

Cop on Karkare team fled when shooting began

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MUMBAI: A policeman attached to slain IPS officer Ashok Kamte's unit reportedly ran away when he heard shooting in Badruddin Tyabji Lane on the night of November 26, 2008, when Kamte, two other senior officers and three cops were killed. The policeman even provided false information to the control room to make it look like he was on the job, which led to confusion for the force.

Police log records show that a large number of cops, including those from special units, was present near Cama Hospital on the night of the terror attack but no one offered any assistance when Ajmal Kasab and Ismail Khan fired at IPS officers Hemant Karkare and Kamte, inspector Vijay Salaskar and four constables at a spot in the lane which is near the hospital.

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Based on how government acts with regards to financial problems facing family members of lower ranking men killed on duty, policemen were smart enough to run. To the establishment they are just the numbers, but to their family they are irreplaceable. So they should leave bravery to Prithviraj type men. They would be wise to follow old Cherokee saying: "A warrior who allows himself to be humiliated today will live to fight another battle tomorrow." To Indians I say: "You should not expect first world service for third world wages."

g balakrishnan (bangalore)

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this shows the constables are most unreliable rot. this rot happens if their recruitments are flawed ones for one reason or the other. this kind of constabulary is very dangerous to citizens of Mumbai. At least now the Police and government should check the credibility of constabulary as 26/11, might soon become 26/10, 26/9 and so on as Pakistan is reeling under Taliban attacks, according to USA intelligence reports that Qaeda is actively helping LeT to attack India. Care of Prevention is better than cure sirs.

Vinod (South Africa)

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Its so sad to read all these negative reports about how the police handled the 26/11 siege, its even more disturbing how Mr Karkare's bullet proof jacket disappeared. As an NRI, i would like to put on record that we do care about India and its affairs, as no matter which part of the world an Indian is living be it migration or indigenous, India will always be our Mother country. We pray that the powers that be will come together and work as a team, stop being cowards, stop bribes, stop corruption and face the enemy with guts, ferocity and victory. Hats off and Congrats to the Indian Commandos for their bravery and Victory over the ten terrorists who are nothing but the scum of this earth.

Ganesh pai (Bahrain)

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Can someone make out the difference between a common citizen and a person serving in the force?. Certainly it is the training. Now a days the Police personnels are stressed to a great extent. Where they are getting the chance to refresh their skills?. If you want to see them strong physically and mentally good training is must. Otherwise they will also act like a civilian and try to save their own life.

Regi (USA)

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Hemant Karkare was the chief of ATS and inspector Vijay Salaskar was the ace sharp shooter - both lay down life even without doing a fight with the terrorists. In that case what the poor constable has to do? He was right in saving his life for his family.