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Kabul**

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SECURITY ADVISORY

• **Suicide (VBIED) Attack against Armored Convoy in Kabul**

Details

Today, March 13, 2008 (Thursday) at 0820 hours a suicide bomber in a white Toyota Corolla car struck a two vehicle (one SUV and one truck) armored convoy reportedly carrying U.S. troops near Kabul International Airport (Kalay Kalayat area). As per available information, in the explosion six Afghan civilians were killed and 20 others injured. Several other vehicles were damaged in the explosion. The blast site was cordoned off by the Security Forces and the vehicular traffic was diverted.

2. After a gap of about 41 days, suicide bomber once again found an opportunity to strike against SF convoy in Kabul city. In view of the above suicide attack, all Indian nationals in Kabul and Afghanistan are advised to remain extra vigilant at all times for their own safety and security. Today's suicide attack once again displays the determination of militants to strike at will. It is reiterated that movements within the city may be curtailed to necessary minimum and a safe distance must be maintained from Afghan Military and Police/NATO/CF convoys/buses as they continue to remain primary targets of militants. To ensure your safety and security a fixed pattern of movement in the city may also be avoided, including regular visits to restaurants frequented by foreigners. Indians are also requested to keep themselves aware about the security scenario in Afghanistan through local visual/print media as well as through interaction with their fellow colleagues in various organizations to keep themselves abreast of developments.

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All Indians in Afghanistan (Through Email)