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## 'Terrorists set up control rooms in hotels'

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Terrorists, who struck Mumbai had set up an advance control room in the luxury Taj and Trident(Oberoi) hotels and had done prior reconnaissance, a Union Cabinet minister said on Thursday.

The minister who requested anonymity said that the security agencies were piecing together various leads in the probe on India's worst ever terror strike.

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The minister also said the terrorists cannot execute the operation of the magnitude of Wednesday's attack without making any reece or setting up a control room type mechanism.

Amid reports that a likely marine arm of the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Toiba may have been involved in the well-planned attacks that left over 100 persons dead, the Union home ministry said the terrorists chose the sea route and came to the city in boats before spreading out in the metropolis to carry out the sinister action.

The assessment by the Centre as Mumbai continued to be under siege for the second day came amid reports that that the leader of the armed terrorists involved in the attack was killed by his own men.

Vice-Admiral J S Bedi, Flag Officer Commanding, Western Naval Command said his elite Marcos naval commandoes who confronted the terrorists in the Taj Hotel seized stun grenades, hand grenades and other sophisticated ammunitions and ATM cards besides US dollars from the terrorists.

The terrorists were also found to be carrying huge loads of almonds, which can be used as food during a long siege.

"They (the terrorists) came by the sea route," special secretary (internal security) in the Home Ministry M L Kumawat said while replying to questions at a press conference in Mumbai.

Kumawat said the terrorists, claiming themselves to be from a hitherto unknown Deccan Mujahideen [Images] outfit, took the coastal route and landed at Sasoon Dock. From there they changed over to boats to reach the shore, he said.

Asked about the identity or nationality of the terrorists, Kumawat declined to reveal any detail saying it would hamper the investigations. Roy also declined to speculate on this issue.

A Mumbai report quoting authoritative sources pointed to the involvement of at least some Pakistani nationals in the serial terror attacks.

"There are indications that the perpetrators of the crime, who arrived in Mumbai by boats, are Pakistani nationals," they told PTI on the basis of information gathered from captured terrorists.

Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister R R Patil, who also holds the Home portfolio, said: "we have total clues. But disclosing information would not help the case".

The Colaba police have impounded four boats allegedly used by the terrorists to reach the Mumbai coast.

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**Gate way yesterday**

by [Tanuja Joshi](#) on Dec 04, 2008 10:54 AM [Permalink](#)

pls keep it up Mumbai....is baar bhule to sayad agli bari humari hogi ya hamare kisi aapne ki so pls coordinate with each others..kal gate way pe aisa lag raha tha ke hum log aazadi ki ladai lad rahe hai...it was the feeling can't express in words...is baar hume dikhana hai ki mumbai ka spirit kya hai sirf chata hai hi nahi hai Mumbai ek hai...

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**Terror attack of Mumbai**

by [Vivek Gautam](#) on Dec 01, 2008 01:07 PM [Permalink](#)

How is it possible to have blast at ville parle which is 25 Km away from Machhi Colony?Why are we not believing that some more terrorist are also in addition to 10counted for?Let us believe to the arrested terrorist account of 15 and investigate the whereabouts.Why did we not use morphine gs to neutralise the terrorist and get them alive?

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**Resign**

by [Satyanarayana Mandapati](#) on Nov 30, 2008 03:34 PM [Permalink](#)

Why hasnt the Maharashtra cabinet resigned till now? Shameless or want to enjoy state protection?

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**How can we expect**

by [abhinav jain](#) on Nov 29, 2008 03:33 PM [Permalink](#)

The parliament wasn't as secure to prevent unknown intrusion, then how can we expect these people to protect us on the streets?

nothing will change if India does not stand up on its own instead of asking the world for help.

Think like USA and think for your OWN safety first.

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**Answer my questions**

by [nice guy](#) on Nov 29, 2008 12:48 PM [Permalink](#)

The terrorists are said to have set up control rooms at the Taj and Trident hotels, a Cabinet minister told PTI on Thursday. When were these bookings made? A detailed investigation into the bookings made at both hotels in the months, weeks and days before the attacks may reveal the names of suspicious guests who registered there.

# Military sources tell rediff.com that there was no way the terrorists could have carried so much ammunition with them when they assaulted the two hotels with their guns blazing. They believe the ammunition may have been stored earlier in rooms at both the hotels, perhaps on the higher floors.

# If some of the terrorists had registered at the hotels earlier, could these men/women have left along with the guests who were released? Did the police record the identities and addresses of the guests who were released from both hotels?

# Indian Hotels Chairman Ratan Tata indicated on Thursday that the terrorists had intimate knowledge of the Taj, its service corridors, its layout. Does this mean that they had a mole inside the Taj? Or more worrying, did a couple of them work there at some point of time? Did they have drawings of the layout of the two hotels?

# If the terrorists were Pakistani, how did they have such an intimate knowledge of the terrain? The two or three cowards who attacked the CST on Wednesday night made their way from the CST through a road on the left side of The Times of India building towards the Cama and Albess hospital/Azad Maida

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**change of guards**

by [satyendra mishra](#) on Nov 29, 2008 11:44 AM [Permalink](#) | [Hide replies](#)

india needs a change of guards. a man of narendra modi stats should be deployed in delhi.

i remember a line written by a famose poet gopal sing nepali.

"Ae Rahi Dilli jana to kahana apni sarkar se  
charkha chalta hai hathn se , shasan chalti hai talwar se."

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**Re: change of guards**

by [jdhdt dgdg](#) on Dec 02, 2008 05:23 PM [Permalink](#)

bring MODI to administration and let the island of security expand from gujrat to whole of india and an added advantage of great economic growth

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