

# Torrington square bomb explosion. (1995, August 13). *The Island.*

## TORRINGTON SQUARE BOMB EXPLOSION

By Our Defence Correspondent

The two LTTE suicide bombers had been waiting patiently for days with their explosive-laden handcart in the Tintimale-Independence area. Waiting for a conveyance of 12 new luxury vehicles lined up, escorted by soldiers, sailors, army commandos, to speed by hours after.

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At 10:35 a.m., when the cart was directly outside the office of the Western Province Chief Minister it blew up, in an explosion heard a mile away.

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The scene of the ordeal



P. S. V. Sanjeewa Fernando

**No-one knows why Kumar blew himself up at that time and place. Perhaps he believed that Sivapathan would confess to the CDB under heavy interrogation that day, and knowing in that case that this would be the last day he could have accomplished his gruesome mission, he may have blown himself up at the nearest target.**

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