

AGIP India Office Manager Survives Mumbai's Terrorist Attack

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MUMBAI --- November 29, 2008 --- The Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP) India Office Manager Khaled Al-Khalidi, survived the recent terrorist attacks that killed at least 195 people.

Al-Khalidi was in a business assignment at the Trident-Oberoi Hotel in Mumbai where gunmen took hostages and killed 36 people.

The Hotel witnessed several explosions on November 27, 2008 due to a terrorist attack and the operation to eradicate the terrorists continued till November 28, 2008 morning.

"I was in a business assignment with one of the employees from the Kuwaiti Consulate waiting for an official Kuwaiti delegation when attackers stormed into the hotel," Al-Khalidi said.

"The first thing I did was calling the Kuwaiti Embassy in New Delhi warning them not to send the delegation and explaining what happened," he added.

Meanwhile, Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, chairman and CEO of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization remained in contact with Al Khalidi until he was rescued and sent home safely.

"I really appreciate Mr. Abu- Ghazaleh's concern and continuous encouragement during this ordeal," Al Khalidi said.

"I also do appreciate the support I received from the Kuwaiti Embassy, Kuwaiti Consulate, the Embassy of Jordan, the Embassy and Consulate of Egypt, the Embassy of Palestine and the office of the League of Arab States in India," Al-Khalidi added.

The stand-offs began late on Wednesday when heavily -armed gunmen opened fire indiscriminately on crowds at a major railway station and two hotels in addition to other crowded places.

According to Indian officials at least 195 people have been killed, with around 295 injured.