



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Colombia (Bogota), Student Protests

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U.S. Embassy Bogota released the following Warden Message on October 26, 2011:

About 300 students from Universidad SENA are protesting against a new education law and blocking traffic at Carrera 30 between Avenue Primero and Calle 27. Another group of 80 students from SENA are marching on Carrera 13 From Calle 60 towards Calle 45. They are expected to take Carrera 7 to Plaza de Bolivar.

At approximately 11:00 am today, more than 1000 students from SENA, Universidad Nacional, Distirtal and Pedagogica, and students from district schools, are expected to marching on Carrera 7 from Calle 72 towards Plaza de Bolivar to protest an education bill to be debated in the Colombian congress.

The Colombian National Police are taking measures accordingly.

As always, we advise US Citizens that even demonstrations that are meant to be peaceful can become violent and unpredictable. You should avoid them if at all possible. Be alert and aware of your surroundings and pay attention to what the local news media has to say.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the Embassy website, found here. You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's, Bureau of Consular Affairs website where you can find the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information. If you don't have internet access, we have a call center for updates--1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

You can contact the American Citizen Services Unit at the U.S. Embassy in Bogota, Colombia, via e-mail at acsbogota@state.gov or by telephone at (571) 315-0811. The U.S. Embassy is located at Carrera 45, # 24B-27, Bogota, D.C., Colombia and is open to the public by appointment on Monday through Thursday from 09:00 to 11:30. You can schedule a non-emergency appointment by visiting this website.



The Embassy operates a Consular Agency in Baranquilla, Colombia which also provides assistance to U.S. citizens. The Baranquilla Consular Agency is located Calle 77B No. 57-141, suite 511. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. No appointment is necessary.