**Jaffna suicide bomb: Three killed, 17 injured**
A suicide bomber blew himself killing three civilians and injuring 17 others in Thirunalweli, Jaffna yesterday morning, Military Spokesman Brigadier Udaya Nanayakkara said. The Tiger who arrived in a bicycle exploded himself around 11.20 a.m. at a civilian location in Thirunalweli yesterday. Four were killed including the suicide cadre while 17 others were injured, Brigadier Nanayakkara said. Meanwhile, three other civilians including a woman were killed by an unidentified group in Mirisuvil, Chavakachcheri, Jaffna yesterday morning.

**Suspected Tamil Tigers kill three in same family in Jaffna**
Jan 31, Jaffna: Three civilians of a same family were shot dead by suspected Tamil Tiger gunmen at Chawakachcheri in Jaffna last night, defence sources said. The murders were committed by a group of Tamil speaking men who had come to the victims residence last night, the sources added. The victims were the ages of 30, 29 and 19 years. According to the police sources a mother of two was also among the victims. Defence authorities suspect Tigers for the murders since the outfit had issued death warrants to the civilians who provide information to the security forces against them.

**Hand grenade lobbed at SLMC candidate's house in Valachchenai**
Jan 31, Colombo: An unidentified group has lobbed a hand grenade at the house of Mr. M. Liyabdeen, a Sri Lanka Muslim Party candidate for the local polls for Koralepattu, early this morning. Police sources said only his house was damaged due to the explosion. The SLMC leader Rauff Hakeem speaking to the media said that the incident is a clear indication that the local polls in Eastern Province will be extremely violent. He said that it is the governments duty to provide adequate security for the candidates of all the parties irrespective to their alliance to the government. Political observers are in the view that the presence of armed cadres of the newly formed, rebel breakaway leader Karuna led TMVp, would increase further violence in the area.

**Forces smash more Tiger bunkers**
The Security Forces launched an attack in the Northern front yesterday destroying Tiger bunkers in the Muhamalai, Nagarkovil and Kilali Forward Defence Lines. Ten Tiger bunkers were completely destroyed and 10 LTTE cadres were killed. A spokesman for the Media Centre for National Security said the Security Forces attacked LTTE FDLs in Muhamalai, Nagarkovil and Kilali around 5.45 am. The Security Forces advanced towards the LTTE front lines smashing ten Tiger bunkers. Ten Tiger cadres were killed and many others injured in the confrontation, he added. Two soldiers were killed and six others sustained injuries in the incident. Meanwhile, nine LTTE cadres surrendered to the Murunkan road block manned by the Security Forces last morning. The surrendered LTTE cadres told the Security Forces that they were compelled to leave their
outfit following unbearable hardship and harassment they had to undergo, he added.

The Colombo Page, 2 February 2008

**Nine LTTE cadres surrender to Sri Lanka military**

Feb 01, Colombo: Nine cadres from the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) surrendered to the security forces at the Murunkan road block in Mannar, the Sri Lanka military said. The cadres ranged in age from 17 to 61 years. According to the military, the individuals reported that they could no longer bear the harassments from members of the LTTE organization. Some of them had escaped via Yoda tank.

The Colombo Page, 2 February 2008

**Bus blast in Sri Lanka: At least 20 killed in Dambulla**

Feb 02, Colombo: A deadly bomb has struck a civilian bus in Dambulla, killing at least 20 people. Another 50 are reported to be injured. The explosion occurred at the bus station as the bus stopped while traveling from Kandy to Anuradhapura. Military spokesperson Brigadier Udaya Nanayakkara has said the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) are behind the attack. Sri Lanka last month pulled out of a six-year Ceasefire Agreement with the LTTE. Today's attack occurred despite heightened security as Sri Lanka prepares to celebrate the 60th anniversary of its independence on Monday.

Daily News, 4 February 2008

**12 dead, 100 injured in station blast**

COLOMBO: At least 12 people were killed and 100 injured, 10 of them critically, as an LTTE female suicide cadre blew herself inside the Colombo Fort Railway Station yesterday. Among the dead were four students from a leading boys school in Colombo. According to Military and Police officials the female suicide cadre who apparently arrived at the Colombo Fort railway station in a train blew herself opposite the station cafeteria on the third platform at 2.10 p.m. The head of the suicide cadre was lying on the platform along with a cellular phone connected to a handsfree kit. The bomb explosion took place a few minutes after traffic restrictions were eased in the heart of Colombo for security arrangements for thousands of Security Forces and Police personnel rehearsing for the Independence Day parade at Galle Face Green, Colombo.

Daily News, 4 February 2008

**Dambulla blast: 150 questioned**

Police probing the bomb explosion inside a bus near the Dambulla bus terminal have interrogated 150, Police said. Sixteen were taken into custody after searching nearly 280 houses in the Naula area, DIG Central Division Kingsley Ekanayake said. Two special teams of 200 officers led by a Senior SSP and an SP are investigating, the DIG said. Investigations on the two suspects who boarded the bus in Matale and alighted from Naula are under way. Statements have been recorded from several persons including the bus driver and conductor, the DIG said.

Daily News, 5 February 2008

**LTTE claymore kills 13 civilians in Welioya**

COLOMBO: LTTE terrorists took yet another civilian target for the third consecutive day
yesterday, detonating a claymore mine targeting a civilian bus plying from Parakaramapura to Janakapura killing 13 people and injuring 17, Military and Police said yesterday. The claymore mine explosion, the forth and most serious explosion during the 60th Independence Day was reported around 3:45 p.m. at Kobbekaduwa junction, in Weli Oya area. Five soldiers returning to their duty and two females were also among the 13 people killed in this claymore attack in Weli Oya 200 metres away from the 223 Brigade headquarters in Weli Oya. The 16 injured persons were admitted to the Padaviya hospital for treatment and troops were deployed to increase security in the area soon after the incident, Military Spokesman Brigadier Udaya Nanayakkara told the Daily News.

Daily News, 5 February 2008

**Explosion near Mount Lavinia transformer**

An explosion close to a transformer at Alwis Place, Mount Lavinia yesterday morning caused minor damages to several houses and the transformer. No one was injured, Police said. According to Mount Lavinia police, the explosion was very similar to the one at the Dehiwela Zoo on Sunday. Calling it as an act of sabotage to create fear among the public, Dehiwela Police HQI told the Daily News, that similar to the Dehiwela blast, the perpetrators had used about 200 grams of C4 explosives. The C4 packed in a paper bag had been placed on a concrete slab next to the transformer, police said.

The Colombo Page, 5 February 2008

**Sri Lanka celebrates Independence Day amid bomb attacks**

Feb 04, Colombo: Sri Lanka today celebrated its 60th year of independence from British rule at the Galle Face promenade in the capital Colombo with military parades of tanks and troops while fighter jets flew overhead despite threats of bomb attacks by Tamil Tigers. At a tightly guarded ceremony, Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa delivering his Independence Day address to the nation said steps will be taken to liberate the Island's North from the clutches of terrorism and to provide a political solution to the national issue. President said Sri Lanka established new relations with our neighboring states, Arab states, and Buddhist states and enjoys the trust of its neighbours and the support of the international community in its fight against the Tiger terrorists.

The Colombo Page, 5 February 2008

**Tamil Tigers target army tractor in a roadside blast in Buttala**

Feb 04, Buttala: Suspected Tamil Tigers have exploded a roadside bomb targeting an Army tractor distributing ration for the soldiers this afternoon, the military said. One soldier was killed and two others suffered injuries in the explosion. Also, one soldier in the backup troops has suffered injuries due to an anti personnel mine explosion, the sources added. The explosion has taken place close to the 45th mile post in the Galge area, on the Buttala- Kataragama main road. The injured have been taken to the Kataragama Hospital. Since the beginning of this year, Tigers have carried out several attacks, killing over 45 civilians in the Buttala, Ranminithanna, and Thanamalwila areas. The defence authorities so far have not been able to arrest the situation.

Daily News, 7 February 2008

**12 Tigers killed, dozens injured:**
NAGARKOVIL: Security Forces destroyed 30 LTTE bunkers in Nagarkovil, Muhamalai and Kilali along the Southern and Northern A9 road last morning killing 12 Tigers and injuring dozens. Military spokesman Brigadier Udaya Nanayakkara said troops advancing in the Northern front launched a pre-emptive attack, skirmishing the LTTE cadres yesterday around 5.15 a.m. "The fight lasted until 6.30 a.m. and the Security Forces had over-run 30 Tiger bunkers which included four bunkers in Nagarkovil, 10 in Kilali and 16 in Muhamalai," he added. The Security Forces had returned to their lines following the attack on LTTE cadres, Brigadier Nanayakkara told the Daily News. The Security Forces had also confronted LTTE cadres in Nagarkovil Forward Defence Lines using T55 tanks, he said. Arms and weapons had also been recovered following heavy clashes yesterday morning. Around 12 Tigers had been killed and over a dozen injured, he added.

The Colombo Page, 8 February 2008

**Update: Sri Lanka Navy ground troopers ambush LTTE team in Trincomalee**
Feb 08, Trincomalee: Sri Lanka Navy ground troopers ambushed a group of LTTE cadres in the Peraru jungle, 20 km north of Trincomalee, last night. According to Navy sources, two bodies of slain Tiger cadres, two T-56 rifles, one micro pistol, two claymore bombs, and other military gear were found during the subsequent search this morning. Navy media spokesperson D.K.P. Dassanayake says that the finding of the micro pistol might be an indication that a Tiger leader was also present in the group. He said that Navy ground troopers, engaged in mop-up operations in the Peraru jungle, had detected the Tiger group consisting of 8 Tigers and confronted them. The bodies have been handed over to the Kuchchiweli police, he added.

The Colombo Page, 8 February 2008

**Sri Lanka military says 36 Tigers killed in gun battles in North**
Feb 08, Colombo: Sri Lanka military said government troops engaged in gun battles along the front lines in the North killed 36 Tigers and captured Tiger territory south of Adampan tank in Mannar today. Three soldiers also were killed in the fighting, the military reported. Navy personnel on foot patrol in jungles of Peraru in Trincomalee confronted a group of Tigers killing two and recovering weapons yesterday night, security sources said. Army fired artilleries upon four LTTE boats launching attacks on troops on the ground in Thannikilappu in Jaffna peninsula yesterday evening killing four Tigers and destroying the boats. Media Center for National Security said 22 LTTE Tigers were killed and three bunkers were completely destroyed during confrontations with the Army in the Vavuniya area on Thursday. Another eight Tigers were killed and 16 were injured in confrontations with the Army on Thursday in Mannar, Vavuniya and Welioya areas. One soldier was also killed and another was injured in the skirmish.

Daily News, 9 February 2008

**Troops take area south of Adampan**
MANNAR: Troops confronting the LTTE on the Mannar front made yet another move in their operations to liberate the famous ??Mannar Rice Bowl?? capturing the area South of Adampan tank yesterday morning amidst stiff resistance from the LTTE. According to the military, the troops attached to Task Force-1 operating in the Mannar
front made this move capturing the tank bund area of the Adampan tank in their move towards capturing strategic Adampan town. The Media Centre for National Security (MCNS) said yesterday that two soldiers made the supreme sacrifice and several soldiers sustained injuries during the confrontation to capture the area. Military sources told the Daily News that 10 to 16 LTTE cadres were killed during this confrontation yesterday morning. Sources also added that five to six LTTE bunkers in the area South of Adampan tank also fell into the hands of the Security Forces during this battle.

Daily News, 9 February 2008

**LTTE on the retreat - Strategy Page**

COLOMBO: The LTTE is suffering a manpower shortage and more teenagers are being recruited to man the frontlines, the respected military website Strategy Page said yesterday. These kids are no match for the artillery and experienced soldiers, and often flee or quickly surrender, it said in its latest assessment of the situation in Sri Lanka. The report: In the last two weeks, fighting has intensified. On the frontline in northern Sri Lanka, the LTTE is on the defensive, having lost nearly a thousand fighters so far this year. Total combat and terrorism deaths in the last year are nearly 5,000. The Naval blockade has deprived the LTTE of artillery and mortar ammo, while the Army has plenty. Then there are the increasingly effective Air Force bombing missions. The LTTE has lost dozens of bunkers in the North, and had to retreat from its long held front lines.

The Colombo Page, 9 February 2008

**Sri Lankan Tamil businessman shot dead, wife injured in Kotahena**

Feb 09, Colombo: A Tamil businessman and his wife were shot by two motorbike-riding gunmen on the St. Lucia road in Kotahena yesterday evening. Kulanthaweli Veera Subramaniyam, a businessman, died on the spot, while his wife suffered serious injuries. Mrs. Subramaniyam has been admitted to the Colombo National Hospital. Mr. Subramaniyam was 54 years old and known to be a wealthy businessman. The couple was going to a pharmacy after attending prayers at St. Lucia Church when they were shot. According to the Kotahena police, the incident occurred around 8 PM on Friday evening. Informed sources who suspect possible links say an internecine battle has started among the Colombo underworld gangs that have been dealing with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). Police yesterday arrested 10 people from the Grandpass area on suspicion of selling vehicles to the LTTE.

The Colombo Page, 11 February 2008

**Heavy fighting kills 46 combatants in Sri Lanka**

Feb 10, Colombo: Sri Lanka military said 42 Tigers and four soldiers were killed in the battles that raged along the front lines in the North yesterday while the Army Chief renewed his vow to defeat the Tigers on Sunday. In an interview to a weekly newspaper Army Chief General Sarath Fonseka said the military campaign to capture the rebel-held Wanni region is proceeding according to the plan without giving a timeframe to end the war. On the battlefields in Mannar, troops killed seven Tigers in separate confrontations while a soldier was killed due to LTTE fire in the recently taken Adampan area. Twelve Tiger rebels were killed in fighting in the Wanni region on Saturday. Six soldiers
sustained injuries due to explosion of anti personnel mines and a booby trap in the area.

Daily News, 12 February 2008

**Opinion: Profile of the female suicide terrorist (Dr. Ruwantissa Abeyratne)**
The only effective response to this threat seems to lie in deterrence, although it does not work in its conventional sense since the suicide bomber is not concerned with punitive action taken by a State after his or her death. If deterrence does not work, another useful approach would be to study trends with a view to profiling the would be suicide bomber. One of the conspicuous facts shown by a spate of suicide bombings around the world over the past two decades is that, although most of the suicide bombings are carried out by males, the face of terror is increasingly becoming female.

Daily News, 13 February 2008

**Thalladi Church destroyed in Tiger attack**
MANNAR: The LTTE yesterday launched a barrage of artillery towards Thalladi in Mannar destroying the highly venerated St. Sebastian Catholic Church, Mannar, Military Spokesman Brigadier Udaya Nanayakkara told the Daily News. "The LTTE fired 15 rounds of 130 mm artillery towards the Church premise around 9 a.m. yesterday causing heavy damage to the Church," the Brigadier added.

Daily News, 14 February 2008

**Lanka, Maldives: Joint action to fight terror**
COLOMBO: Sri Lanka and Maldives have agreed to cooperate with each other in the fight against terrorism and on global environmental matters, through bilateral and regional mechanisms. This agreement was reached at the conclusion of a two-day State visit by Maldivian President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom yesterday.

Daily News, 14 February 2008

**Tigers among six blatant HR violators**
UNITED NATIONS: Tiger terrorists are among six blatant violators of human rights singled out by the UN for recruiting underage children in armed conflict and using rape and other forms of sexual violence against them. The other five violaters singled out by the Human Rights Watch are Colombia's leftist FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia) and ELN (leftist National Liberation Army) insurgents, Uganda's rebel Lord's Resistance Army and the government forces of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Myanmar.

Daily News, 15 February 2008

**LTTE "Radha Base" destroyed**
Air Force fighter jets yesterday destroyed the LTTE military base identified as "Radha Base" in an air raid carried out at 10.30 a.m., Air Force Spokesman Wing Commander Andy Wijesuriya said yesterday. The military base in Peravilkulam in the North east of Vishwamadu is in Mullaitivu, the spokesman added.

Daily News, 15 February 2008

**LTTE’s desperate tactics backfire as Forces' thrust continues (Ranil Wijayapala)**
The LTTE has been deeply perturbed by the prevailing situation in the Wanni. It seems that none of the remedies wished by the Tiger leader can redress their woes within the organisation and only pave the away for their defeat at the hands of the Security Forces.

Daily News, 16 February 2008

**Air Force destroys key Tiger target**

MULLAITIVU: Sri Lanka Air Force (SLAF) fighter jets yesterday carried out air raids targeting the forward operations centre and a Sea Tiger training centre in Nayaru, Mullaitivu, Air Force Spokesman Wing Commander Andi Wijesuriya said. The SLAF fighter jets pounded the target around 8.30 am yesterday.

The Asian Age, 17 February 2008

**Prabhakaran was injured in 2007: Lanka Air Marshal**

Colombo, Feb. 16: Tamil Tiger chief Velupillai Prabhakaran was "critically injured" in an air raid on November 26, 2007, said Air Marshal Roshan Goonetilleke, commander of the Sri Lankan Air Force (SLAF). However, B. Nadesan, head of the political wing of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), said the claim was baseless.

Daily News, 18 February 2008

**Tigers to be exposed at UN: Report on child recruitment to Security Council**

COLOMBO: The Government is planning to present a comprehensive report on its recent findings on the recruitment of child soldiers at the United Nations Security Council meeting on Thursday, in line with its Zero-Tolerance policy on using underaged children in armed conflict. Disaster Management and Human Rights Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe told the Daily News that the Sri Lankan delegation would apprise the UN on the progress made so far by a committee appointed by him to inquire into abductions and recruitment of children for armed conflict.

Daily News, 19 February 2008

**Forces capture another Tiger defence line**

WANNI: Troops engaged in liberating the Wanni yesterday made a major breakthrough in the Mannar front by capturing the heavily fortified LTTE defence line on the Parappakandal-Andankulam road inflicting heavy damages to the LTTE. A senior Military official told the Daily News that heavy fighting was reported yesterday as troops broke out from Uyilankulam and advanced 500 metres ahead of the Uyilankulam defences to capture the heavily fortified LTTE defences on the Parappakandal-Andankulam road.

Daily News, 23 February 2008

**Inland Sea Tiger base pounded**

KILINOCHCHI: Air Force fighter jets pounded an LTTE inland Sea Tiger base yesterday morning causing heavy damage to Tigers in Kiranchi, west of Kilinochchi, Air Force spokesman Wing Commander Andrew Wijesuriya said. "The target was precisely taken by pilots based on information from ground intelligence sources and air surveillance," Wing Commander Wijesuriya said.
**Lanka urges urgent UN action against Tigers**

US: Sri Lanka yesterday urged the Working Group of the Security Council on Children and Armed Conflict to take urgent punitive action against the LTTE for its continuous recruitment and use of child soldiers. Addressing the working Group in New York yesterday, Sri Lanka’s Permanent Representative Ambassador Prasad Kariyawasam called on the UN Security Council to freeze funds and other financial assets or economic resources of LTTE leaders and cadres as a primary measure.

**Another LTTE attempt to raise funds in London**

Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) activists who are licking their wounds following the failure of the "Mega Star show" that became a flop at London's Alexandra Palace a few weeks ago, are organising a smaller show this time to raise funds. Backed by the same activists, the new show baptised Ilam Kaatru (or Wind of Eelam) is to be staged in The Great Hall in Hatch End in the London suburb of Harrow by the other front of the LTTE, the Tamil Youth Organization (TYO), organisers said. The former show was organised by the LTTE's purported charity, White Dove.

**Troops destroy Tiger strong point**

Troops attacked and completely destroyed a LTTE strong point north of Janakapura. In search operations that followed troops recovered seven LTTE terrorist bodies & seven T-56 assault rifles. A large number of LTTE terrorists were also injured while one soldier made the ultimate sacrifice while three soldiers sustained injuries.