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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**

The month of November 2009 witnessed following major attacks in Kabul city and other parts of Afghanistan showing an increase in militant activities:

1. On November 18, Sarena Hotel was hit by a rocket. Unlike the rocket attack on October 28, when at least one of the rockets passed through the glass/enclosed corridor, linking the restaurant areas with the main lobby, the single rocket launch only hit the outer boundary wall of the Hotel. It wounded four persons, including an officer of ANP.
2. On November 27, the Governor of southern Kandahar province narrowly escaped an assassination bid when a bomb exploded near his car as he was going to a mosque. According to information, he was on his way to prayers marking the Eid-al-Adha festival when a roadside bomb detonated targeting the Governor. The Governor was not hurt, but the windows of his vehicle were blown out and a police officer wounded.
3. On November 28, an explosion had happened in the wealthy Wazir Akbar Khan. According to information, an explosive device appeared to have been placed in a rubbish bin but that there was not any casualties.

Kabul, the most heavily-fortified part of war-torn Afghanistan, has been attacked by Taliban-linked insurgents at least five times in recent months with at least 100 people dead and 300 injured. Most have been suicide car bomb attacks that the Taliban have claimed responsibility for. On the other hand, so far this year (2009) has remain the blodiest year for the ISAF to have casualties of 295 soldiers killed in entire year of 2008 while this year it has already reached almost 300 in Afghanistan.

The current security scenario indicates that militants will continue their attacks against high value targets in Kabul city and in other provinces. In Kabul city, the Indian Embassy, 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 and roads leading to KIA, Bagram Airbase, Gardez-Khost road of Jalalabad 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.

There is a heightened threat of a suicide attack in Kabul City over the next two to three days. Unnecessary movements, particularly to Government buildings and high profile locations are advised against, especially before 1000hrs.

AGE capability and intent to carry out attacks in Kabul City remain elevated. Threat reporting continues to be received with regards to AGE intent in the City, but it is mainly generic and lacking in detail for the most part. GIRoA, ANSF, ISAF and the International Community are all potential targets. The UN agencies in Kabul remain at a heightened level of security following recent attacks and a more specific threat warning. It remains pertinent for the rest of the International community operating in Kabul to maintain security vigilance.

In view of continuing grave threat inputs, all Indians staying in Kabul and other parts of Afghanistan are requested to maintain extra vigilance. It is also requested that unnecessary movement to the 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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