

Eye witness identifies 4 terrorists on TV footage at Taj

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Mumbai : An eye witness in 26/11 terror attacks case on Tuesday identified four terrorists, who held some people hostages at Hotel Taj Mahal, in a Close Circuit TV footage screened in the trial court.

The footage, which clearly showed the terrorists holding guests and hotel staff as hostages at gun point, was captured on CCTV cameras installed at each floor of the hotel. Sunil Jadhav, a bell boy at hotel Taj, told special public prosecutor Ujjwal Nikam that he too was taken hostage along with other hotel staff and a guest (a banker whose name has been withheld by the court).

The attackers were clearly seen moving about with guns, ordering hostages to lie down on the floor and kicking them. All the four terrorists were killed by NSG commandos in the 59-hour long pitched battle on November 26. 36 guests, including nine foreign nationals were killed by the terrorists at Hotel Taj.

The slain terrorists were Abdul Rehman Bada, Abu Ali, Abu Shoib and Abu Umar. The terrorists were seeking instructions from some persons on cell phones, Jadhav said. After taking people hostages they told their handlers "Panch Murge pakde hain". Ek ganja hai aur ek mota (We have five targets. One of them is bald while the other is fat), he said.