



# NSG ends reign of terror at Nariman

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MUMBAI: The two-day siege of Nariman House ended at 8 pm on Friday with [NSG commandos](#) storming the building and killing two terrorists.

Five people who were held hostage in the Jewish service centre also died. Confirming the deaths, [NSG director general J K Dutt](#) said, "A huge cache of arms and ammunition was seized from the structure." An NSG commando, Gajendra Singh, was among those killed.

A total of 14 people were rescued from the building, said sources. The rabbi of ultra-orthodox Chabad Libavitch Movement of Hasidic Jews, Gavriel Holtzberg, his [wife Rivka](#) and six others were taken hostage by terrorists. However, additional commissioner of police (south region) K Venkatesham said, "We are yet to establish the identities of the hostages killed."

The couple's two-year-old son and his nanny had managed to escape the building on Thursday. Incidentally, the only time the firing and bombing ceased inside the structure after Friday noon was between 1 pm and 2 pm. However, firing resumed soon after 2 pm and continued incessantly in the building.

Though the commandos reached the building's terrace in a helicopter and took their positions, they seemed unable to enter the fourth floor until 6 pm when the terrorists blew up the large window pane of the third floor. The highly-trained terrorists, said cops, were continuously changing their position from floor to floor. All the window panes were covered with curtains, making it difficult for commandos to gauge the action inside.

Around 6.40 pm, locals gathered on the road near the building and started shouting slogans thinking that the operation was over. However, barely 15 minutes later, the locals and the police realised that the operation was still on. Police had to resort to a volley of stern announcements to quieten the excited revellers. [The entire Colaba market area](#), where [Nariman House](#) is located, had turned into a battle ground.

Police jeeps, fire brigade vehicles and ambulances, along with BEST buses were parked in the lanes and bylanes. Sniffer dogs from the Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad and the NSG were taken near the building to check if any explosive had been planted around the building.

A pall of gloom hung over Colaba Market, which is one of the busiest places in the vicinity. Occupants of the nearby buildings had gathered on the terraces of their buildings to catch a glimpse of the action. Residents of five buildings located near the Nariman House, who were evacuated on Wednesday night, also gathered on the road to witness the encounter. Around 3.15 pm, the commandos waved a piece of red cloth from the fourth floor, signalling their counterparts.

Within seconds, the cloth was removed and the gun battle began. It was the time when the terrorists started firing relentlessly from the window. Ten minutes later, the red cloth was up again and remained there till the terrorists blew up the window pane. In the next one hour, around 25 hand grenades went off inside the building. The loudest blast was heard around 5.45 pm, in which the large window on the third floor was blown up. Britain's Scotland Yard detectives and policemen from the US have come to the city to help the Mumbai cops in the investigation.

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