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SECURITY ADVISORY

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- **Threat of increase in attacks in different provinces of Afghanistan including Kabul city**
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Details

On July 25, 2009, less than a month before Afghanistan's presidential election, about six suicide bombers equipped with AK-47 rifles and rocket-propelled grenades stormed the area around the main police station and a nearby government-run bank in Khost city, provincial capital of Khost province. Reportedly all were shot and killed before they could detonate their suicide vests by the Afghan Security Forces. Reportedly, the seventh attacker detonated a car rigged with explosives near a police rapid-reaction force, wounding two policemen. Media reports indicate that in the incident 14 persons including 3 police personnel were injured. The attack came five days after Taliban militants launched near-simultaneous assaults in Gardez, about 50 miles northwest of Khost, and in the eastern city of Jalalabad. Six Afghan police and intelligence officers and eight militants were killed in these two attacks.

2. Threat inputs are being continuously received for more such attacks in the coming days. Fresh inputs indicate that there is large scale infiltration of militants including suicide bombers in different provinces including Kabul city to carry out similar attacks during the coming days.
3. In Kabul city, the Embassies, Ministry of Interior, High Court House near Massoud Circle, other important government buildings/installations, Kabul International Airport, Ministry of Defence, Presidential palace, ISAF Hqrs and Camp Warehouse continue to remain vulnerable targets of militants. Threat of kidnapping of internationals, local businessmen and Afghan government officials continue to remain very high in Kabul and Bagrami district.
4. In view of continuing grave threat inputs, all Indian Nationals in Afghanistan are requested to remain extra vigilant during all the time and their movements in their respective locations. 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. It is also emphasized that unnecessary movement in the city including the above mentioned areas may please be curtailed.

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All Indians in Afghanistan *(through Email)*