



**HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA
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PRESS RELEASE

A solemn commemoration of the victims of the 26/11 Mumbai Terror Attacks

The High Commission of India to Canada organized a solemn event in memory of the victims of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks at its premises. The event was attended by Mr. David B. Hartman, Director General, South Asia, Global Affairs Canada and diplomats from France, Israel, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands and Thailand, some countries that lost their nationals in the horrific attacks in Mumbai on 26-29 November 2008. Several prominent members of the Indo-Canadian community were also present.

2. The participants offered floral tributes to honour the memory of the victims and observed a moment of silence. Addressing the gathering, High Commissioner Ajay Bisaria spoke of the tragic loss of innocent lives in the attacks in which the 165 victims included Indians and citizens from 14 other countries, including two from Canada (Dr. Michael Moss and Ms. Elizabeth Russell). More than 30 security personnel also lost their lives in the attacks. The High Commissioner condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and pointed out that the perpetrators of this heinous terrorist attacks were yet to be brought to justice. He thanked the Government of Canada for showing solidarity with India in the fight against terrorism. DG Hartman conveyed condolences to the victims of the tragic incident on behalf of the Government of Canada and spoke highly of Indian resilience in the fight against terrorism.

3. The memorial event demonstrated that the international community remained united in the fight against global terrorism.

4. The 2008 Mumbai terrorist attacks (also referred to as 26/11) were a series of terrorist attacks that took place in November 2008, when 10 members of the Lashkar-e-Taiba, an Islamist terrorist organization from Pakistan, carried out 12 coordinated shooting and bombing attacks lasting four days across the cosmopolitan city of Mumbai. The attacks, which drew widespread global condemnation, began on Wednesday 26 November and lasted until Saturday 29 November 2008. A total of 165 people died, including 26 foreigners, and more than 300 were wounded.

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