



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Bern (Switzerland), Kurdish Demonstration Scheduled (January 18)

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On Wednesday, January 18, 2012, from 2 pm to 3:30 pm, a Kurdish Group in Switzerland will hold a demonstration in front of the U.S. Embassy in Bern. The Swiss police are expecting approximately 100 to 200 demonstrators and will be monitoring and providing appropriate security.

We remind U.S. citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. If you or any of your family members experience any trouble as a result of this demonstration, please contact the Swiss police at 117. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the American Citizen Services at 031 357 7011.

U.S. citizens who travel to or reside in Switzerland are strongly advised to enroll through the State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>. U.S. citizens without Internet access may enroll directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy. By enrolling, you make it easier for the U.S. Embassy or Consulate to contact you in case of emergency.

Current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States or a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444 for callers from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). You can also stay up to date by bookmarking our Bureau of Consular Affairs website, <http://travel.state.gov/> which contains the current Travel Warnings http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis_pa_tw_1168.html and Travel Alerts as well as the Worldwide Caution http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_4787.html Follow us on Twitter <http://twitter.com/#!/travelgov> and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/travelgov> as well.