## Embassy of India Kabul

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## SECURITY ADVISORY

## Third Suicide attack in Kabul in eight days

## <u>Details</u>

Today, on October 6, 2007 at 0815 hours a suicide bomber, (Vehicle Borne IED) attacked an American Convoy at Qalaikhayap on the Airport Road near the roundabout just before the entrance to the Kabul International Airport. According to information available, in the explosion, One US soldier, two Afghan civilians were killed and seven others injured including two International Soldiers, one woman and a child. Reportedly, the condition of the injured International soldiers is serious. Two US, two civilian vehicles and dozens of shops were damaged in the explosion, which was so powerful that it shook the buildings at least one kilometer away from the blast site. The area was cordoned off by the Afghan, US and British soldiers. The military convoys, traveling on this road which connects US airbase at Bagram have also been targeted by militants, a number of times in the past.

2. Earlier, on October 4, 2007, a suicide bomber (Body Borne IED) attempted to enter the Kabul International Airport. When approached, the suspect ran away and is still at large. This is the 3rd suicide attack in Kabul in last eight days. As informed earlier, on September 29, 2007, a suicide bomber blew off an Afghan Army vehicle killing over 30 persons in Western Kabul. Three days later, on October 2, 2007, in a similar suicide attack, a bomber blew off a vehicle of the Afghan National Police at Charahi Qanbar Bazaar killing 15 persons including a woman and children.

3. As advised from time to time, in view of an increase in the militant activities of all kinds, all Indian nationals in Afghanistan are advised to remain extra vigilant at all times for their own safety and security. It is also reiterated that a safe distance must be maintained from Afghan Military and Police/NATO/CF convoys/buses as these continue to remain primary targets of militants. Indians are also requested to keep themselves aware about the security scenario in the country through local visual/print media as well as through interaction with their fellow colleagues in various organizations. To ensure your safety and security a fixed pattern of movement in the city may also be avoided.

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All Indians in Afghanistan (Through Email)