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SECURITY ADVISORY

- Suicide attack in Police District-5, Kabul city on March 15, 2009
- Threat of possible attacks in Kabul city

<u>Details</u>

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

- 2. On March 15, 2009 (Sunday), at around 1200 hours a suicide bomber detonated his BBIED in Company Area, Police District-5, Qala-e-Kashef Area, on the main Kabul Wardak main road, Kabul City targeting an Afghan National Security Forces convoy. The suicide bomber apparently missed the target. As per preliminary reports, two civilians were killed and 14 others wounded in the incident. Reportedly, there were no injuries to any Security personnel. In another incident in Kandahar city, a road side IED detonated targeting vehicle of Mayor of Kandahar city; killed one bystander and injured 6 other civilians. The Mayor was escaped unhurt.
- 3. Further, information suggests constant threat of more attacks in Kabul city and its suburbs which includes areas around important government installations, Masood Circle, Abdul Haq Circle, Kabul International Airport and Pul-e-Mahmod Khan Area. Kabul-Jalalabad road continues to remain a target of militants.
- 4. In view of continuing grave threat inputs, all Indians staying in Kabul and other parts of Afghanistan are requested to remain extra vigilant during their outside movements. It is also requested that unnecessary movement to the above mentioned areas may please be curtailed. Also avoid government buildings, public places such as bazaars, restaurants, crowded areas and constantly change your route/timings within the city so as to not form a fixed 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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