



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Dhaka (Bangladesh), U.S. Embassy Reminds American Community to Remain Vigilant

Travel Health and Safety

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The Embassy confirms that a U.S. Embassy vehicle was attacked in Dhaka outside of the diplomatic enclave early this morning. Our driver sustained minor injuries and has received medical treatment. The vehicle also sustained significant damage and is now at the Embassy annex. The Dhaka Metropolitan Police are investigating the incident. All members of the American community should remain vigilant and aware of your surroundings at all times.

We remind American citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. American citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. Be alert and aware at all times - in addition to possible violence, large crowds attract pick-pocketing. All individuals are reminded to carry their mobile phones with them at all times. American citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs internet website, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Alerts, Travel Warnings, and Country Specific Information can be found. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook as well. You can also download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App to have travel information at your fingertips.

U.S. citizens resident or traveling to Bangladesh are urged to enroll with the U.S. Embassy via the Department of State's on-line enrollment service through the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). Travel enrollment allows the Department of State to contact its citizens in the event of an emergency and to provide up-to-date safety and security information. Enrollees wishing to receive such information must provide an e-mail address with their

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enrollment. All enrollees are urged to provide complete contact information and a departure date when signing up on-line.

The regular work week for the American Citizen Services Unit is Sunday through Wednesday, 08:00-16:30 hours. Emergency American Citizens Services are available at all times. The U.S. Embassy in Dhaka is located at Madani Avenue, Baridhara, Dhaka, Bangladesh 1212, and by telephone at (88) (02) 882-3805 during regular hours and at (88) (02) 885-5500 for after-hours emergencies. For after-hours emergency services please press "0" and ask for the duty officer.

Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the United States and Canada or, for callers in other areas, by calling a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

Please monitor the local media for updates. English language local news is available on the following channels at the following times:

BTV - 10:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. & 11:30 p.m.

Bangla Vision – 6:00 p.m.

Diganta – 8:30 p.m.

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