



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Athens (Greece), Demonstrations (September 26, 2012)

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The "General Confederation of Greek Workers" (GSEE), the "Civil Servants Federation" (ADEDY), and the "Pan-Hellenic Laborers' Fighting Front" (PAME), will sponsor a nationwide strike for tomorrow, September 26, 2012.

Pre-assemblies at these locations have been scheduled for September 26, at 10:00 am:

Kanigos Square
Karaiskaki Square
Vathis Square
Haftia Area
Kotzia Square

- The "General Confederation of Greek Workers" (GSEE) and the "Civil Servants Federation" (ADEDY) will demonstrate at Areos Park at 11:00 hrs.
- The "Pan-Hellenic Laborers' Fighting Front" (PAME), will demonstrate at Omonia Square at 10:30 hrs.
- Various Leftist Organizations & Anti-Authoritarians will demonstrate at the National Archeological Museum (Patission Ave. / near Omonia Square) at 10:30 hrs.

All demonstrations will march to the Greek Parliament (Syntagma Square)

24 hour strikes for September 26:

Pharmacists
Commercial Boats & Ferries
Bank employees
Federal government and municipality offices
Public hospitals (only emergency services will be working)
Public schools
Trains (nationwide) & Suburban
Lawyers
Delivery & Fuel Truck
Customs



The following means of public transportation will operate on a limited schedule for tomorrow:
Blue buses will operate from 09:00 – 21:00 hours.

Trolleys (yellow buses) will operate from 09:00 – 22:00 hours.

Electric train (green line) will operate from 09:00 – 21:00 hours.

Metro & Tram will operate from 08:00 – 21:00 hours.

Work Stoppage

10:00 – 13:00 The air traffic controllers will be on a work stoppage.

Demonstration for Tuesday, September 25, 2012:

12:00 Pan-Hellenic Association of Physiotherapists will demonstrate at the Ministry of Health and Welfare (17 Aristotelous Str. / near Omonia Square).

18:00 Federation of various Universities teachers will demonstrate at Syntagma Square.

Remember, even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence without warning. Avoid areas of demonstrations and, if you are within the vicinity of any demonstrations, remain vigilant and exercise caution.

Review your personal security plans, remain aware of your surroundings and local events, monitor local news stations for updates, and report specific incidences of targeted violence to the U.S. Embassy in Athens or the U. S. Consulate General in Thessaloniki. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security. For additional information, please refer to A Safe Trip Abroad.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens and nationals traveling to or residing in Greece enroll in the State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). U.S. citizens and nationals without Internet access may enroll directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. Enrolling signs you up to receive updated information about areas abroad and makes it easier for the U.S. Embassy or Consulate to contact you or your designated contact in case of emergency.

You can contact the U.S. Embassy in Athens or the U.S. Consulate General in Thessaloniki for general consular assistance and up-to-date information on conditions in Greece. Check



this website for opening hours and contact information.

Current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada 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. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook as well.