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SECURITY ADVISORY

• **Double Attack in Kabul City**

Details

This is in continuation of our earlier Security Advisories regarding continuous threat of possible suicide attacks in Kabul city.

2. Today, February 11, 2009 at around 1010 hours assailants, some wearing suicide vests, attacked the Justice Ministry and another government building in Kabul city, causing multiple deaths and forcing workers to flee from building windows. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attacks. Two assailants died in the ensuing firefight with security forces. At least three employees were killed, another witness said. Militants used grenades and AK-47s. Troops surrounded the ministry with guns drawn. More than 20 persons were injured. Another attacker was killed nearby the education ministry but managed to detonate his explosives. He caused no casualties,

3. A double suicide bombing at the Afghan prisons directorate in the north of the city killed "four to five civilians" and a policeman and five civilians were wounded. The homicide bomber attacked the ministry's corrections department Zabiullah Mujaheed, a Taliban spokesman, said five Taliban fighters attacked the ministry, while two others targeted the corrections department. The attacks were in response to the alleged mistreatment of Taliban prisoners in Afghan government jails, Mujaheed said. As per available information, at least eight people and five suicide attackers dead in both the attacks.

4. Fresh information indicates that 20 suicide bombers have infiltrated in Chaparhar, Achin, Shiwan and Goshtan districts of Nangarhar province from across the border. Reportedly, they are being housed in groups of five each at different locations in these four districts to further send them to Kabul; to launch attacks in the city. As per information, they will be soon enroute from Nangarhar Province to Kabul city.

3. Another information indicates that a suicide bomber using a White Toyota Corolla rigged with explosives bearing No. KB-52857-SH is planning to carry out attack on Afghan National Security Forces/International Military convoys between Masood & Abdul Haq Circles and Kabul International Airport Areas. Another VBIED Corolla Car No. 3112 is still in the Kabul city to carry out attack against high profile target including diplomatic vehicles. Further, likelihood of suicide attacks near the Ministry of Interior and Kabul Airport Circle areas are real.

4. In view of the today's attacks, above inputs and a continuous threat of possible suicide attacks in the city, all Indians staying in Kabul city and other parts of Afghanistan are requested to remain extra vigilant during their movements in the city. Avoid government buildings, 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. 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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