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New York - Kadosh Rabbi Aryeh Leibush Teitelbaum, h.y.d.

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Rabbi Leibush on left seen with Kosevor Rabbi of Israel

New York - After two days of streams of prayers and high hopes throughout the world, the bitter news hit just before the onset of Shabbos in Israel, shocking and melting every heart, that the entire group held in the Mumbai Chabad center were all murdered al kidush Hashem.

Among the group were Rabbi Aryeh Leibush Teitelbaum, may G-d avenge his blood, 38.

Rabbi Teitelbaum's father is the Volover Rov and Av Beis Din, Rabbi Nachum Ephraim Teitelbaum, who heads a respectable U.S. kashrus organization. In the course of working for his father's kashrus organization, Rabbi Aryeh Leibush Teitelbaum had been visiting India. Rabbi Leibush was the sixth son-in-law of the Toldos Avrohom Yitzchok Rebbe. He leaves a wife and eight yesomim behind, the oldest having just turned Bar Mitzvah this past Nissan and the youngest a few months old.

He was known as a gentle soul and a pious young man, bright-faced and beloved by all who met him.

His tragic death hit the Toldos Avrohom Yitzchok community hard, both in Israel and the world.

On the heels of the grave calamity, the Shabbos event planned in Borough Park with Rabbi Teitelbaum's father-in-law, the Toldos Avrohom Yitzchok Rebbe, was cancelled; the Rebbe spent shabbos in Monsey sequestered at his host's residence.

In phone conversations with VIN News, friends who knew Rabbi Teitelbaum recalled a very personable, "geshmakeh" individual and an outstanding student. They are "devastated."

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