

**Embassy of India
Kabul**

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Security Advisory

Anti Government Elements (AGEs), in their efforts to show their presence and continue the pursuit of their violent agenda, attacked Intercontinental Hotel, in Kabul at 2200 hrs on June 28, 2011, in which 9 civilians, 2 policemen including a Spanish citizen were killed and many were seriously injured.

2. It is revealed that there were approximately 65 guests staying inside the 145-room hotel, when the incident took place, including several Governors and Provincial Council Chiefs and eleven Members of Parliament. The Governors had come to Kabul to attend a Conference convened by Ministry of Rural Development.

3. What stood out during this attack was the fact that it happened late in the day. As per available trends, ninety nine per cent of suicide attacks take place between 0500 hrs to 1500 hrs. While stray instances of kidnapping and shooting have taken place in the evening and night hours, this is the first recorded evidence of a suicide attack taking place after 1600 hrs. in Kabul over the last two years. The nature of the attack and the number of casualties makes it the biggest attack in Kabul in 2011. No Indian national has been killed or injured in the attack. The Intercontinental hotel is frequented by Indians coming on private visits. However, no Indian national was staying in the hotel at this time.

4. Local security agencies have also predicted of more such spectacular attacks in Kabul during the month of July.

5. All Indian citizens are advised to keep movements to the bare minimum level during the coming days and avoid visiting crowded and public places like Malls, Restaurants and Market places, especially during morning and late evening hours. Safe timings to visit high profile hotels are also reiterated. Awareness of the prevailing security scenario via local visual/print media as well as through interaction with fellow colleagues is also suggested.

6. This advisory is being issued only to make addressees cautious of the threats being perceived so far. There is no need for panic, indiscretion or over-reaction.

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