



## Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Kuwait City (Kuwait), Demonstration and March along Gulf Road on December 8

Riots/Civil Unrest

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According to press reports, there will be a large demonstration and march on Saturday, December 8, between Safir International Hotel and the Kuwait Towers along Gulf Road from approximately 1500 hours to 1700 hours. At times, even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. Vehicular traffic may be blocked or congested along the Gulf Road in the afternoon. An increased police and security presence is expected.

The above Arabic language map, obtained from the internet, purports to indicate where the organizers intend to demonstrate and march. The map has been translated to English. Spontaneous and/or planned demonstrations take place in Kuwait from time to time in response to world events or local developments. Avoid areas of demonstrations and exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. Please stay current with media coverage of local and regional events. U.S. Mission personnel have been advised to continue to practice personal security awareness and we advise the U.S. citizen community to do the same.

U.S. citizens traveling and residing abroad should enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at the following website: <https://step.state.gov>. U.S. citizens without internet access may enroll directly at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate at their destination. By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency.

Updated information on travel and security may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, 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). For further information, please consult the Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website at <http://travel.state.gov> where the Worldwide Caution and Country Specific Information can be found. In addition, the Embassy encourages U.S. citizens to review "A Safe Trip Abroad," which includes valuable security information for those traveling

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The U.S. Embassy is located at Al-Masjid Al-Aqsa Street, Block 6, Plot 14, Bayan, Kuwait. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of emergency assistance in Kuwait, you may reach the U.S. Embassy by calling +965-2259-1001 and requesting the duty officer.

This message may be accessed on the Embassy website, <http://kuwait.usembassy.gov>.

Please note that the Consular Section is closed for U.S. and most local holidays. The current holiday schedule for 2012 is posted on <http://kuwait.usembassy.gov/holidays.html>.

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