

# Indian forces gain on Mumbai attackers

### Death toll tops 119 as Islamist group claims responsibility for coordinated attacks; Singh slams 'neighbors'

As Indian forces appeared to make progress in flushing terrorists from two hotels and another building in downtown Mumbai early Friday morning local time, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said the group behind the series of terror attacks that killed at least 119 people was from outside the country.

"We will take up strongly with

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our neighbors that the use of their territory for launching attacks on us will not be tolerated, and that there would be a cost if suitable measures are not taken by them," Mr. Singh said in a televised address to the nation.

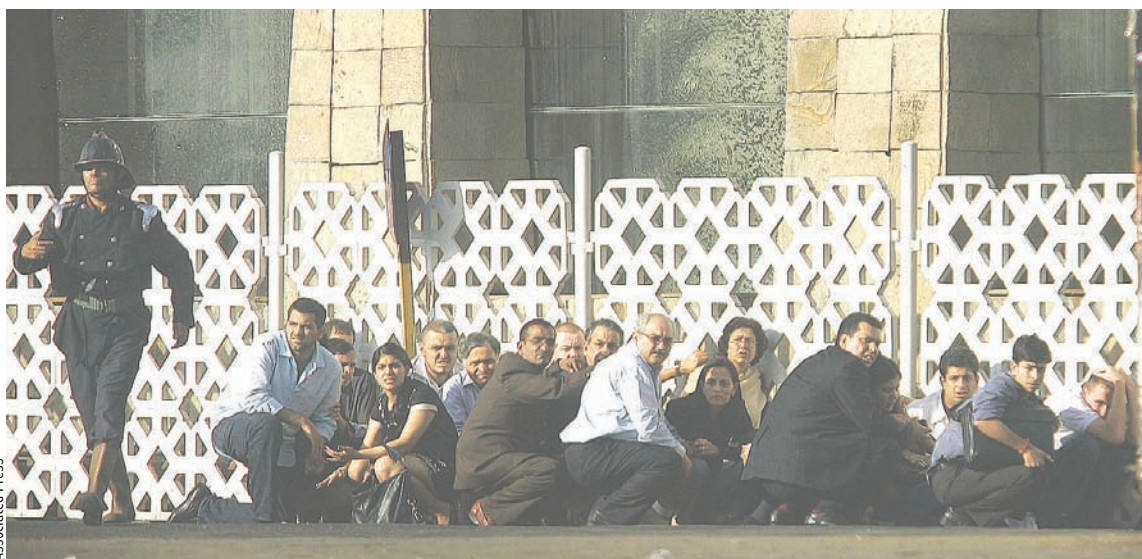
Mr. Singh didn't name any country, but political analysts said he was referring to Pakistan, India's longstanding South Asian rival, a suggestion that could raise tensions between the two nuclear-armed countries.

Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi, who is visiting India, condemned the attacks and called for joint action by the two countries to counter terrorism. "I assure the Indian government of our complete cooperation and support. Terrorism is a global phenomenon. We in Pakistan deal with it on a daily basis," Mr. Qureshi told the Press Trust of India. "We will have to join all our resources to fight the menace."

Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani also issued statements condemning the attacks, the state-run Associated Press of Pakistan reported.

A previously unknown Islamist group calling itself the "Deccan Mujahedeen" claimed responsibility for the attacks on the Taj Mahal Palace hotel, the Oberoi Trident Hotel complex and at least eight other targets, including Mumbai's central railway station, a restaurant popular with foreigners and a hospital.

The attacks began Wednesday night and continued through much



People take cover at the sound of gunfire outside the **Taj Mahal Palace hotel** in Mumbai Thursday.

of Thursday, punctuated by explosions and automatic rifle fire. Terrorists at one point held several dozen hostages at the luxury hotels, among Mumbai's most popular

with Western business travelers and tourists. Witnesses said some of the terrorists appeared to search out Britons and Americans at the hotels, demanding that foreigners pro-

duce their passports. Other attackers also took at least two hostages at a Jewish center in the city and were still holding

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## Business travelers worry on safety

For business travelers who frequently pass through South Asia, the attacks on two of Mumbai's most prominent hotels pose an unsettling question: Is there any place safe to stay?

Large and well-outfitted hotels such as the Taj Mahal Palace hotel

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and Oberoi Trident Hotel, along with familiar Western brand names such as Marriott and Sheraton, are often considered havens by executives traveling in foreign lands. Many of these travelers depend on the services that these big hotels offer—from easy Internet access to translators—to transact business. But their popularity with businesspeople, particularly Western executives, is also what makes them targets for terrorists.

"Hotels are in a difficult position," said Robert Grenier, the

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former head of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency's counterterrorism section and now chairman for global security consulting at Kroll Inc., the investigative arm of Marsh & McLennan Cos. "They are in the hospitality business, and so it is difficult for them to turn them-

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Policemen wait outside the **Oberoi Trident Hotel** in Mumbai on Thursday. In the wake of recent violence, some companies imposed temporary travel bans to India.

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■ **Spain's Zapatero said** his government will approve a \$14.37 billion stimulus package. **Page 9**

■ **India's Singh said** the group behind terror attacks that killed at least 119 in Mumbai was from outside the country, as Indian forces appeared to make progress in flushing terrorists out of buildings. Analysts said Singh was referring to Pakistan, a suggestion that could raise tensions between the rival nations. Pakistani leaders condemned the attacks. **Page 1**

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### Markets 4 p.m. ET

MARKET	CLOSE	NET CHG	PCT CHG
DJIA	8726.61	Closed	
Nasdaq	1532.10	Closed	
DJ Stoxx 600	203.62	+4.77	+2.40
FTSE 100	4226.10	+73.41	+1.77
DAX	4665.27	+104.77	+2.30
CAC 40	3250.39	+80.54	+2.54
Euro	\$1.2889	+0.0016	+0.12
Nymex crude	\$54.44	+3.67	+7.23

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