



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Ljubljana (Slovenia) Protests May Continue

Political Violence

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The U.S. Embassy informs U.S. citizens of the possibility of continued protests throughout Slovenia in the coming days. During recent protests in Maribor and Ljubljana, stones and firecrackers were thrown at Slovene authorities. The authorities responded, including using tear gas to disperse parts of the crowd, and injuries were reported with several protesters arrested. The media is reporting that protests are planned for Ljubljana on Friday, December 7, beginning at 4pm with participants expected to gather in Kongresni Trg and in front of Parliament. Press reports also indicate that further protests are scheduled to take place across Slovenia on Friday, December 21.

We encourage all U.S. citizens to exercise common sense security measures. Be cautious if you must enter areas where you may be a target of crime or violence. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

Current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States or a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444 for callers from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). You can also stay up to date by bookmarking our Bureau of Consular Affairs website, which contains the current Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts as well as the Worldwide Caution. Follow the Bureau of Consular Affairs on

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We strongly encourage U.S. citizens living or traveling in Slovenia to register with the U.S. Embassy in Ljubljana through the State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to obtain updated information on travel and security within Slovenia. By registering, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency. U.S. citizens without Internet access may register directly at the U.S. Embassy in Ljubljana.

Regularly monitor the State Department's website, where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the Country Specific Information for Slovenia. For additional information, refer to "A Safe Trip Abroad" on the State Department's website.

The U.S. Embassy in Ljubljana is located at Presernova 31. The American Citizens Services Unit telephone number is (386) 1-200-5595. For after-hours emergencies, the number is (386) 1-200-5500.

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