



## **Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Amman (Jordan), Planned Large-Scale Demonstration in Amman** Riots/Civil Unrest

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U.S. Embassy Amman advises U.S. citizens of a planned large-scale protest on Friday, October 5. The Islamic Action Front plans to hold the demonstration in downtown Amman following Friday noon prayers.

The local security services anticipate that several thousand people will participate in the "Save the Homeland Rally" that will begin at the Al-Husseini Mosque and end at the Greater Amman Municipality Complex. Counter demonstrations are also planned to be held by the pro-monarchy movement, "Loyal Youth of the Country" during the same time and location. There is a possibility of violence during the rally.

Participants of the demonstrations will first attend noon prayer services at Al-Husseini Mosque and four additional mosques (Al-Talhoni, Prince Hasan, Raghadan, and Palm Yard) in the downtown area before assembling at Al-Husseini to begin the rally. Some of these mosques are near key tourist sites, including the Citadel and Amphitheater. U.S. citizens should avoid these demonstrations and the entire downtown area all day on Friday.

**Avoid U.S. Embassy on Friday:** Because of the potential large size of the Friday demonstration, some demonstrators may elect to break away from the downtown march and move to the Embassy. For this reason, as well as the lingering effects of the recent film and other regional security concerns, the Government of Jordan has increased its security presence around the Embassy compound.

The Embassy is advising its employees and family members to avoid the Embassy compound on Friday, and will be closing all services on the compound that day. U.S. citizens should not go to the Embassy on Friday.

U.S. citizens should avoid areas where demonstrations are ongoing. Spontaneous and planned demonstrations occur in Jordan from time to time in response to world events or local developments. U.S. citizens should avoid mosques after Friday noon prayers, as they can be a focal point for demonstrations. We remind U.S. citizens that protests intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. As always, please be aware of your surroundings and monitor local media.

The Embassy advises U.S. citizens to maintain valid travel documents and enroll with the Department of State through the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program. By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency.



The U.S. Embassy, Amman is located on Al-Umawiyyeen Street, Abdoun, P.O. Box 354. The telephone number is [962] (6) 590-6000, and the fax number is [962] (6) 592-4102. The after-hours emergency telephone number is [962] (6) 590-6500.

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