The High Commission of India wishes to point out that in view of the upcoming Presidential elections in February 2019, there is a likelihood of election related violence and protests in some parts of the country including Abuja and Lagos; and Indian Nationals in Nigeria should follow standard personal security precautions. While protests are usually peaceful, they have the potential to turn violent.

There has been an increase in terrorist activity, especially in Borno state recently and thus travel plans should be made taking into account the current security situation. Terrorist organisations have indicated plans to disrupt the upcoming 2019 Presidential elections by conducting attacks on crowded places. While there is no specific threat, Indian Nationals in Nigeria are advised to be aware of the emerging security situation.

The High Commission of India cautions the Indian Nationals living in Nigeria and those coming for visits to be extra vigilant and take all possible security measures to ensure their protection. It is important to closely follow updates on the prevailing security situation issued by the local government and police. A list of DO’s and DON’T’s is attached for ready reference.

In case of any emerging crisis or trouble, or if you have any information to share, please contact the Indian High Commission at Abuja or the Office of the High Commission in Lagos at the following co-ordinates: -

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SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS - DO's AND DON'T's

DO's

- Keep your identity papers handy, to be shown to security personnel when asked.
- Keep telephone numbers and contact details of your friends, neighbours, local police station and Indian High Commission handy.
- Keep in regular touch with the local Indian Association to obtain updates the prevailing security situation. Follow news reports and be alert to developments.
- Stocks of essential items, ie food stuff, water, medicines and fuel should be kept, to enable sustenance in case the security situation deteriorates.
- Inform your co-workers, friends/relations about your movements so that in case there is a crisis then alert can be sounded.
- Do keep your passport valid for travel in emergencies.
- Telephone numbers of NOK and your Blood Group should be accessible.
- It is better to venture out if required in groups, rather than alone.
- Do try and use personal company vehicles instead of local taxis.
- If you’re working or travelling in areas where there is a Boko Haram presence, especially in the North East of Nigeria, you should be aware of the threat of terrorist kidnap.
- Do follow your employer’s security advice, make sure your accommodation is secure and review your security measures regularly.
- The local laws and practices should be respected at all times.

DON'T's

- Do not rely on unknown persons or strangers.
- In case of a crisis do not venture out and remain inside your house or campus till the situation has improved.
- Do not travel alone, especially at night.
- If unsure, then do not share your travel details with strangers.
- Avoid large crowds and public demonstrations as they can turn violent unexpectedly and at short notice.
- Avoid going to crowded local market places.
- Avoid ostentatious display of wealth.
- Do not get into arguments with the locals, better to walk away from a developing dangerous situation.

Nigeria being a friendly country, should be reflected in our behaviour