



Demonstration Notice: Rome (Italy), Demonstration on Via Veneto (August 14)

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Demonstrations take place in Italy from time to time in response to world events or local developments. United States citizens should keep current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

The police have advised the U.S. Embassy in Rome that on Tuesday, 14 August from 1000 to 1200 there will be a small (20 participants) demonstration at the BNL bank building (corner of Via Leonida Bissolati and Via Veneto) across from the U.S. Embassy in Rome on Via Veneto. According to the police, the group is demonstrating to ask for U.S. protection of Iranian political refugees presently detained in Camp Ashraf in Iraq. The police will be present to monitor the event.

The U.S. Embassy in Rome recommends all U.S. citizens and their families avoid the demonstration and exercise caution if walking or driving in proximity to the affected area.

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.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Country Specific Information for Italy, Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States 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).

The U.S. Embassy in Rome can be reached at (+39) 06-4674-1; the fax number is (+39) 06-4674-2244. The Embassy's web site includes travel information and the Worldwide Caution and Demonstration Notices. All U.S. citizens are encouraged to enroll in the Smart



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