



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Baghdad (Iraq), Traffic and Movement Restriction

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From June 11-17, 2012, Iraq will commemorate the "Imam Moussa Al Kadhim" martyrdom remembrance at the Imam Holy Shrine in the Al Kadhimiyah section of northern Baghdad. The five-day event is expected to attract approximately 2-4 million pilgrims. Processions occur in the evenings, with peak crowds expected on Saturday, June 16. The Government of Iraq is expected to implement tight security measures (movement restrictions, street closings, traffic diversions, snap checkpoints, etc.) throughout Baghdad between June 11 and June 17, 2012.

All U.S. citizens in Iraq, including those working on contract for the U.S. Government, are encouraged to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). U.S. citizens without internet access may enroll directly at the U.S. Embassy. By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency.

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 an emergency involving a U.S. citizen, please contact: 0770-443-1286 (from Iraq) or 011-964-770-443-1286 (from the United States).

U.S. citizens traveling abroad should regularly monitor the U.S. Department of State's, Bureau of Consular Affairs website, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information can be found. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review "A Safe Trip Abroad," which includes valuable security information for those living and traveling abroad. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook as well. You can also download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App to have travel information at your fingertips. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain the latest information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada, or outside the United States and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).