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SECURITY ADVISORY

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- High Threat of kidnapping of Internationals in Kabul City
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Details

This is in continuation of our earlier Security Advisories.

2. Fresh information indicates that there is a **very high threat of abduction** of Internationals including the Indians in Kabul city and its suburbs.

3. As you are all aware, Indians in Afghanistan are contributing significantly in the reconstruction process in almost all spheres of development creating tremendous goodwill amongst Afghans. Indians are also spread out in large numbers in provinces of Afghanistan, either when they are working for international organizations, Public Sector Undertakings and with Private Indian or international companies. Their work entails journeys either by road or by air exposing themselves in the process. Further, as observed during the previous years, international community including Indians aiding in the construction process have been targets of forces that do not want the situation to stabilize. Kidnapping of members of international community has been a tool in the hands of undesirable elements to coerce the government into acquiescing to unreasonable demands and in the process creating a fear psychosis amongst internationals.

4. In view of the above, the Embassy of India, Kabul advises all Indian nationals residing in Kabul city as well as in other parts of Afghanistan to remain extra vigilant during their movements in the city. It is also reiterated that in case a road journey is to be performed, adequate security protection in the convoy or in the vehicle should be carried. Avoid public places such as restaurants bazaars/crowded areas and constantly change your route/timings within the city so as to not form a pattern of movement. Keeping a safe distance from International Military/ANA/ANP convoys is again reiterated, as they continue to be a target of militants.

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All Indians in Afghanistan (through Email)