



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Dhaka (Bangladesh), Indefinite Nationwide Block

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The opposition Bangladesh National Party (BNP) has called for a nationwide blockade of all intercity roads, railways and waterways. A blockade is a method for articulating a political demand. Since blockades have the potential of turning violent, U.S. Embassy Dhaka takes a cautious approach to ensure the safety of U.S. citizens. Please remain vigilant, avoid crowds and be aware of your surroundings at all times. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations. Until further notice, the intercity travel of U.S. Embassy employees and their family members is prohibited, as is travel on trains. We urge the U.S. citizen public to take appropriate measures to ensure their security, and that of their families.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Bangladesh enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at www.Travel.State.Gov. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

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