Embassy of India
Kabul

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SECURITY ADVISORY

- **IED explosion in Kote Sangi, Kabul city**
- **Threat of possible attacks in Kabul city**

Details

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

2.   Today, March 18, 2009, Wednesday at around 0700 hours a powerful IED detonated close to an ANP checkpoint at Kote Sangi round about in Police District 5, Kabul city. As per initial reports three locals were injured. Reportedly the IED was detonated by a remote control. The windowpanes of the nearby buildings were shattered.

3.   Fresh information suggests that in Kabul city a stolen Red Toyota Corolla vehicle with Kabul Registration No. 53124 has been rigged as a VBIED and suicide bomber is on the lookout for a potential target. It is also learnt that two suicide bombers have entered into Kabul city in a grey colour Toyota Surf vehicle to carryout suicide attack on the road between Kabul and Bagram. Areas around ISAF Hqrs in Kabul city remains a vulnerable target. Threat of possible attacks on ISAF/ANA/ANP convoys moving on road leading to Kabul International Airport remains very high. Threat of abduction of foreign nationals in Kabul city also remains very high.

4.   In view of continuing grave threat inputs, all Indians staying in Kabul and other parts of Afghanistan are requested to maintain extra vigilance during the Nauroz Celebrations (Afghanistan New Year), as there is heavy crowds in the city. It is also requested that unnecessary movement to the above mentioned areas; including government buildings, crowded public places such as bazaars and restaurants, may please be curtailed. It is also suggested to constantly change your route/timings within the city so as not to 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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All Indians in Afghanistan (through Email)