



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Bratislava (Slovakia), Demonstration Notice

Riots/Civil Unrest

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The U.S. Embassy in Bratislava informs U.S. citizens residing in Slovakia that a demonstration entitled "Europe, together against Islamization" is planned for 3p.m. Saturday, February 6, 2016, at SNP Square (*Namestie Slovenskeho narodneho povstania*) in Bratislava. The "Odvaha movement," a self-described "national and pro-Russian coalition," is organizing the event. Several hundred participants may be in attendance. Police will be present to maintain order. A similar demonstration in June 2015, organized by different groups on this same topic, resulted in violence and numerous arrests. Additional protests in September and October, 2015, had fewer participants, included a heavy police presence, and were peaceful.

We remind you that 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.

Review your personal security plans, remain aware of your surroundings, including local events, monitor local news stations for updates, and report specific incidences of targeted violence to the U.S. Embassy in Bratislava at the number below. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security.

For further information:

- See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Slovakia's Country Specific Information.
- Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (**STEP**) to receive security messages

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- Contact the U.S. Embassy in Slovakia located at Hviezdoslavovo namestie 4-5 in Bratislava, at +02 5443 0861, from 8.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Monday through Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +0903 703 666.
- Call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).
- Follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

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