

At least 146 killed, many injured in terror attacks - Mumbai



At least 146 people have been killed and twice as many reported injured as terror attacks struck in 10 places across the Indian financial capital Mumbai, since Nov 26. Meanwhile, Indian news agencies reported that 100 more people are held hostage by the terrorists at Taj and Trident hotels in Mumbai.

At least 7 terrorists have been killed and 9 suspects arrested so far during the anti-terrorist operations conducted by the Indian security forces and Police. Also, the latest media reports reveal that 14 police officers including the Mumbai, anti-terrorist squad Chief and 9 foreigners have been killed.

A little known terror outfit "Deccan Mujahideen" has claimed responsibility for the attacks. Anti-terrorist operations are continuing as Indian security forces take on the formidable mission to save the lives of the people trapped as its remains a daunting task to isolate the innocents from the terrorists.

Meanwhile, a senior defence observer speaking to defence.lk expressed his concerns over the evolvment of another terrorist group in the region similar to the LTTE in brutality. He said that world's ignorance of the true nature of terrorist groups such as the LTTE has given them the liberty to develop and share new tactics in terrorist warfare.

"No one can expect that an influence of a terrorist group will confine to one country, it will spread as the terrorist groups copy and modify tactics used by each other", he said.

"This is why the world should help countries who fight against terrorism. We Sri Lankans have been suffering from terrorist menace for decades. Yet, there are some countries act sympathizing to the terrorists groups that murder citizens of countries like ours" , he added.

Commenting on the Mumbai terrorist attack he said that there is a strong resemblance between the tactics used by the LTTE and the Indian terror group.

" The LTTE has taught many tactics to the foreign terrorist groups . They are the first terror group to introduce suicide bombers, the first group to engage in seaborne attacks, the first to acquire air capability", he said.

"The world can learn why a terrorists group must not be tolerated in any where in the world with Sri Lankan experience. The Mumbai attack reconfirms that terrorism is the greatest threat to the human civilizations" he concluded.

