

## Inside The Trident: Trapped Resident

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MUMBAI: Srijeet Tagore is currently in his room at the Trident (Oberoi) hotel. He spoke to Joanna Lobo via the phone:

“Everything happened yesterday at around 9pm. My colleague and I and were having dinner when we heard the first grenade blasts. After that everything went haywire. We went up to our rooms.

"We decided it's safer to remain in our rooms. My room is sea-facing so I do not know what is going on outside. We have no contact with anyone else from the Trident.

"The firing was constant and went on for most of the night. I was watching television, but soon lost the signal. I think they cut off the signal so that the terrorists would not know what is happening outside.

"Now, we have no idea what is going on outside. The elevators have been inoperative from last night, and we cannot step out of our rooms. I have locked and double-locked the door and pulled down the blinds.

"I advised my colleague to do the same. I am very worried about him, as he is a US citizen. We are surviving on what is available in our mini-bars. I guess we can go on for another couple of days with what we have in our rooms.

"The phones are not working, but we can call each other on the intercom. I call up my colleague every hour. We have not been contacted by any rescue officials, or the police. My cell phone is my only link to the outside world. My family is in Europe, but I called and told them I am safe.

"Some time ago too there was sporadic firing and a few explosions went off. Every time the explosions go off the entire building shakes.”