

## PRESS RELEASE: Shri Amitabh Bachhan meets family of S.S. Tilawa tragedy

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On Thursday November 24th 2022, the day after the S.S. Tilawa 80th Commemoration in Mumbai India, Mr. Amitabh Bachhan met with a family connected to the S.S. Tilawa forgotten tragedy at KBC Studio.

Mr. Emile Solanki and his father Mr. Mukesh Solanki (aka Kash Kumar, radio broadcaster) are descendants of the late Mr. Nichhabhai Chibabhai Solanki, who sadly drowned when S.S. Tilawa was twice torpedoed by the Japanese Imperial Navy on November 23rd 1942.

"We presented Mr. Bachhan the S.S. Tilawa 80th commemoration plaque. As Ambassador of Gujarat, and native of Mumbai, Mr. Bachhan appreciated hearing The Forgotten Tragedy story that took the lives of 280 souls, and the rescue of 678 people back to Bombay India. Mr. Bachhan was born 80 years ago, one month before the S.S. Tilawa incident. When well known artists take an interest in local, national, and global historic events it can only help provide great publicity." Says Emile.

The 80 year old bollywood legend had just finished a shoot for a show he hosts Kaun Banega Crorepati.

The Solanki family hope that the 80th commemoration held on November 23rd, and the recent publicity will help further their research and increase attention to this forgotten tragedy. Emile said "It would be wonderful to see the S.S. Tilawa story become a documentary and movie."

More information on the S.S. Tilawa incident can be found on a website founded by Emile www.tilawa1942.com. This website was created for families connected to Tilawa to gain some closure, and meet fellow victims. Many families from the U.K and South Africa have come forward, including 2 known survivors Mr. Arvindbhai Jani from London U.K, and Mrs. Tejparkash Kaur Manget from Cincinnati Ohio USA.

5 photographs attached.





Please visit www.tilawa1942.com for a comprehensive review on S.S. Tilawa. Any remaining survivors, descendants of victim's, or others with information are encouraged to share what they know and email info@tilawa1942.com

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