



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Hyderabad (India), Possible Demonstrations

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A political party with a large following in Hyderabad's Old City has called for a general strike on December 6 to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the destruction of the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh. Anticipating possible demonstrations that could provoke communal violence, the Hyderabad Police have issued prohibitory orders effective from 6:00 AM December 5 through 6:00 AM December 8, which restrict activities such as gatherings, posting of signage, and instigation of religious violence. Police have indicated they believe demonstrations will likely be centered around the Charminar monument in the Old City. As a precaution, all U.S. Consulate General personnel are restricted from traveling to the Old City until after December 8.

Spontaneous and planned demonstrations take place in India from time to time in response to world events or local developments. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn violent. Please avoid the areas where demonstrations are occurring and exercise caution if within the vicinity of any large gatherings. Please stay current with media coverage of local events, be aware of your surroundings, and practice personal security awareness at all times.

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