



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Amman (Jordan), Demonstrations in Wadi Musa Petra

Riots/Civil Unrest

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The U.S. Embassy has received reports from media and Jordanian authorities of continued demonstrations and resulting police activity in Wadi Musa and Petra, related to criminal activity. The demonstrations, which have occurred nightly and include temporary road closures, have drawn a large police presence on the streets with sporadic gunfire. The Jordanian police are taking steps to calm the situation.

U.S. citizens are reminded to avoid areas where demonstrations are ongoing. Spontaneous and/or planned demonstrations occur in Jordan from time to time in response to world events or local developments. We remind U.S. citizens that protests intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. As always, please be aware of your surroundings and monitor local media.

For further information:

- See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts, and Country Information for Jordan.
- Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (**STEP**) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- The U.S. Embassy in Amman is located on Al-Umawiyyeen Street, Abdoun, P.O. Box 354. The telephone number is [962] (6) 590-6000, and the fax number is [962] (6) 592-4102. The after-hours emergency telephone number is [962] (6) 590-6500.
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