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Fire at Oberoi Trident hotel

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MUMBAI: Fire was seen emanating from the Oberoi Trident hotel here after an explosion even as NSG commandos launched an operation to flush out terrorists from the luxury establishment. ([Watch](#))

The fire, which engulfed several rooms, reportedly broke out in the hotel's fourth floor.

Around 200 people are still trapped inside Oberoi Trident hotel here and five to six staff members of the luxury hotel are learnt to have been killed in the night-long terror seize.

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"Altogether, there would be around 200 people inside the Oberoi complex in Mumbai. We believe that not less than 100 people are at the Oberoi side and not less than 100 people inside the Trident side," Vice Chairman of Oberoi Hotels S S Mukherjee said.

The plush hotel is currently surrounded by army and NSG commandos in order to launch an offensive to flush out the holed up terrorists and rescue hostages.

"We have definite information that the casualty of our staff is about five-six people," he said.

Putting last night's occupancy at the hotel to be around 375-385, Mukherjee said the terrorists "have not gone down the basement and have only gone to the upper floors".

He said generally his other staff are safe and secure and that they are "very concerned about guests, dignitaries, employees and other staff who are trapped inside".

"We have very little information about what is happening inside...what we can hear is that people are generally inside the room," he said.

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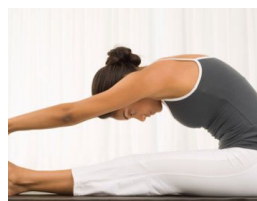
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