

HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA, ABUJA

Security Advisory of 24.12.2014

While wishing Indian community in Nigeria a safe 2015, the High Commission of India feels constrained to point out that in the recent past, Indians living in Nigeria came under unprecedented level of insecurity and were, occasionally, unfortunate victims. Cases of Indian victims of insecurity in Nigeria include attack by unidentified armed group on the premises of Indian owned Industries, besides kidnapping of Indians in some States. While in most cases Indians were passive victims of a situation or a criminal conspiracy, in some cases, a more prudent and cautious conduct could have avoided a calamitous outcome.

2. In the recent past, some parts of Nigeria have witnessed an escalation in insecurity, a string of violent incidents in the north-east of the country and instances of kidnappings in the coastal belt, particularly by pirates in the Gulf of Guinea. With the prevailing security situation in three North-Eastern states of Nigeria, High Commission of India cautions Indian community in these states to be extra vigilant and take all possible security measures for their protection.

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 insecurity prone areas of Nigeria. They are also strongly urged to constantly observe the appended List of Security Precautions.

4. In case of any crisis, or if you have any information to share, please contact the 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.