



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Amman (Jordan), Possible Demonstrations Following Fuel Subsidy Removal

Political Violence

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In light of the spontaneous, and sometimes violent, protests that took place throughout the country November 13, 2012 following the Government of Jordan's announcement of the removal of fuel subsidies, the U.S. Embassy is carefully monitoring the security situation in Amman and throughout the country. While there is no specific information at this juncture that similar actions will continue to take place over the weekend, it is expected that organized demonstrations are likely to take place throughout the country on Friday following noon prayers. Spontaneous protests or conflicts could take place at any time, especially at police stations, government buildings, gas stations, and establishments that sell cooking fuel. There are no additional details available at this time, and local authorities have yet to confirm possible organized demonstrations. U.S. citizens should avoid areas where demonstrations are ongoing. Spontaneous and/or planned demonstrations occur in Jordan from time to time in response to world events or local developments. 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 in 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. U.S. citizens traveling abroad regularly should monitor the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs website, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information can be found. U.S. citizens should also review "A Safe Trip Abroad," which includes valuable security information for those both 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 App, available through iTunes and the Android market to have travel information at your fingertips.

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