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Sadanand Date to be new chief of Force One

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Senior IPS officer Sadanand Date, who received President's Police Medal for bravery in the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, will be the new chief of Force One, the specialised commando unit of the Ministry of Home Affairs National Security Guard (NSG), sources said.

Mr. Date, who is currently the Additional Police Commissioner (Central region) in Mumbai, is going on a foreign assignment and would be part of the Interpol, they said.

Mr. Date, along with his superior ATS chief Hemant Karkare and colleagues Ashwini Kamte and Salaskar died during the 59-hour siege of the Taj Mahal Hotel in Mumbai with terrorists Ajmal Kasab and his aide Abu Ismail on November 26, 2008 at Colaba.

Mr. Date had sustained grievous injuries while Karkare, Kamte and Salaskar died during the 59-hour siege.

During the 59-hour siege, the elite NSG, flown in from Delhi was pressed into action to bring the situation under control.

Following the attacks, the State government formed the Force One to swiftly act against any such threats. The unit, consisting of commandos who had undergone rigorous training, has been equipped with modern weapons including AK-47s.

The unit was commissioned in November 2009.

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