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## Brit's Terror Ordeal At The Taj

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Myles Curtis was saying at the Taj Mahal Palace hotel when the attack happened

**A British businessman who left the chaos in Bangkok airport for Mumbai found himself at the centre of one of India's worst ever terrorist attacks.**

Myles Curtis was staying at the Taj Mahal Palace and Towers Hotel, one of the buildings targeted by terrorists who have killed more than 100 people.

But even after escaping from the hotel he was not out of danger.

**He told Sky News what happened:**

I got out about three hours ago. We were in the Chinese restaurant of the Taj, we were staying in the Tower.

At about a quarter to 10, it sounded like there were some fireworks going on. I was

with my colleague Hugh Brown.

Then we realised it was gunfire. We stayed there for about 20 minutes and then we moved through the kitchen and ended up in a place into the chambers, between the old hotel and the new hotel.

There was a lot of gunfire, a lot of AK-47s and grenades going off. We had one aborted attempt to get out, when the Army tried to get us out, and a number of people got killed.

We went back into the chambers again and waited for three more attempts to storm where we were then, at about seven this morning, the army came in and took us down the back stairs of the hotel down into the main reception.

We got on the bus and they attacked the buses, firing machine guns at the buses we were on and we got out and just ran, and now I'm at the Australian consulate.

There were about 100 trapped. At least one of them was a terrorist, he had a bag in front of him and his finger on a mobile phone the whole time.

He was the first one out and he got shot and his colleague got killed. The lights went out and we didnt know who the good guys and the bad guys were.

This guy clearly had something in his bag, I assume it was the explosives they found at the Taj and the Oberoi.

It seemed to be like an eternity, but it was probably only a few seconds. Four or five people were killed where we were.

The person behind me was killed.

I was with my colleague, and we were convinced that was the end. Fortunately it was not.