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## SECURITY ADVISORY

## • Threat of suicide attacks in different locations of Kabul City

## <u>Details</u>

In continuation of our earlier Security Advisories regarding continuous threat of possible suicide attacks in Kabul city, fresh information suggests that:

- (i) A group of suicide attackers are planning to launch attacks in Kabul city; similar to the multi-pronged attack in Kabul on February 11, 2009 against Ministries of Justice & Education and the Prison Directorate. These suicide bombers may be equipped with hand held wireless radios and cameras.
- (ii) Another group of 16 suicide attacks are reportedly planning to carryout attacks in the vicinity of Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Finance and the Parliament headquarters. Further, three militants armed with AK-47 rifles and a Vehicle Borne IED (white Toyota) are planning to strike at ANP Checkpoints near the Kabul International Airport.

2. Information also suggests a possible threat of VBIED attack (a mini bus) in the areas of Wazir Akbar Khan, Shashdarak and in the vicinity of ISAF Hqrs. Further, Ministry of Public Health area and the Masoud Circles are also vulnerable points of suicide/IED attacks.

3. In view of continuing grave threat inputs, there is a possibility of more suicide attacks being planned in Kabul city. All Indians staying in Kabul and other parts of Afghanistan are requested to remain extra vigilant during their movements and also requested to curtail unnecessary movements in the city. Avoid government buildings, public places such as bazaars, restaurants, crowded areas and constantly change your route/timings within the city so as to not form a pattern of movement. Keeping a safe distance from International Military/ANA/ANP convoys is again reiterated, as they continue to be a target of militants.

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