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250 army men sent from Pune to Mumbai

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Pune: Three columns of infantry from the Southern Command left for Mumbai on early Thursday morning to help tackle the terrorists at Taj, Trident hotels and other places in Mumbai.

Around 250 army personnel from Pune have gone to take part in the anti-terrorist operations in Mumbai. A few junior commissioned officers (JCOs) and other officers are accompanying the team.

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Of these three columns, two are from the 18 Sikh Regiment at Ghorpadi, while one column is from the 17 Rajputana Rifles. Two bomb disposal teams from the Khadki Bomb Disposal Company and one mine detection team from the Bombay Engineer Group (BEG) have also left for the operations, a press release from the Southern Command said.

"We have sent three columns to Mumbai. Each of it has 70-75 men. These people were moved to Mumbai on early Thursday morning by road," the Southern Command officials told TOI, adding "Unmanned vehicles for bomb detection are also accompanying the team. These are remote-operated vehicles and if more help is required, we will provide it. The team from Pune is working with the army men and other security agencies based in Mumbai. "

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