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SECURITY ADVISORY

Afghan Army bus bombed in Kabul on May 3, 2007

<u>Details</u>

On May 3, 2007, in the morning hours, a remote controlled bomb planted in a cart on the side of the road in Taimani area, Kabul city, ripped into an Afghan Army bus. In the explosion, reportedly the driver of the bus was killed and 29 people, including 22 soldiers, wounded. The explosion was so powerful that the front of the bus was badly damaged, while windows of nearby houses and shops were shattered. It also knocked out electricity in the neighbourhood.

- 2. According to media inputs, more than 180 members of Afghanistan's security forces have been killed by the insurgents so far in 2007.
- 3. In view of an overall increase in militant activity in the past few weeks, all Indian nationals in Afghanistan are cautioned to remain extra vigilant at all times and avoid unnecessary exposure/movement during road journeys for their own safety and security. It is once again reiterated that they must maintain safe distance from Military/Police/NATO/CF convoys as they have continued 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 as well as through interaction with fellow colleagues in various organizations.

(Sandeep Kumar) Minister