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SECURITY ADVISORY

Nauroz (NEW YEAR) and Farmer's Day Celebrations

Details

The Afghan New Year celebrations will commence on Thursday, March 20, 2008. The First Day, known as Nauroz, is celebrated by holding several festivals and ceremonies. The official ceremony of New Year and Farmer's Day is likely to be celebrated in Badam-Bagh in Police District 4 in Kabul City. Other locations for ceremonies/functions in Kabul city are:

- Shodai Saliheen and Shah Shahid in Police District 8
- Mandawi/Chindawal in Police District 1
- Karteh Sakhi/Tapa-e-Salaam in Police District 3
- 2. In view of the recent suicide attack in Kabul city and the prevailing security scenario, the Security Forces will increase their operational presence and will be on high alert to prevent any disruptive action by the militants. Keeping distance from IM/ANA/ANP and other military convoys is reiterated during this period.
- 3. The threat of terrorist attacks in different forms is a major concern during these ceremonies. All Indians in Kabul city are advised to exercise caution and restrict their movements to essential for their own safety and security.
- 4. Indian nationals in other parts of Afghanistan are advised to remain extra vigilant at all times and avoid the crowded places during these festivals.

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All Indians in Afghanistan (Through Email)