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## Alison Markell

**Alison Markell and her husband were staying in the Taj Mahal hotel in Mumbai, when the hotel was bombed and 127 people were killed.**

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Alison Markell and her husband Doug were at the end of a three-week tour of India when they checked into the Taj Mahal hotel in November 2008.

On the night of the bombing, they had packed their suitcases and retired for the night, ready to fly home to Sydney early the following morning.

When gunmen entered the hotel, killing indiscriminately, bombing and setting fire to parts of the building, Alison and Doug were trapped in their room.

When the siege ended, Doug Markell was one of the two Australians killed - shot as he and Alison tried to escape the burning building.

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