



## Forced Martyrdom Person Borne IED Threat



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## BEWARE OF FORCED MARTYRDOM ATTACKS

*Locals are criticizing the Taliban for their brutal crimes, calling them "Wolves hiding under the banner of Islam."*

(UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY) Reports have revealed criminals in Panjwa'i District are using forced martyrs to attack Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Officials, Afghanistan National Security Forces and Coalition Forces. The forced martyrdom criminal tactic requires an Afghan to hold an Improvised Explosive Device at a staged attack site by a road or a trail.

(UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY) Criminals staging the martyrdom attack force an innocent person to hold an IED and then call out a signal when they see a potential target (either vehicle or pedestrian). Upon calling out the signal, criminals at a safe distance detonate the IED by radio control or command wire. It is reported that criminals triggering the device plan to hide in brush or behind walls to avoid suspicion.

(UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY) When approaching a forced martyrdom IED, it will appear as if the innocent Afghan victim is simply standing alongside a road. The IED is reportedly covered in a blanket, and is held by the individual being murdered. The command detonated person borne IED attacks are reported to be followed by an ambush.

(UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY) Criminals coerce innocent Afghans to commit to the forced martyrdom tactic on behalf of the Taliban and their operations by threatening the Afghans and telling them they and their families will be killed if they do not take their lives for the Taliban and its cause.

### Assessment

(UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY) *This reporting verifies the Taliban (and their affiliated Criminal Networks) intentions to intimidate and kill innocent Afghan Citizens in order to further their immoral goals. It is also assessed that the Taliban are powerless to control the criminals, murderers, and foreign fighters it welcomes into Afghanistan and includes among its leadership. Reports of this forced martyrdom tactic support analysis that insurgents from outside Afghanistan are intentionally altering suicide attacks by not granting the suicide bomber control of detonating the IED. It was previously assessed that Taliban Senior Leaders viewed past suicide attacks as being poorly executed due to human error by the suicide bomber (possibly drug induced). In what appears to be a desperation tactic for lack of willing suicide bombers, the Taliban or its affiliated criminals are allowing a designated murderer to control the detonation of the bomb held by an unwilling victim, thus increasing the criminal network's chances of a successful spectacular attack against targets. Previous justifications given for the use of suicide bombers stated that Islam validated voluntary martyrdom against infidels and other non-believers. This new tactic demonstrates that martyrdom is now being forced upon unwilling believers by hypocritical Muslims who are killing true Muslims for their own illicit purposes.*

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UTILIZE ALL AVAILABLE DETECTION & FORCE PROTECTION MEASURES, INCLUDING VISUAL INDICATORS TO IDENTIFY AFGHAN CITIZENS BEING USED AS VICTIMS AND FORCED MARTYRS BY CRIMINAL NETWORKS. ALL SECURITY FORCES SHOULD BE AWARE OF AND IDENTIFY LONE PERSONS BEHAVING SUSPICIOUSLY ON ROADSIDES AND HOLDING HIDDEN ITEMS. CONSIDERATION THAT THESE PERSONS ARE UNWILLING PARTICIPANTS AND VICTIMS SHOULD BE MADE WHEN DECIDING USE OF FORCE, HOWEVER, FORCE PROTECTION MEASURES SHOULD NEVER BE COMPROMISED WHEN ENCOUNTERING A FORCED MARTYR. AFGHAN CITIZENS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO REPORT CRIMINAL ELEMENTS ENGAGING IN THIS HEINOUS TACTIC IN ORDER FOR GIROA SECURITY FORCES TO RESPOND AND ASSIST THE VICTIM AND THEIR FAMILY.

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