

The security situation in Afghanistan remains highly volatile, unpredictable and dangerous. In recent months, different terrorist groups operating in Afghanistan have escalated violent activities and carried out series of complex attacks in Kabul City and other parts of Afghanistan, mainly targeting Afghan Security Forces, Police Forces, Ministries and even the innocent civilians. With the recent announcement of operation *Al Khandaq* by the Taliban, the spate of violent incidents are likely to continue and a further deterioration in the security situation is expected.

In view of the heightened security threat, all Indian citizens visiting/staying/working in Afghanistan are advised to exercise extreme vigilance and renew their personal security arrangements, and take appropriate measures to enhance their personal security, maintain high level of alertness at place of stay, route and work place.

Non-essential visit to and within Afghanistan may be avoided. Those having to visit Afghanistan for unavoidable reasons should go through the security advisory and follow the drill scrupulously. Travelling outside the main cities should only be undertaken by Air as most roads are unsafe and prone to attacks and illegal check posts put up by militants.

In case of any requirements/assistance, the concerned Police district may be requested to provide immediate security assistance. Please keep the contact number of nearest PS in readiness to contact in case of any emergency. Further, all Indians are advised to remain in touch with the Embassy of India, Kabul and other Consulates in Heart, Mazar-e-Sharif, Jalalabad and Kandahar for any guidance on security matters.

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