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## Mumbai locals helped us, terrorist tells cops

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MUMBAI Did some Mumbai locals provide support to the Pakistani terrorists? Azam Amir Kasab, the only Pakistani terrorist nabbed alive, has revealed names and addresses of at least five people from the city who helped the terror operation. Sources said that help like, providing shelter, taking them around and showing places, passing information on police stations and *nakabandhis* were given by these locals. Joint commissioner of police (crime) Rakesh Maria said, "We suspect there could be local assistants but it is subject to verification. It will be very premature to comment on this at this stage as our investigations is going on." Kasab has told police that they were sent with a specific mission of targeting Israelis to avenge atrocities on Palestinians. This was why they targetted Nariman House, a complex meant for Israelis. Sources said Kasab's colleagues killed in the operation had stayed in Nariman House earlier. "They have stayed in Nariman house on rental basis identifying themselves as Malaysian students." said a source. Police are trying to find out how Nariman House rooms were given to non-Jews. Police has taken all the records books of for verification. The second target was the CST railway station because casualties would be high. Crime branch has also recovered several fake identity and credit cards from the belongings of dead terrorists. "All the cards are in different names and of different banks. Now we are at least trying to figure out how they procured credit cards from various banks." said Maria. The recovery of so many cards with different names have led Mumbai police to suspect the involvement of ISI. Though Maria maintained only 10 terrorists had sneaked in, the two blasts in taxis in Wadi Bunder and Vile Parle have led the police to believe there could be possibility of the presence of another two or more terrorists in the city.