



## **Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Rangoon (Burma), Scheduled Protests Begin on June 15** Religious Violence

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The sectarian violence in Rakhine State over the last week has resulted in strong feelings on many sides with calls for demonstrations in Rangoon beginning June 15, 2012. A small demonstration that took place on June 14, 2012 outside the UK Embassy was peaceful and marked by a large police presence.

While there are no known specific threats against U.S. citizens, you are advised to avoid downtown Rangoon south of Dama Zedi/Shwe Gon Tain roads from June 15 through June 17, 2012.

While in public areas, stay alert and aware of the people around you at all times. Stay clear of all demonstrations or public gatherings. If you see something suspicious, report it to the U.S. Embassy or local authorities if possible and leave the area. Even demonstrations that are meant to be peaceful can become violent and unpredictable.

The safety and well-being of U.S. citizens in Burma is the U.S. Embassy's primary concern. Consular Officers and staff are ready to assist in the event of an emergency. The Embassy's 24 Hour Duty Officer Telephone is (95)-(9)-512-4330. The 24 Hour Embassy Telephone is (95)-(1)-536-509. If calling the 24 Hour Embassy Telephone, explain that you want to speak to the Duty Officer or a Consular Officer.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's Consular Affairs website at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Alerts, Travel Warnings and health-information resources can be found.

Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the U.S. and Canada, or, for callers outside the U.S. and Canada, 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).