

HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA, ABUJA

Security Advisory of 08.03.2017

The High Commission of India feels constrained to point out that in the recent past, some parts of Nigeria have witnessed an escalation in insecurity. A string of incidents in the north-east of the country, instances of agitation in the South East besides attacks in the Niger delta region on oil installations continue to pose security challenges. With the prevailing security situation, High Commission of India cautions Indian National in these states to be extra vigilant and take all possible security measures for their protection.

2. In the recent past, Indians living in Nigeria occasionally became unfortunate victims. Recent cases of Indian victims of insecurity in Nigeria include instances of kidnapping of Indian Nationals in Lagos and Abia State. In most cases Indians were passive victims of a situation or a criminal act. In some cases, a more prudent and cautious conduct could have avoided a calamitous outcome.

3. In view of these instances of escalating violence and criminality in various parts of Nigeria, the High Commission emphasises its previous advisories to the Indian Nationals in Nigeria. Specifically, they should limit their exposure to aforementioned and other areas of Nigeria prone to insecurity. They are also strongly urged to constantly observe the appended List of Security Precautions.

4. In view of the temporary closure of the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja, Indian citizens are requested to restrain avoidable travel in and out of Abuja from March 08 to April 19, 2017.

5. In case of any crisis, or if you have any information to share, please contact Indian High Commission at Abuja/Lagos at the following co-ordinates:

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List of Security Precautions

- Keep in regular touch with the local Indian Association or Grouping to obtain an update about the local security situation and succour in case of hostilities.
- Do not venture outdoors until peaceful conditions have been restored.
- In crisis situation, preferably use a known local driver or guide knowledgeable about the roads and the security situation in the area.
- Always keep your identity papers handy to be shown to security agencies on demand.
- Remain vigilant and avoid travelling alone, especially during night hours.
- Keep telephone numbers and contact details of your friends, neighbours, the local police station and Indian High Commission handy.
- Keep stocks of essentials goods, including medicines, water, foodstuff & fuel.
- Inform near relations/friends/co-employees/employer about your movements to so that in case you are un-contactable, an alert can be raised.
- Ensure that your Passport is always valid for emergencies
- Your Blood Group and Coordinates of Next-of-Kin should be accessible.
- Do not rely or trust unknown persons or strangers.
- To the extent possible, use personal or company vehicle instead of taxis.
- Avoid ostentatious wealth display and public discussion of financial matters.
- Avoid public gatherings, especially of political or religious nature and shun public arguments over sensitive or controversial matters.
- The local laws and practices should be respected at all times.
- Indian sailors travelling through Gulf of Guinea are cautioned since the piracy in Gulf of Guinea is on the rise since 2012.
- Nigeria being a friendly country should be reflected in our behaviour.

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