

**Embassy of India
Kabul**

KAB/815/02/06

Sept 6, 2006

SECURITY ADVISORY

Highlights

- 1. IED Bomb recovered from Millie bus in Kabul**
 - 2. Suicide Bomber attacks NATO convoy on Kabul – Jalalabad Road**
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Details

It is learnt that a possible disaster was averted with the recovery of a timed remote-controlled bomb made from Russian explosives attached to a passenger bus in Kabul on Sept 4, 2006. The one-kilogram bomb was fitted underneath the seat of a Millie bus. The police found the explosives in Deh Afghanan locality, and the bus was bound for the Khairkhana locality, situated in the western part of Kabul.

2. Earlier on Sept 3, a suicide bomber attacked a NATO convoy killing one British soldier and four Afghan civilians in the Qala-i-Wazir area situated in the eastern part of the capital. At least three British soldiers and four other civilians were also hurt in the blast on the Kabul-Jalalabad road.

3. Embassy of India advises all Indian nationals residing in Kabul to take all security precautions and avoid movement unnecessarily. They are also advised to maintain safe distance from military / ISAF/ NATO convoys while traveling on road and avoid market places in late evening.

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Sept 7, 2006

SECURITY ADVISORY

Highlights

- ***Continuing threat from VBIEDs on Jalalabad Road in Kabul***
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Details

1. It is learnt that 4 (Four) pick up trucks have been converted as Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Devices (VBIEDs) in Kabul. The threat from the above is for the entire city, particularly the area between ANA Central Headquarters and Liberty Circle on Jalalabad Road.
2. Embassy of India advises all Indian nationals residing in Kabul to take all security precautions and avoid movement unnecessarily around the above mentioned area. They are also advised to maintain safe distance from military / ISAF/ NATO/ American convoys while traveling on road and avoid market places in late evening.

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Sept 8, 2006

SECURITY ADVISORY

Highlights

- ***Suicide Attack on US convoy in Kabul***

Details

1. On September 8, 2006 at about 1040 hours in the morning, a suicide car bomber targeted a Humvee convoy on patrol duty in Kabul. In the incident, at least 10 Afghani civilians were killed and 17 others wounded. Two American soldiers were killed and two others wounded.
2. The suicide attack took place a few feet from the Massoud circle, about 600 feet from the entrance to the U.S. Embassy. The bomber rammed his car directly into a Humvee which completely destroyed the military vehicle and created a 6-foot wide crater in the road. The shrapnel shot out in all directions injuring bystanders and the intensity of the attack shattered windows and glass panes of the nearby houses and apartment complexes. Taliban has claimed responsibility for the attack.
3. All Indian nationals residing in Kabul are advised to undertake security precautions and avoid movement unnecessarily around the above mentioned area as has been advised on Sept 6 and 7 in our advisories. They should maintain safe distance from military/ ISAF/ NATO/ American convoys while traveling on road as they are the prime targets and avoid crowded market places and bazaars as these could be potential targets

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Sept 11, 2006

SECURITY ADVISORY

Highlights

***Paktia Governor Killed in Suicide attack
Continuing threat from Suicide Bomber in Kabul***

Details

1. A suicide bomber assassinated the Governor of Paktia, Abdul Hakim Taniwal outside his office in the town of Gardez at around 1300 hours on Sunday. A Taliban spokesman claimed responsibility for the assassination of eastern Paktia province Governor. He was a former federal minister. In the incident, a man with explosives strapped to his body ran toward Taniwal's car and blew himself up, also killing Taniwal's nephew and bodyguard and wounding three police personnel. It is learnt that the bomber was a local fighter and the Taliban has also threatened more attacks in the near future.
2. According to the U.S. military, a suicide bombing cell has been set up in Kabul to target foreign troops. The warning has come two days after a car bomber rammed into a U.S. army convoy near the U.S. Embassy on Sept 8, killing 16 people, including two American soldiers. Earlier on Sept 4, another suicide bomber in Kabul had rammed a British military convoy, killing one soldier and four Afghans.
3. All Indians residing in Kabul and Eastern provinces are advised to undertake security precautions and avoid movement unnecessarily. While traveling on road, they should maintain safe distance from military/ ISAF/ NATO/ American convoys as they are the prime targets and avoid crowded market places and bazaars as these could be potential targets. The threat for Kabul is real and Indians should avoid travelling in local taxis which may also be targets.

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Sept 13, 2006

SECURITY ADVISORY

Highlights

- ***Suicide attack during funeral of Paktia Governor***
 - ***IED connected to Mobile Phone recovered***
 - ***510 Taliban militants killed during Operation Medusa***
 - ***Taliban captures Delaram town***
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Details

1. During the funeral ceremony of slain Paktia Governor, Abdul Hakim Taniwal in the eastern province of Khost, a suicide bomber attacked the mourners who had congregated on the occasion. He blew himself up killing six people, including five police officers and a 12-year-old boy.
2. On September 10, 2006, in Kabul Province Police District - 4, police recovered and defused four hand grenades connected to a mobile phone in a flower pot that had been planted on the divide of the main road in Parwan Sai area.
3. Operation Medusa has been underway since September 2, 2006, in which thousands of NATO and Afghan forces, backed by US air support, especially in Southern Kandahar province, have killed at least 510 suspected Taliban militants till date.
4. Taliban has captured Delaram Township in Khashrud district of the south-western Nimroz province without any resistance by the government forces. Delaram is located on Kandahar-Herat-Nimroz Highway, bordering Farah and Helmand provinces. Taliban spokesman has claimed that they have captured some heavy/light arms and five trucks of the government forces. Further, they have also claimed that Garmsir and Arghandab districts were in their control. However, provincial officials in the southern Helmand province have claimed that they have recaptured Garmsir district which had fallen to the Taliban four days back.
5. Indians residents in Kabul and Southern provinces are advised to undertake security precautions and avoid movement unnecessarily. While traveling on road, they should maintain safe distance from military/ ISAF/ NATO/ American convoys as they are the prime targets and avoid crowded market places and bazaars as these could be potential targets. Movement on the Kandahar – Herat Highway should be restricted to the minimum as there may be danger to individuals travelling in this sector especially from midday onwards.

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Sept 17, 2006

SECURITY ADVISORY

Highlights

- ***Suicide bomber attacks Canadian convoy in Kandahar***
 - ***Bomb blast kills 3 in Kabul province***
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Details

1. A suicide bomber attacked a Canadian military convoy on the outskirts of the city of Kandahar in southern Afghanistan today mid morning i.e. on September 17, 2006. In the incident, the bomber rammed his mini-van into the Canadian convoy and killed himself and a passerby, while injuring five others also. This has happened a day after U.S led forces launched a new offensive against a resurgent Taliban. A NATO spokesman has informed that three of its soldiers suffered minor injuries and one vehicle was also slightly damaged.

2. In a bomb blast in the southern part of Kabul city, three people were killed and one injured on September 16, 2006. The bomb was a remote-controlled device which went off as a car carrying four people passed by on the main road in Musayi district. The victims were all Afghans working for local private security firms providing services to local and international non-governmental organizations.

3. Indians nationals residing in Kabul and Southern provinces are advised to undertake security precautions and avoid unnecessary movement by road. Southern Afghanistan has lately witnessed major offensive by NATO forces against Taliban who have now been shifting their operations to Western Afghanistan especially in the provinces of Farah, Nimroz and Helmand and are mounting counter offensive against the security forces. Hence, Indians traveling by road should keep safe distance from military/ ISAF/ NATO/ American convoys as they are the prime targets and avoid crowded market places and bazaars as these are potential targets. Further, Indians working in NGOs and International organizations must take special care about their security since these bodies are being targeted specifically in the last week.

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Sept 17, 2006

SECURITY ADVISORY

Highlights

- ***Suicide bomber attacks Coalition convoy in Kabul***
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Details

In continuation of our advisory of date, it is informed that this afternoon (September 17) around 1445 hours, a suicide bomber blew himself up 1 km South of Jalalabad Road in Pul-e-Charki Prison (New Prison) area of Kabul targeting a Coalition Forces Convoy. According to initial reports, 2 US Military personnel (Engineers) and 2 local nationals were injured in the attack.

2. Your attention is invited to our advisories dated September 6 and 7 advising to avoid travel on Jalalabad road as the area continue to be a target of suicide bombers. You are further advised to keep safe distance from Military/ISAF/ Coalition forces/American Convoys during your road journeys as available information suggests that these convoys would continue to be targeted in the coming days.

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Sept 19, 2006

SECURITY ADVISORY

Highlights

- ***Increasing trend in Suicide bombings***
 - ***Three Suicide attacks in Kandahar, Herat and Kabul***
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Details

1. The period from January to June end 2006, militants have conducted 42 suicide bombings, killing 82 people and wounding 244 others all over Afghanistan. In comparison, from July to December 2005, 22 suicide attacks were staged which killed 24 people and wounded 60 others last year. Further, the number of suicide attacks has risen sharply since July 1, 2006 with militants staging 27 suicide bombings, killing 98 people and wounding 188 others till date.
2. Afghanistan was hit by three devastating suicide bomb attacks on September 18, 2006, killing 18 people and wounding more than 60, many of them children, in one of the country's worst days of violence against civilians.
 - i. In the first incident, which occurred around 0930 hours, four Canadian soldiers were killed in an explosion by a suicide bomber on a bicycle when Canadian soldiers were foot patrolling outside a school, handing out pens, candy and notebooks to children. The bicycle borne bomber rode into the crowd with an explosives crate tied on the back of his bike. The incident occurred in village Char Kota, in Pashmul area of Kandahar in southern Afghanistan. 38 persons were wounded including 11 soldiers and 27 villagers, many of them children. This area had been just recaptured from the control of Taliban fighters after two weeks of heavy fighting by NATO troops.
 - ii. The second incident occurred when another suicide bomber struck in Herat, killing 11 people and wounding 18 others. The attack in Herat came at 1900 hours as people were leaving the main town mosque, the Masjir-e-Jame, after evening prayers. Most of those killed were young men and the wounded included a 4-year-old boy.
 - iii. In the third incident, a suicide bomber blew up his Toyota Corolla explosive laden car in Udh Kheyi area on Jalalabad road in Kabul around 1715 hours. In the incident, the car detonated against the back of a truck carrying a container. In the explosion, three policemen were killed and eight civilian passers-by were also wounded.

3. Indian Nationals residing in Afghanistan are advised to keep themselves abreast of latest developments through local print and visual media of the developing security scenario in the country. There has been a sudden rise in number of suicide attacks against Military/ISAF/CF/American convoys in September, 2006. Further, trends indicate that suicide attacks would continue in the near future also. Hence, as has been indicated in our advisories time and again, special care would need to be taken on road travel and safe distance should be kept from all Security Forces convoys as they remain prime targets. Indians undertaking project execution are advised to travel with adequate protection during their road movements.

4. The Embassy of India is in the process of updating Email IDs of Organizations/individuals working and residing in Afghanistan and those desirous of getting their Emails included for Security Advisories are requested to mail their Email Addresses with full name to the undersigned at the earliest. In case they want to add names of their friends and colleagues in Afghanistan, they may also mail the undersigned their Email addresses for inclusion in the mailing list.

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Sept 26, 2006

SECURITY ADVISORY

Highlights

- ***Helmand Governor attacked by Suicide Bomber***
 - ***RCIED attack on ISAF Patrol in South Kabul***
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Details

1. A suicide bomber struck outside the compound of the Helmand Governor's residence today, killing 18 people, including several Muslim pilgrims seeking permission to travel to Mecca. The attacker was stopped by Afghan soldiers at the compound's security gate, where he detonated his explosive vest. Nine Afghan soldiers and nine civilians were killed and seventeen other civilians were wounded. The Helmand Governor, Mohammed Daoud Safi, was present inside the compound and is reportedly not hurt in the explosion.

2. In a second incident in Kabul today at 0830 hours, a powerful Remote-Controlled Improvised Explosive Device (RCIED) struck a NATO convoy on patrol on the outskirts of the capital in Chahar Asyab District, near Khair Abad village on Kabul – Logar road, killing an Italian +soldier and an Afghan child. Five other International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) soldiers were hurt in the blast and five other Afghan civilians were also wounded. It is learnt that the explosives were hidden in a culvert passing under the road about 14 kilometers south of the city. The blast was so powerful that it ripped up the road tarmac and tossed an ISAF armoured vehicle completely destroying it. Further, a civilian taxi and a motorbike were also damaged in the attack.

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Sept 30, 2006

SECURITY ADVISORY

Highlights

- ***Suicide attack in Kabul.***
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Details

A suicide bomber blew himself up outside the Interior Ministry in Kabul today (Sept. 30, 2006) morning at around 0800 hours killing at least 12 persons and wounding 50 others. The attacker detonated explosives strapped to his body in a crowd of Ministry of Interior (MOI) staff gathered at the compound's personnel gate to get to work. Most of the casualties are likely to be police personnel/officers and MOI officials entering the Ministry for their normal office duties, besides some civilians.

2. All Indian Nationals residing in Afghanistan are advised to keep themselves abreast of latest developments through local print and visual media of the developing security scenario in the country.

3. In view of the sudden rise in number of suicide attacks in and around Government/Security Forces, it is strongly advised that additional precautions and due care should be taken, while moving in public places and near government buildings.

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