Delhi: Blast near Israeli embassy being treated as a possible 'terror attack'

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Israel's National Security Council (NSC) is reportedly treating the incident of blast near the Israel embassy in Delhi as "likely a terror attack". The NSC has issued advisory for India, particularly Delhi, asking citizens to practice caution and avoid crowded places.

On 26th December (Tuesday), a blast was reported near the Israeli embassy in the national capital. As per reports, at around 5:47 PM, the fire brigade had received a call about a blast behind the Israeli embassy building.

According to <u>Reuters</u> the explosion did not kill or wound any staff members, authorities said, adding that investigations into its cause were ongoing.

Officials were still inspecting the area but it had been reopened to the general public. There was no information suggesting anyone on the street had been hurt.



A letter has now reportedly been recovered a few metres away from the embassy at an empty plot of land. It is addressed to the Israeli ambassador and mentions hateful content against Israel over the ongoing war against Hamas. The letter also reportedly mentions Islamist words 'Allah-Hu-Akbar' and 'Jihad'. The letter that was placed in an envelope says "Jihad will continue". The letter reportedly criticised Israel's retaliation to Hamas in Gaza and also mentioned for revenge.

The letter has been sent to the forensic lab for fingerprint testing. A police source has said that the letter is written in English. "This is a one page letter written in English language. It is suspected that it is linked to an organisation," the police source reportedly said.

A security cordon has been created around the Jewish community centre.