the Jordanian vessel *MV Farah III* and looted the ship.
- ❑ In January 2007, *MV Liverpool* delivering relief supplies to Jaffna was attacked off Point Pedro.

# LIST OF LTTE ARMS SHIPMENTS/EQUIPMENT DETECTED

- In December 1990, *MV Sun Bird* was detained by Malaysian authority in Penan, Malaysia
- In November 1991, *MV Tongnova* was detained by Indian Navy off Karailkal
- In January 1993, *MV Ahat* was scuttled by LTTE off Bay of Bengal
- In February 1996, *MV Horizon* was destroyed by SLN off Mullaithivu
- In November 1997, *MV Fratzescom* was destroyed by SLN off Mullaithivu
- In March 1998, *MV Mariamma* was scuttled by LTTE off west of Nicobar Island
- In May 1999, *MV Showamaru* was detected off West of Nicobar Island

- ❑ In April 2000, Thai authorities discovered half built mini submarine in Phuket
- ❑ In September 2006, Sri Lanka Navy destroyed unnamed vessel off Kalmunai
- ❑ In February 2007, Sri Lanka Navy destroyed unnamed vessel off South of Dondra
- ❑ In March 2007, Sri Lanka Navy destroyed unnamed vessel off South East of Arugam Bay
- ❑ In May 2007, Indian fishing trawler *Sri Krishna* was sunk by Maldivian National Defense Force while it was transporting ammunition to LTTE in Maldivian territorial waters.



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