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US warns its citizens against travel to Afghanistan

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The US Department of State has warned its citizens against travel to Afghanistan, saying the security threat to all U.S. citizens in Afghanistan remains critical.

US Department of State following a statement, said, “No province in Afghanistan should be considered immune from violence and banditry, and the strong possibility exists throughout the country for hostile acts, either targeted or random, against U.S. and other foreign nationals at any time.”

The statement further added, “Remnants of the former Taliban regime and members of other terrorist organizations hostile to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and foreign nationals remain active in every province of the country.”

The State Department also added that ongoing military combat operations, landmines, banditry, armed rivalry between political and tribal groups, and the possibility of insurgent attacks, including attacks using vehicle-borne or other improvised explosive devices, also poses threats to US citizens traveling to Afghanistan.

“The threat situation in Afghanistan is still considered critical and is expected to remain so through the presidential and provincial elections and the political and military transition in 2014,” the statement.

According to the State Department, Kabul remains at high risk for militant attacks, including VBIEDs, direct and indirect fire, and suicide bombings, despite numerous security operations and checkpoints by Afghan and coalition forces in and around the city.

The State Department also warned of riots, incidents of civil disturbance, ambushes, kidnappings, robberies, and violent crime, which can add to the insecurity in many areas of the country.