



## Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Bratislava (Slovakia), Demonstration (September 9, 2012)

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U.S. Embassy Bratislava informs U.S. citizens that a demonstration is scheduled to take place on Sunday, September 9, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. beginning on Námestie SNP (square) in downtown Bratislava. The demonstration is to call attention to the "Gorilla" scandal (the subject of protests prior to the March 2012 Parliamentary elections) and to express disapproval with the investigation of the case. The Slovak Police anticipate approximately 100 people will participate in the event. Demonstrators intend to gather on the square, and then march toward the Slovak Parliament via Hodžovo námestie and Palisády. You may encounter road closures in these areas.

Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. You should avoid the areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. Be alert and aware of your surroundings and pay attention to local news media.

We encourage 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 Slovakia 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 Slovakia 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.

You can get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs website, where you can find the Worldwide Caution and current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information. If you don't have Internet access, you can call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free from within the U.S. and Canada, or a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444 from overseas. U.S. citizens living or traveling abroad are also encouraged to maintain valid travel documents and to enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive the latest travel updates and information and to obtain updated information on travel and security issues.

The U.S. Embassy in Bratislava is located at Hviezdoslavovo námestie #4, between the Czech Embassy and the Hotel Carlton. To reach the American Citizens Services unit during



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In an emergency, you can call the Duty Officer at tel: 421 903 703 666, or tel:  
421-2-5443-0861, and press "0" to speak with an operator.