



## Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Dili (Timor-Leste), Large Scale Demonstration Planned (February 23)

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Please be aware that there is a potentially large-scale demonstration planned in Dili for February 23 in front of the Australian Embassy on Comoro Road. The U.S. Embassy recommends that American citizens avoid the area on the day of the protest and remain alert to the possibility of unannounced demonstrations in the days surrounding the planned event.

Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence with little or no warning. U.S. citizens should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations. Please review your personal security plans; remain aware of your surroundings, including local events; and monitor local news stations for updates. 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 Timor-Leste's Country Specific Information for Timor-Leste

Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (**STEP**) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.

Contact the U.S. Embassy in Timor-Leste, located at Av. de Portugal – Praia dos Coqueiros, at +670-332-4684, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +670-7723-1328.

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