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Security Advisory

The ***Loya Jirga***, the traditional Afghan grand assembly, is to be held at Kabul from November 16-19, 2011. More than 2000 representatives from different walks of life, including all sitting parliamentarians and some former MPs, tribal elders, influential Afghan figures, members of provincial councils, representatives of civil society organizations and prominent figures from industry and business are expected to attend the ***Loya Jirga***.

2. Reliable inputs suggest that Anti Government Elements (AGEs) may strike in the coming days to register their presence, to regain lost ground and to undermine the perception of security. The possibility of AGEs targeting Indian nationals and Indian interests in Afghanistan cannot be ruled out.
3. Though the Afghan authorities have put in place a special security cordon to thwart any attempts of violence, all Indian nationals in Afghanistan are advised to take extra precautions and remain vigilant. It may be mentioned that on November 14, 2011, security forces killed a suicide bomber near the venue of the ***Loya Jirga***. During the last such occasion in June 2010, insurgents had fired at least four rockets near the tent in which the ***Loya Jirga*** was being held.
4. All Indian nationals are requested to maintain special vigilance during coming days and avoid unnecessary movements. They may also keep themselves informed about the prevailing security scenario through local visual/print media and through interaction with fellow colleagues.
5. This advisory is being issued only to make the addressees aware of the perceived threats and not to create panic or fear.

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All Indians in Afghanistan