



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Baghdad (Iraq), Possibility of Demonstrations in Basrah (April 23) Political Violence

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Emergency Message to the U.S. Community in Iraq
U.S. Embassy Baghdad
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SUBJECT: Possibility of Demonstrations in Basrah on April 23, 2012

The Embassy of the United States in Iraq is currently following reports that a demonstration about the situation in Bahrain may occur in Basrah on April 23, 2012. As a result, there may be increased inconvenience and security risk to American citizens that day in Basrah.

Demonstrations in Iraq have at times previously involved violence that has caused injuries and deaths. U.S. citizens are therefore advised to avoid large crowds, protests, and demonstrations.

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U.S. citizens may contact the U.S. Embassy, located in the International Zone, via e-mail to BaghdadACS@state.gov. In the event of a U.S. citizen emergency please contact: 0770-443-1286 (from Iraq) or 011-964-770-443-1286 (from the United States).

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