

Israel warns its citizens travelling to India for New Years eve of possible terror attacks

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Jerusalem: The Israel counter-terrorism bureau has issued a warning for its citizens travelling to India ahead of the New Year celebrations citing a "concrete basic threat" and advised to avoid parties and gatherings particularly in south-western part of the country.

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"We are warning Israeli tourists in India of the possibility of imminent terrorist attacks against western targets and tourists, particularly in the southwest of that country," Israel's Counter-Terrorism Bureau said yesterday in a statement, released by the Prime Minister's office.

"We ask to focus on events in the coming days related to the Christian New Year's holiday, placing particular emphasis on beach parties and clubs, where there is larger concentration of tourists," it said.

"Israeli tourists travelling in India have been asked to stay alert and to pay attention to local media reports and security agencies. Furthermore, families with relatives in

India are asked to update them about the travel warning and recommendation," the warning said.

Israel's warning came hours after Australian anti-terror police charged a man for making threats against Sydney's New Year's Eve celebrations.

- (With PTI inputs)