

LTTE guns down and hangs fleeing civilians



LTTE has threatened civilians in the areas still held by it with death as traitors if any attempt made to flee. To prove they are serious of this threat they have displayed bodies of 3 civilians near the Ponnambalam hospital. The bodies were hanged on posts that had banners stating "Fate of traitors", according to civilians, who have managed to escape and are now in IDP welfare centers at Vavuniya and Welioya

These civilians were killed by LTTE death squads, and dragged in public a long way before being mutilated and displayed, the sources said. Meanwhile, the rising agitation against LTTE dictatorship has resulted in a few confrontations between civilians and LTTE operatives.

This revelation of the scale of atrocities perpetrated by the LTTE, leaving over hundreds suffocating under its tyranny in the non-liberated areas at the Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu districts, was made by civilians who spoke to our Wannu correspondent on a visit made to IDP welfare centers at Vavuniya and Welioya.

Human suffering in the non-liberated areas is escalating at an unprecedented scale with LTTE terrorists tightening its grip over the stranded civilians, state independent reports from the welfare centres in Vavuniya and Welioya. .

Despite these threats hundreds of civilians from Mullaitivu, Puthukkudiyiruppu and Visvadamu areas have fled and sought protection with security forces during the past few days.

A group of 35 civilians from Ananda-Puliyankulam area, were surrounded and severely beaten by an LTTE-led mob near the Sambankulama junction last December, a civilian said. The terrorists had assaulted the people including women and the elderly, killing two people and dragging away the rest whose fate is yet to be known, our sources said citing the civilians.

It will be recalled that when the LTTTE was beginning its terrorist activities in the 1980s, it used similar public killings and lamp-post hangings of those who were opposed to it in the Jaffna peninsula. Some analysts say the terrorist group is now going back to such practices as civilian opposition to it rises.

The LTTE is a ruthless terrorist outfit that has been engaged in a bloody terrorist campaign against the citizens of Sri Lanka since 1983. Lead by a psychopathic chief, the outfit has been trying to establish an ethnically pure Tamil state on the Sri Lankan soil. The LTTE is also the first terrorist outfit to use suicide bombers, and to develop naval and aerial fighting capability. The outfit is listed in the UN list of shame for using child soldiers and banned in many countries in the world.