

Obama begins India trip with a sombre note on Mumbai attack

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US President Barack Obama has said India and the US are united against terrorism, as he visited the scene of deadly attacks in Mumbai in 2008.

He said the Taj Mahal Palace hotel, where he and his wife are staying as guests, was a symbol of India's "strength and resilience".

Obama is on the first leg of a 10-day Asian tour designed to boost US exports and create jobs.

Obama's Saturday-to-Tuesday trip to India started just four days after his Democratic party sustained big election losses tied to the weak economy, raising some doubts over how much the trip can yield given the pressures at home.

Obama moves on to New Delhi on Sunday, where he will meet Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and then deliver an address to parliament on Monday.

The next morning he leaves for Indonesia on the second leg of his tour, which will also take him to the G20 summit in South

Korea and then on to Japan. "We will never forget," Obama said at a memorial to the victims of the attack by Islamic militants.

The outdoor memorial is a fountain with floating flowers just off the lobby of the hotel.

He also wrote in a memorial book: "The United States stands in solidarity with all of Mumbai and all of India in working to eradicate the scourge of terrorism."

More than 170 people died in a series of co-ordinated attacks across the city in November 2008.

Obama said he intended to send a signal by making Mumbai his first stop and by staying at the Taj hotel.

Later, the Obamas visited a museum in a former home of Mahatma Gandhi, seen as the father of Indian independence and revered as a global spiritual leader.

Obama wrote in the guest book that Gandhi "is a hero not just to India, but to the world".

BIG CONTRACTS
He is due to meet local business leaders and US execu-

tives. US officials say they expect major contracts to be announced.

The president's tour follows US mid-term elections, which saw heavy losses for Democrats, seen in part as punishment for the US administration's inability to tackle high unemployment.

Obama's plane, Air Force One, touched down in Mumbai at about midday (0700 GMT) after a 15-hour flight from Washington.

After being greeted by officials, he and his wife, Michelle, were then taken by helicopter to the Taj Mahal Palace hotel.

WARSHIP PATROL
Security is tight for Obama's visit.

Thousands of Indian and US security personnel are deployed and a US naval warship is on patrol in the waters off the coast of the city.

The BBC's Sanjoy Majumder, in Mumbai, says that while residents are celebrating Diwali - the festival of light - celebrations in the city are muted because of the huge security operation.

But while the president will

pay his respects to victims, he will also be seeking to drum up business for the United States, BBC correspondent says.

Before the trip, Obama spoke of the need for greater US access to India markets as part of a drive to double US exports over the next five years and help revive the economy at home.

Trade between India and the US was worth about \$40bn in 2008 - still significantly less than US trade with other partners like China and Europe.

Books on Obama creating buzz in Delhi, Mumbai

REUTERS, New Delhi

Books on US President Barack Obama and posters bearing his image are selling fast in New Delhi and Mumbai, the two cities he is visiting on a trip to India.

"At least 500-600 customers have been trickling in at our store asking for books on Obama," the manager at a bookstore in Mumbai told Reuters by telephone.

"We have already sold a good number of books such as Bob Woodward's 'Obama's Wars' and 'Obama: The Historic Journey'."

Books on First Lady Michelle Obama are also proving popular.

"I have received calls from many customers seeking books on Michelle Obama and her love for health and art," Salim, a bookshop owner in Delhi, said.

"We have placed a request with the publisher for some 1,500 copies of 'Michelle: A Biography'. There was a similar interest in books Laura Bush and Hilary Clinton when their husbands visited India."

Posters of Obama, the first lady and their children are also attracting scores of people at shopping malls and flea markets in the capital.

Many shoppers who went to purchase their stock of crackers, gifts and items for weekend celebrations of the Hindu festival of Diwali returned home with a pack of Obama posters.



PHOTO: AFP
US President Barack Obama (R) and First Lady Michelle Obama (L) write in the visitor's book during their tour through the Mani Bhavan Gandhi Museum in Mumbai yesterday. President Obama arrived in India's financial capital along with his wife Michelle, for a two-day visit of his Mumbai leg of the India trip.

Obama to visit tomb of Humayun

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Visiting US President Barack Obama and his wife Michelle will not be visiting the Taj Mahal but will have a view of the Humayun's Tomb here, an artistic precursor to the 17th century monument of love in Agra, today.

Obama will be the first American President to visit the resting place of Humayun, the second of the Mughal Emperors.

Built in the 16th century, the red sandstone and white marble tomb, a magnificent Mughal marvel will be the first stop in Delhi tomorrow for the US President.

The architecture of the Humayun's tomb set a trend of which the culmination was, of course, the Taj Mahal.

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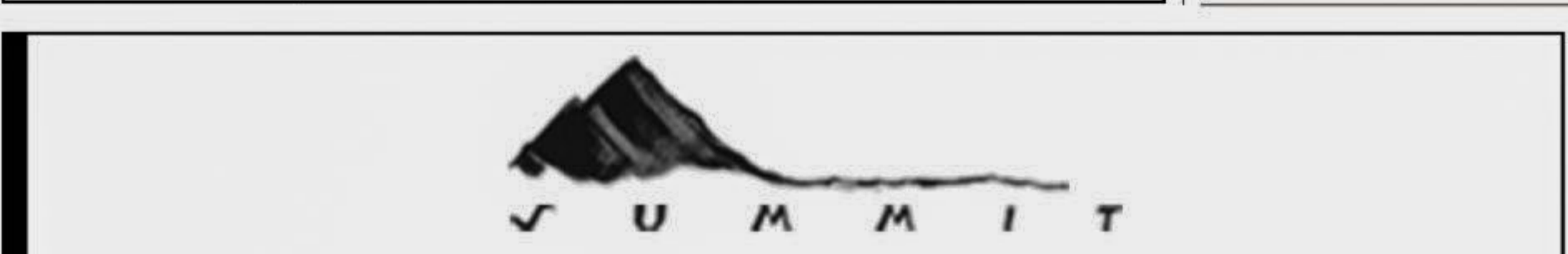
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A Dark Shadow Across Your Vision? - catch retinal detachment early



A retinal detachment can affect your sight permanently - left untreated, it can lead to partial or complete loss of vision.

Frequent eye examinations are important so that any problem can be picked up early and treated - a torn retina can be fixed before full retinal detachment and blindness occurs.

Symptoms of a retinal detachment

- Floaters and flashes
- A dark shadow in the field of vision
- Total loss of sight

Treatment options

Doctors at the Singapore National Eye Centre, who have surgical success rate of 97.5% for retinal detachments, say that over 90% of retinal detachments can be reattached by surgery.

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