

**Embassy of India
Kabul**

KAB/815/2/2009-002

January 17, 2009

SECURITY ADVISORY

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- **Vehicle Borne Suicide attack near German Embassy in Kabul**

 - **Threat of Vehicle Borne IED attack against High Profile targets in Kabul**
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Details

Please refer to our Security Advisory No. KAB/815/2/2009-001 dated January 14, 2009.

2. Today, January 17, 2009 (Saturday) at around 0945 hrs a Vehicle Borne Suicide Bomber rammed his VBIED Toyota Corolla with a Fuel Tanker (*later confirmed as sewage tanker*) near the German Embassy at Wazir Akbar Khan area, Police District 10 of Kabul city. As per available information 7 local civilians were reportedly killed and more than 11 persons injured. More than six vehicles were badly damaged. Window panes of surrounding buildings were shattered. The German Embassy sits across the street from a U.S. base in Kabul. U.S. spokesman Lt. Col. Chris Kubik says four U.S. service members have also suffered shrapnel wounds from the blast.

3. Fresh information received indicates that there is a possibility of another Vehicle Borne Suicide attack in Kabul city against high profile targets during their movements in the city. Information further suggests that authentic car parking labels giving access to restricted areas may be used by the VBIED.

4. In view of the fresh threat input, Indian nationals residing in Kabul city are advised to avoid unnecessary movements in the city. Keeping a safe distance from International Military/ANA/ANP convoys is again reiterated for your own safety and security, as they continue to be a target of militants. It is also reiterated that during road journey, adequate security protection in the convoy or in the vehicle should be carried. As has been advised from time to time through advisories, all Indian national residing in Afghanistan must remain extra cautious and be aware of their surroundings in which they work or live. Avoid public places such as bazaars, restaurants and crowded areas and constantly change your route/timings within the city so as to not form a pattern of movement.

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All Indians in Afghanistan (Through Email)