

Terrorist inside Trident Hotel: We want all Mujahideen released

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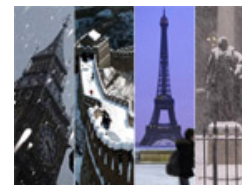
Video: 80 killed in Mumbai attacks

MUMBAI, Nov. 27 (Xinhua)-- A militant holed up inside Mumbai's Trident Hotel told reporters on Thursday that seven attackers were holding hostages inside the luxury establishment.

"There are seven of us inside hotel Oberoi (Trident)," the man identified as Sahadullah told reports. "We want all Mujahideens held in India released and only after that we will release the people."

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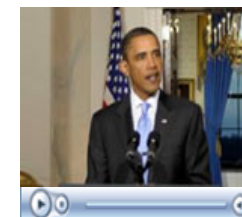
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A reporter talks on her phone as smoke is seen coming from Taj Hotel in Mumbai November 27, 2008. (Xinhua/Reuters Photo)

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"Release all the Mujahideens, and Muslims living in India should not be troubled," he said.

Fresh firing erupted early on Thursday in Taj hotel as commandos moved in to flush out terrorists holding some foreign hostages after a night of terror targeting ten places in Mumbai.

Army commandos moved into the luxury Trident and the Taj Mahal hotels to flush out terrorists holed up hours after an unspecified number of heavily armed gunmen went on a rampage in ten places in South Mumbai killing 101 persons and taking some foreign hostage.

Fire and smoke was seen billowing from the hotel as firemen struggled hard to rescue over 100 people still trapped inside.

Five suspected terrorists were killed in two separate incidents overnight including two during a gun battle in the country's iconic landmark Taj hotel, the police said.

Maharashtra deputy chief minister R R Patil said nine suspected terrorists have been arrested. Schools and colleges were ordered to be closed.

Chief Minister Vilasrao Deshmukh said five police officers including Anti Terrorism Squad chief

Hemant Karkare were killed in one of the worst terror strikes in the country's financial capital that in all claimed the lives of at least 11 police personnel.

"The operation (by security forces) is still going on," he said. Besides army commandos, naval commandos and Rapid Action force personnel joined in the operations to rescue those stranded in the two hotels. Five columns of Army and 200 NSG commandos have been rushed. Two sten guns have been recovered by police so far, he added.

Deshmukh said it was not immediately known how many terrorists were involved in the audacious attack in ten places that shook the western metropolis. The chief minister said the Taj and Trident are not in control yet. He said there are no terrorists in Cama hospital which was also targeted by gunmen.

The police reported that some hostages were still being held at the Taj Mahal and Trident with eyewitnesses saying the gunmen had targeted foreigners after they kept shouting: "Who has U.S. or UK passports?" Several guests were also stuck.

Fire was still raging in the old wing of Taj hotel several hours after it was rocked by five to six blasts and enormous clouds of black smoke rose from the century-old edifice on Mumbai's waterfront.

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[100 people in hotels trapped in Mumbai terror attacks](#)

NEW DELHI, Nov. 27 (Xinhua) -- At least 100 people are believed to be trapped and probably held hostage by terrorists in two five-star hotels in Mumbai, the Taj Intercontinental and Trident (formerly Oberoi) hotels, some of them are foreigners, the NDTV reported Thursday.

More than 100 people have been killed and hundreds injured in a series of terrorist attacks in Mumbai at 10 places including hotels, hospitals and train stations since Wednesday evening. [Full story](#)

Terrorist hold hostages in Mumbai hotels

MUMBAI, Nov. 27 (Xinhua)-- Terrorists were reported to be holding tourists and other guests hostages in two five-star hotels after series of planned and synchronized gunfire and bomb attacks in Mumbai, the heart of India's financial capital, late Wednesday, authorities said.

At least 80 people, including a foreign tourist and four top police officers, were killed and over 250 injured in the serial attacks. [Full story](#)

At least 80 killed in Mumbai attacks, little-known group claims responsibility

MUMBAI, Nov. 27 (Xinhua) -- A little-known group that called itself Deccan Mujahideen claimed responsibility for the serial attacks that have killed at least 80 people and injured 250 others in India's financial capital of Mumbai Wednesday night, news reports said.

Two terrorists were still inside the Oberoi Hotel, one of the two five star hotels under attack, and commando operation was on. Two terrorists were killed at Chaupatti, police said. [Full story](#)

Four top officers among 10 policemen killed in Mumbai

MUMBAI, Nov. 27 (Xinhua) -- Four top police officials were among the 10 policemen killed as security forces took on terrorists here in the early hours of Thursday following a series of attacks in this India's financial capital, which killed at least 80 people and injured 250 others, authorities said.

Mumbai Police Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) chief Hemant Karkare was among the dead. Two Indian Police Service (IPS) officers, additional police commissioners Ashok Kamte and Sadanand Date, were killed in separate gun battles with terrorists, the authorities said. [Full story](#)

EU strongly condemns terrorist attacks in Mumbai

BRUSSELS, Nov. 26 (Xinhua) -- The European Commission, the executive arm of the European Union (EU), strongly condemned the terrorist attacks in Mumbai Wednesday night , while rendering its support for the Indian government in the fight against terrorism.

"The European Commission condemns in the strongest terms the heinous terrorist attacks this night in Mumbai which have cost the lives of many innocent people and injured others. Terrorism is never justified and is no means to achieve any goal. We stand by the Indian government in its fight against terrorism," said the commission in a statement. [Full story](#)

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