



## **Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Sana'a (Yemen), Demonstrations and Consular Closure**

Riots/Civil Unrest

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U.S. Embassy Sana'a informs U.S. Citizens of continued demonstrations in the vicinity of the embassy, and the security situation remains fluid. In the interest of safety, all consular services will be closed on Saturday, September 15. Any U.S. citizen with a life-or-death emergency should call the Embassy at 755-2000 to reach the duty officer.

The U.S. Embassy continues to recommend that U.S. citizens avoid large gatherings. Even demonstrations or events intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. U.S. citizens in Yemen are urged to monitor local news reports and to plan their activities accordingly.

The current Travel Warning warns against travel to Yemen. U.S. citizens who are already in Yemen should depart. The security threat to all U.S. citizens in Yemen remains critical. As staffing levels at the Embassy are restricted, our ability to assist U.S. citizens in an emergency remains limited and may be further constrained by the fluid security situation. The Embassy continues to severely restrict travel for all official personnel until further notice; all official travel must be approved on a case-by-case basis.

U.S. citizens remaining in Yemen despite the Travel Warning should regularly monitor the Embassy's Messages for U.S. Citizens, as well as the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs website, where the Worldwide Caution, Country Specific Information and the Travel Warning for Yemen are found. U.S. citizens traveling and residing abroad should enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). U.S. citizens without internet access may enroll directly at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate at their destination. By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency.

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).

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.

The U.S. Embassy in Sanaa is located at Dhahr Himyar Zone, Sheraton Hotel District, P.O. Box 22347. The telephone number of the Consular Section is (967) (1) 755-2000, extension



2153 or 2266. For after-hours emergencies, please call (967) (1) 755-2000 (press zero for extension) or (967) 733-213-509. U.S. citizens can also reach the consular section via e-mail at [SanaaACS@state.gov](mailto:SanaaACS@state.gov).