

## HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA, ABUJA

### SECURITY ADVISORY : LIKELY ELECTION RELATED VIOLENCE IN NIGERIA

1. The High Commission of India advises all Indian Citizens residing in Nigeria to exercise care and be security conscious, as we approach the Presidential as well as Gubernatorial (Governor) elections on 25 Feb and 11 Mar 2023 respectively.
2. All Indian Nationals are advised to be extra vigilant, observant and take all possible security measures for their safety and protection. Indian citizens may take conscious decisions on travel or to visit crowded places like Shopping Malls, hotels, bars, restaurants or any such social gathering, and avoid the same, unless very urgent. The necessity to travel at night on highways maybe avoided. **In addition, all Indian Nationals are advised to avoid places/ locations where political rallies or election related events are being held.** Local security agencies should be informed about any suspicious movement or activities.
3. 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 High Commission of India in Abuja or the Consulate General of India in Lagos at the following contact points: -

#### High Commission of India, Abuja

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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.
- Avoid traveling alone at night and ensure valuables such as cash, laptops, cell phones, bags etc are kept out of sight.
- Keep vehicle doors locked and windows always rolled up while driving, especially in traffic jams or at traffic lights.
- Try to use main roads and avoid taking side roads at night.
- Keep in regular touch with the local Indian Association to obtain updates on the prevailing security situation. Follow news reports and be alert to developments.
- Stocks of essential items, i.e. 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.
- Avoid travelling in areas where there is a Boko Haram presence, especially in the North East of Nigeria.
- Do follow your employer's security advice, make sure your accommodation is secure and review your security measures regularly.

### **DON'T's**

- Go near political rally spots or locations where election related events are being held.
- 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 marketplaces.
- Avoid ostentatious display of wealth.
- Do not get into arguments with the locals, better to walk away from a developing dangerous situation.