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## INDIA: BOMB BLASTS IN MUMBAI

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### In Brief

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### The Situation

At least 100 people have been killed by eight nearly simultaneous bomb blasts on the western train network in the Indian financial capital Mumbai (Bombay).

The first explosion went off at approximately 18:20 local time (12:50 GMT), during the peak of the evening rush hour in the suburbs on the busy western railway. This led to chaos with people jumping from trains and bodies flung onto tracks.

The central government is still gathering information, meanwhile the Mumbai city and the capital Delhi have been put on high alert, and entire rail network of Mumbai has been shut down. There have been a number of bomb attacks in Mumbai in recent years.



More than 100 people were killed on Tuesday in seven bomb explosions at rail stations and on trains in Mumbai.

Reuters/Punit Paranjpe, courtesy [www.alertnet.org](http://www.alertnet.org)

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh appealed for calm and described the incidents as a "shocking and cowardly attempt to spread a feeling of hatred". The central home minister said that he would be visiting the state to assess the situation.

According to media sources, the coordinated blasts took place at Matunga, Khar, Mahim, Jogeshwari, Borivali and Bhayandar, with six on moving trains and two at stations. Local media reports said the bombs appeared to have targeted first-class compartments, as many were returning home from the city's financial district.

Television images show dazed and bloodied commuters being carried by fellow passengers to waiting ambulances, as rescue workers clambered through wreckage to reach victims. The force of the blasts ripped doors and windows off carriages, and scattered luggage and other personal belongings of the commuters. The city's suburban train system is one of the busiest in the world, carrying more than six million commuters a day



Train blast survivor console each other at a hospital in Mumbai.

Reuters/Adeel Halim, courtesy [www.alertnet.org](http://www.alertnet.org)

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Indian Red Cross Society national headquarters and the Maharashtra state branch swung in to action immediately after receiving the information. The information and reporting team at the IRCS national headquarters and the India delegation have been trying to gather information.

The Maharashtra state branch has so far mobilised eight ambulances, three of which have been stationed at Sain hospital near one of the blasts sites. The other five have been attending to various stations, picking up casualties and bringing them to the hospitals as well as transferring dead bodies to the mortuaries.

In total 40 volunteers have been mobilised, these volunteers are manning the ambulance, attending to the casualties and contacting their family members. The local government has requested the IRCS Maharashtra state branch to help the injured with the blood requirements. The state relief commissioner has further requested six more ambulances.

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- *Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.*
- *Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.*
- *Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.*
- *Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.*

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