Embassy of India Kabul

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SECURITY ADVISORY

Suicide attack in Kabul on May 23, 2007

Details

On May 23, 2007, at around 0840 hours, a suicide bomber on a motorcycle blew himself up near UN compound on Kabul-Jalalabad road. The suicide bomber was chasing a vehicle of Afghan civilians from about 100 meters. One of the occupants of the car pulled out a gun, but in the meantime, the bomber detonated himself. In the explosion, one police personnel guarding a Chinese construction team rebuilding the road, which runs past a UN Compound was killed, and atleast four civilians injured.

- 2. The Kabul-Jalalabad road was closed for vehicular traffic after the explosion and has now been partially opened for vehicular movement. All Indians are advised to avoid their movements on this road, till it is totally cleared.
- 3. In view of an overall increase in militant activity, all Indian nationals in Afghanistan are advised 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 these 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.

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