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Suicide attack against ANA bus in Kabul city

<u>Details</u>

Today, on December 5, 2007 at around 0705 hours, a suicide bomber rammed an explosives laden Toyota Corolla car against an ANA Coaster bus carrying Afghan soldiers at Chehulsutoon area, Sarak Naw, Police District 7 in Kabul city. As per available information, 7 ANA soldiers and 6 Afghan nationals were killed and more than 20 persons including 7 ANA soldiers wounded in the explosion. The explosion was so powerful that it damaged some houses in the area and fire caught in a LPG gas shop in the area. Reports indicate that the flying shrapnel and glass pieces also wounded the locals staying in the surrounding buildings of the blast site. This was the third Vehicle Borne IED suicide attack in Kabul in the last nine days deteriorating the security situation further in the city.

2. As advised from time to time, in view of repeated suicide attacks and militants activities of all kinds in Kabul city, all Indian nationals in Kabul and Afghanistan are advised to remain extra vigilant at all times for their own safety and security. As has been observed from time to time, it is reiterated that a safe distance must be maintained from Afghan Military and Police/NATO/CF convoys/buses as these continue to remain primary targets of militants. Indians are also requested to keep themselves aware about the security scenario in the country through local visual/print media as well as through interaction with their fellow colleagues in various organizations. To ensure your safety and security a fixed pattern of movement in the city may also be avoided.

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All Indians in Afghanistan (Through Email)