Embassy of India Kabul

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SECURITY ADVISORY

• US Embassy Convoy hit by a Car Bomb in Kabul

<u>Details</u>

Today morning a car bomb (Toyota Corolla Car) exploded next to a 3 vehicle US Embassy convoy on Kabul – Jalalabad road, setting one of the vehicles on fire. Several people traveling in the convoy were injured, one of them seriously, while the suicide bomber driving the car died during the incident. This is the second major attack on US interests in 2007, the earlier being a suicide attack near US Airbase at Bagram during the visit of US Vice President to Afghanistan on February 27, 2007.

In view of the reports indicating increase in number of attacks targeting International forces, all Indian nationals residing in Afghanistan would be well advised to remain vigilant at all times and avoid unnecessary exposure/movement during road journeys for their own safety and security. It is reiterated that they must maintain safe distance from Military/Police/NATO/CF convoys as they still continue to remain primary targets of militants. Indians are also requested to keep themselves aware about the security scenario in the country through local print/visual media.

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