

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



RELATED KEYWORDS: [Hotel-Taj](#) | [Chef](#) | [\(26/11\)](#) Patrons honour memory of chef

Pradeep Vijayakar, TNN | Nov 24, 2009, 12:15AM IST

[Gefällt mir](#) [Teilen](#) [Tweet](#) 0 [g+](#) 0 [Share](#)

MUMBAI: Anjali and Michael Pollack, who survived the harrowing siege at the Taj Mahal Hotel, were among the many who returned to the Taj to thank the staff and the wife of celebrated Taj chef Vijay Banja who did not make it out alive. In September 2009, Banja's wife Fareda passed away after battling a "short illness". She is survived by their son, Rohan.

Anjali, who runs a design studio in the US, said: "Banja was an absolute godsend to us that night. Despite the tense situation, he always had a smile and an encouraging word for us. I was in touch with him all through the nightmare, and was devastated to learn of his passing."

On the night of 26/11, Banja went beyond his call of duty. "He was not afraid. He kept reassuring us and encouraging us to remain calm. I believe it was because of him that we made it out of the hotel alive," said Anjali. "Please know that we will never forget him."

FROM AROUND THE WEB

 **Eating Yogurt and Your Health**
Food for Thoughts

 **Are These the World's Most Exciting Luxury Buildings on the Market Right Now? [Photos]**
Mansion Global

 **9 Celebrities You Didn't Know Were German**
MachoDaily

MORE FROM THE TIMES OF INDIA

 **Abdul Kalam was an ordinary scientist: A Q Khan**
Jul 29, 2015

 **Sneak peek: Akshay Kumar's personal clicks**
Jul 24, 2015

 **At Bhushi dam in Lonavla, it's a dip of death**
Jul 14, 2015

Recommended by [Outbrain](#)

RELATED ARTICLES

- [Builder rapes 26/11 victim after promise of marriage](#)
- [India's 26/11 claims fully backed by Pak's head of investigation](#)
- [Want to see 26/11 perpetrators brought to justice: US](#)
- [Indian-origin chef Ravi Kapoor's restaurant nominated for 'Bon Appetit Hot 10'](#)
- [New approach to... Continues... Extension](#)

When the US journalist and talk show host [Charlie Rose](#) asked Michael about the lessons he remembered and learned from 26/11, the survivor replied: "The real gift, beyond a second chance at life, is to have seen the selfless nature of others at a time of absolute mayhem and barbarity. To see how selfless human beings can really be. It is something Anjali and I can only hope to emulate in the future."

Zubin, Vijay Banja's brother-in-law said: "Vijay was always helpful and it comes as no surprise to learn that even in the darkest of times, he would be the first to help. He was, in every sense of the word, a 'Taj Man' and gave 28 years of his life to his job."

Stay updated on the go with Times of India [News App](#). Click [here](#) to download it for your device.

Promoted Stories

- [Geneva 2015 Showfloor – PEUGEOT 208 and 308 GT Glammed-Up By ONYX and... Car-Revs-Daily.com](#)
- [Connect with People and Build a Better Brand with a Strong Content... Promoted content on Ad Age](#)
- [Amy Schumer, Louis C.K. Among Jon Stewart's Final 'Daily Show' Guests New York Times](#)
- [10 Tricks To Learn Any Language From A Man Who Speaks 9 Babel](#)
- [Changing Our Perceptions of Beauty Well](#)
- [2015 Hyundai Azera – LEDetails Front and Rear + Cabin Feels Very Lux! Car-](#)

More from The Times of India

- [Dead dog in hostel sump lands 8 law students in hospital 31 Jul 2015](#)
- [Forced to kneel down in school, 10-yr-old dies 24 Jul 2015](#)
- [Beggar held for touching woman commuter, obscene remark in Mumbai 28 Jul 2015](#)
- [MEA: Devyani hid facts about kids having US passport 21 Jul 2015](#)
- [I fell in love when I was 18: Nithya Menen 07 Jul 2015](#)
- [Sri Divya's shocking morphed photos 14 Jul 2015](#)

- new approach road to Gomtinagar Extension
- 'Include B'luru-Hassan NH under Sagarmala'

Revs-Daily.com

Recommended by 

TOP STORIES ACROSS CITIES

- Nalgonda districts strange rituals to please rain gods
- Thieves steal elderly couple's cash & blessings in TN
- Geeta's language not from J'khand, confirm experts
- Passenger bus falls into Shivnath river, 5 missing
- Fire breaks out at chemical godown in Kanpur
- Kanpur zoo now ISO certified
- Electrical blast victim Sitaram's mother diagnosed with cancer
- Palchan-Rohtang ropeway project gets green signal
- Mohali to have digital sanitation
- Raman defends school min, Cong lashes out at govt

[more](#)

NAVBHARAT TIMES

Recent Messages (0)

Comment for this article has been closed

THE TIMES OF INDIA

Powered by **INDIATIMES**

[» About us](#) [» Advertise with us](#) [» Terms of Use and Grievance Redressal Policy](#) [» Privacy policy](#) [» Feedback](#)

[» RSS](#) [» Newsletter](#) [» TOI Mobile](#) [» ePaper](#) [» Sitemap](#) [» Archives](#)

Other Times Group news sites

Times Crest | The Economic Times
इकनॉमिक टाइम्स | एकोनॉमिक टाइम्स
Mumbai Mirror | Times Now
Indiatimes | नवभारत टाइम्स
महाराष्ट्र टाइम्स | ವಿಜಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ
Go Green

Living and entertainment

Timescity | iDiva | Bollywood | Zoom
Healthmeup | Luxpresso | Technoholik
Gyulife

Interest Network

itimes | Email

Hot on the Web

Hotklix

Services

Book print ads | Online shopping | Business solutions | Book domains | Web hosting
Business email | Free SMS | Free email | Website design | CRM | Tenders | Remit
Cheap air tickets | Matrimonial | Ringtones | Astrology | Jobs | Property | Buy car
Bikes in India | Deals | Free Classifieds