

HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA, ABUJA
SECURITY ADVISORY: JANUARY 2025

The High Commission of India wishes to inform that there has been a notable increase in criminal activities related to armed robbery and kidnappings in the country in the last few months.

2. Drastic rise in the cost of living, removal of fuel subsidy, as well as currency devaluations, have resulted in a general sense of unease in the local population. There has also been an increase in robberies and kidnappings, probably as a fallout of the same. Besides the already known hotspots in the North East and central region of Nigeria, there have been increasing instances of attacks in the Federal Capital Territory as well as Lagos metropolitan area.

3. In view of the above, all Indian Nationals are advised to be extra vigilant and take all possible security measures for their safety and protection. The necessity to travel at night on highways maybe reconsidered. It is also advisable to avoid visiting local markets and crowded areas in Abuja and Lagos after last light. Local security agencies should be informed about any suspicious movement or activities.

4. 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 contact points: -

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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 in groups, if required, 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

- 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, especially after last light.
- Avoid ostentatious display of wealth.
- Do not get into arguments with the locals, better to walk away from a developing dangerous situation.