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I fought with terrorists at Nariman house: 26/11 eye witness

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An eyewitness, who the prosecution said was the only civilian to make an attempt to challenge two terrorists in Nariman House in the Mumbai attack, on Wednesday told the trial court how he ducked in time to escape their bullets.

"They fired at me, but I ducked and escaped the bullets," Kamal Singh, who had entered Nariman House with a bamboo stick to confront the militants, told prosecutor Ujjwal Nikam in crucial evidence in the 26/11 trial.

Singh is the only civilian who had challenged the ultras at Nariman House, Nikam said.

Singh, a security guard of a private firm located near Nariman House in South Mumbai, said he heard firing shots from the five-storey building on November 26 last.

"I mustered courage and entered the building with a bamboo stick. On reaching first floor I saw two persons perched on the second floor facing in the opposite direction," the witness said.

"I inquired from them what was the matter. One of them turned towards me. He was holding a gun.

The other looked at me and said 'Kafir aa gaya' (idol worshipper has come)."

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The terrorists then fired at him. However, he ducked and managed to escape the bullets. "I then climbed down the staircase and came out of the building as I was very scared," he said.

— According to the prosecution, eight people were killed in the attack at Nariman House. The terrorists had not only opened fire at the structure but also fired at people in nearby buildings as well.

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