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How it happened: A blow-by-blow account

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According to Mumbai Police, a group of 12 terrorists came to Mumbai from Gujarat. They got into one of the many Gujarat Fisheries boats that come into Sasoon Dock.

From Sasoon Dock, they used an inflatable raft to enter Mumbai shores via Gateway of India. They dispersed from here in different directions. Many of them were part of multiple attacks.

The first attack occurred at the Leopold cafe at 9:15 pm on Wednesday night when five terrorists came at the cafe and opened fire.

At 9:20 pm, two men came on a scooter at Nariman house, near the Bootleggers Pub in Colaba and hurled grenade at a nearby petrol pump.

The grenade missed the petrol reservoir but destroyed the facade of station.

After hurling the grenade, the terrorists ran into Nariman House building behind petrol pump, which is a Jewish residential building. The terrorists murdered two people there.

A few terrorists then remained holed up silently for hours. They surfaced again in the morning and hold people hostage and the hostage drama still continues.

At 9:24 pm, another attack occurred at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus where two gunmen stormed in the station. They hurled hand grenades and fired at the people there.

Many were injured after the firing. The terrorists ran out in a short while.

At 9:30 pm, the Taj hotel and Apollo bunker witnessed a bloody attack when terrorists walked calmly through the service door of the Taj.

Terrorists stormed the hotel and opened fire. They also hurled grenades at the people. Many people were evacuated and rescued by firemen through the night.

However, according to reports, about 100 people are still trapped inside the Taj hotel. Major portions of the hotel have been destroyed by fire.

Meanwhile, two terrorists have reportedly dead inside the hotel; though some are still alive and fighting. The encounter is still continuing.

At 9:35 pm, Trident hotel came under attack when terrorists stormed the hotel.

Unknown number of people are still trapped inside the hotel. Sources have confirmed two gunmen inside but there could be more. The operation to flush out terrorists is on.

Meanwhile, two hotel staff and one security guard have been confirmed dead.

At 9.55 pm, a taxi blast rocked Vile Parle leaving three dead. The taxi's debris are lying around.

At 10.15 pm, the terrorists came outside the Cama & Albles hospital in a hijacked Skoda and fired randomly, both inside and outside the hospital.

After the Cama hospital encounter, the police sources have confirmed five people are dead including one police Inspector, two Constables and two watchmen.

The area has been evacuated and there is heavy police presence.

Apart from these, there were attacks outside the Metro cinema at 10.30 pm and at Wadi Bunder at 10.45 pm. In Wadi Bunder, there was a blast in a taxi in which 15-16 people were injured in the vicinity. The driver of the taxi is dead.

At the Girgaum Chowpatty area, two terrorists opened fire after police confronted them at 10:50 pm.

Both the terrorists were killed in the encounter. The police, later on, found two boats here laden with explosives.

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