



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: The Hague (The Netherlands), Demonstration (December 19)

Riots/Civil Unrest

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The Dutch police have informed the Mission that on Wednesday, December 19, 2012, a group of 50 individuals from the "Right for Existence" foundation (Stichting Recht op Bestaan) will march through The Hague center via Lange Vijverberg and Lange Houtstraat and finish at the Plein. The demonstration will begin at 1800 and is related to the removal of refugee tents from Koekamp-Malieveld last week.

In general, protests in The Netherlands are peaceful. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful, however, can turn confrontational and escalate into violence with little warning. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

General security information

U.S. citizens in The Netherlands are reminded, in general, that if at any time you feel threatened or in danger, please call the Dutch authorities immediately by dialing 1-1-2 for emergency service response from Dutch police, rescue, and fire departments.

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We also recommend you regularly monitor the Department's website, where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. You can also read the Country Specific Information for The Netherlands.

Contact the embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 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). Follow us on Twitter and Facebook, and download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App to have travel information at your fingertips.

The U.S. Consulate General in Amsterdam is located at Museumplein 19, 1071 DJ, Amsterdam and is open from 8 AM to 4:30 PM. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, the emergency number for the Consulate is (31) (0)70-310 2209.

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