

26/11: Kasab hanged to death Nearly four years after the 26/11 Mumbai carnage, Pakistani terrorist Mohammed Ajmal Amir Kasab was hanged in Yerwada Jail in Pune.

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Kasab got justice but deserved none: ATS chief Rakesh Maria

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MUMBAI: State anti-terrorism squad (ATS) chief Rakesh Maria, who headed the 26/11 terror attack investigation, said a fair probe and an open trial by the Indian court has proved the sanctity of our democracy, legal process and beauty of our legal system.

"Convicted terrorist Ajmal Kasab received justice, though he deserved none," said Maria. Kasab was hanged to death in the Yerwada jail on Wednesday morning.

The 1981-batch IPS officer headed the crime branch when Kasab was captured alive during the 26/11 terror attacks. Maria was the main coordinating link between the various central agencies and the Union home ministry. He was the only officer who interrogated Kasab personally on a daily basis. "It was a detailed and meticulous investigation. The trial was conducted in an open court where journalists not only from India but several other countries attended. We made a watertight case and proved it in court, resulting in Kasab's conviction. Credit goes to everyone, including the investigating team, witnesses, public prosecutors and all those who helped the police collect evidence and present a strong case in the open court," said Maria.

He added Kasab's execution is the most fitting tribute to victims as well as security personnel who laid down their lives fighting terrorists. "After a painstaking probe, Kasab was given a fair trial by the judiciary in an impartial manner," said Maria. "Experts from USA and NSG officers testified in an Indian court for the first time in the country. It is indeed a matter of great pride that the case ended in an expected way," Maria added. The trial started in April 2009 and was completed in a record time of 110 working days. It was also scrutinized by law enforcement agencies and experts from other parts of the globe.

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Dear Mr Kapadia, however, our judicial system does not allow such thing. There are courts which run the trial. And, Kasab has been hanged.

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