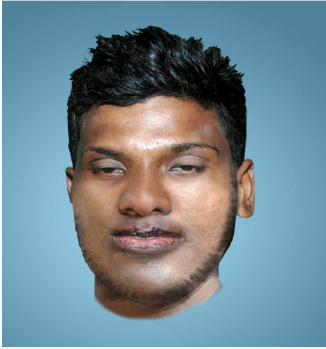


LTTE suicide bomb blast near St. Anne's Catholic Church ; 8 killed, 17 injured - Wattala [Photo Update]



The human face of death: The head of the LTTE suicide bomber.

LTTE terrorists have carried out a suicide bomb attack near the sacred St Anne's church, Hekitta, Wattala in the north of Sri Lankan capital this morning (Dec 28). According to police sources, a male suicide bomber has exploded himself around 9 AM in front of the Civil Defence Force office on the church road.

Eight people have been killed and 17 others suffered injuries in the attack. An Army officer and 6 other CDF personnel were among those killed in the bomb blast. 13 CDF personnel and 4 civilians including a women were reported injured due to the bomb blast.

The injured have been admitted to Teaching Hospital, Ragama and National Hospital, Colombo. Sources in the Ragama hospital said that 2 of the 10 injured admitted to the hospital are in serious condition. Later, a CDF guard and a civilian who were among injured admitted to the National Hospital, Colombo had succumbed to injuries.

According to eyewitnesses, the suicide bomber had exploded himself when he was stopped by the security personnel on guard from entering the CDF office.



8 people were killed and 17 injured in the suicide bomb blast on Sunday(Dec 28).



LTTE terrorists carried out the suicide bomb attack near the St. Anne's Church, at Hekitta, Wattala.