

PRESS RELEASE

India's Ex-gratia Compensation for the Mexican citizen, victim of Mumbai (26.11.2008) Terrorist Attack.

India suffered a brutal terrorist attack on the city of Mumbai, on 26-29 November 2009, that claimed 165 innocent lives and injured 304 persons. This was an attack on India's sovereignty, and on the values of democracy, freedom, secularism, and human dignity that India and the civilized world hold dear. The Indian leadership, and indeed the world leaders, condemned this act of cowardice and depravity. India particularly conveyed its appreciation and gratitude to the Government of Mexico, for its strong condemnation of the Mumbai attack, and for the expression of solidarity with the Government and the people of India.

India was particularly pained at the spilling on its soil of the blood of its foreign guests, 26 of whom were among those killed in the dastardly act. In this solemn context, Indian Embassy respectfully remembers Late Sra. Norma Shvarzblat Ravinovich, the Mexican national, who lost her life in the attack.

While no compensation, monetary or otherwise, can measure to the human life and dignity that was trampled upon in November 2008 in Mumbai, the Prime Minister of India, as a token of India's empathy and support, has announced an amount

of Rs.200,000/- in compensation to the next-of-the-kin of each victim, including to Sr. Miguel Horacio Horta Cepeda, husband of the deceased Norma.

Ambassador of India, H.E. Mr. Dinesh K Jain, will handover the cheque of compensation to Sr. Miguel Horacio, who will be accompanied by his daughter, in a brief ceremony, today at 3 P.M., at the Indian Embassy, witnessed also by representatives from the Jewish community in Mexico, the Secretaria de Relaciones Exteriores, and the media.

Mexico City

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