



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Brussels (Belgium), Demonstrations Scheduled (June 17)

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On Sunday, June 17, beginning at 11:00, the group "Belgians Against Sharia4Belgium" will stage a protest. The group will assemble at the Royal Palace, and then march via the Rue de la Régence and the Sablon area to the Place Poelaert (Justice Palace). Police sources have indicated that there is an ongoing movement to organize a counter-protest using Facebook, Twitter, and other electronic means. This counter-protest is being organized by FGTB Youth, a socialist student group. The size of the counter-protest is unknown at this time.

Please note this march is scheduled for Rue de la Régence / Regentschapstraat, and not Boulevard du Régent / Regentlaan, the location of the U.S. Embassy. The Embassy is situated three blocks north of the Royal Palace.

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 possibly, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

The U.S. Embassy in Brussels can be reached at +32-2-811-4000. The fax number for the Consular Section is +32-2-811-4546. We are located at Regentlaan 27 Boulevard du Régent, B-1000 Brussels. The Embassy's website includes consular information and the most recent messages to the American community in Belgium.

The U.S. Embassy encourages U.S. citizens to review "A Safe Trip Abroad," which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. All U.S. citizens in Belgium are urged to enroll online at the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). Enrolling gives U.S. Citizens access to updated information on travel and security within Belgium and makes it easier for the Embassy to contact citizens in case of emergency. You can also download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App to have travel information at your fingertips.

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, which contains the current Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts as well as the Worldwide Caution as well as Country Specific Information for Belgium. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook as well.