



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Tripoli (Libya), Demonstrations in Tripoli and Benghazi Riots/Civil Unrest

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Media reports the possibility of demonstrations in Tripoli and Benghazi on Friday, September 28, 2012 beginning at approximately 5:00 pm. Please avoid the Al Shajara area in downtown Benghazi, and Martyr's Square in Tripoli. The demonstrations are a continuation of those that took place in Benghazi September 21-22, 2012.

Even demonstrations that are meant to be peaceful can become violent and unpredictable. You should avoid them if at all possible. Be alert and aware of your surroundings, and pay attention to what the local news media has to say.

U.S. citizens in need of emergency assistance should call 091-379-4560 within Libya or +218-91-379-4560 if dialing from outside Libya.

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