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SECURITY ADVISORY

- **VBIED Suicide attack against IM Convoy in Kabul**
 - **Threat of more Suicide Attacks in Kabul city**
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Details

This is in continuation of our earlier Security Advisories.

2. Today on Sunday at around 0900 hours, a suicide bomber exploded his Vehicle Borne IED (taxi car) against an International Military (IM) convoy of Turkish soldiers coming from Wardak province at Kampany Area in Kabul Police District 13, on the Western outskirts of the city. From initial reports, it was not clear if the bomber hit the convoy. As per available information, two locals were seriously injured and the bomber was killed. The area has been cordoned off by the Afghan National Security Forces and the IM. Vehicular traffic on the main Kabul-Maidan Wardak road has been restricted for the time being. As per media reports, Taliban militants claimed responsibility for the attack.

3. Fresh information indicates that a number of suicide bombers have reportedly entered Kabul and its suburbs to carryout more suicide attacks. Two suicide bombers are planning to attack on the Kabul-Logar Road. Further, a Vehicle Borne IED suicide bomber has planned to use a Grey Toyota Surf vehicle with Kabul Registration Number to carryout attack on the Pul-e-Charkhi – Kabul Airport road. There is also a possibility of Remote Controlled IED explosions in Guzargah and Chelsitun areas of District 7 of Kabul city.

4. It is also learnt that a group of insurgents armed with BM-1 rockets have reportedly infiltrated in to Chahar Asyab district in Kabul province to launch attacks towards the Kabul city. Threat of **abduction** in Kabul city and other parts of Afghanistan continue to remain very high.

5. 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. Unnecessary movement in public places such as restaurants bazaars/crowded areas may be avoided. It is reiterated to 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 advised, as they continue to be a target of militants.

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All Indians in Afghanistan *(through Email)*