



## **Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Singapore (Singapore), Planned Demonstrations**

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The U.S. Embassy in Singapore has been informed that demonstrations are scheduled to take place in the afternoon on Friday, September 21, 2012 at the following locations in Malaysia: on Jalan Tun Razak in the vicinity of the U.S. Embassy in Kuala Lumpur; in front of the Tabung Haji Mosque and proceeding by foot to the vicinity of the Embassy; in the vicinity of Jamek Kampung Mosque in Kuala Lumpur, approximately 3 kilometers north of the U.S. Embassy on Jalan Raja Abdullah; at the Taman Perling Mosque in Johor Bahru, Johor state; and at all district mosques in Sabah state. U.S. citizens are advised to avoid all areas noted above on Friday afternoon.

From noon until late afternoon on Friday vehicular and foot traffic in the area around the U.S. Embassy in Kuala Lumpur will be disrupted. Given the uncertainty inherent in this situation, the Embassy in Kuala Lumpur will close to the public at 11 a.m. Visa and American Citizens Services appointments scheduled for the afternoon of September 21 will be rescheduled for later dates. In the event of an emergency, U.S. citizens may call the Embassy in Kuala Lumpur at (03) 2168-5000 at any time. The Embassy plans to re-open for normal business on Monday, September 24.

The U.S. Embassy in Jakarta, the U.S. Consulate General in Surabaya, the American Presence Post in Medan, the U.S. Consular Agency in Bali, and the U.S. Mission to ASEAN will be closed on Friday, September 21 because of the potential for significant demonstrations that might be held in front of these facilities. The U.S. Embassy in Jakarta advises, as always, that people should avoid large crowds and other gatherings that might turn violent. The U.S. Embassy in Jakarta will continue to monitor the situation and provide further updates, if needed.

The U.S. Embassy in Singapore is open for regular business and normal hours.

The U.S. Embassy in Singapore is not aware of specific threats to U.S. citizens in Malaysia and Indonesia at this time. As a general precaution, the U.S. Embassy advises you to exercise caution and to be aware of your surroundings, particularly around large crowds or gatherings. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and



possibly escalate into violence with little or no warning. You should avoid areas that may be targeted for demonstrations and exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations or large gatherings. You should monitor local media to keep updated with the latest information about demonstrations and areas to avoid.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the U.S. Embassy in Singapore at (65) 6476-9100 or visit the U.S. Citizens Service website at <http://singapore.usembassy.gov/>. We will post the most updated information on the website.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Malaysia, Singapore, and Indonesia to enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at <http://www.travel.state.gov/>. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the embassy or nearest consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

Regularly monitor the Department's website, where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. For additional information, refer to "A Safe Trip Abroad."

Contact the embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 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). Follow us on Twitter and Facebook, and download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App to have travel information at your fingertips.