



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Kathmandu (Nepal), Demonstrations/Bandhs on 9

Political Violence

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The U.S. Embassy in Kathmandu informs U.S. citizens that the CPN-Maoist political party has called for a nationwide strike/ bandh on 9 June 2016. Planned actions include possible disruption at government offices across Nepal, demonstrations, impeding transportation and other actions that could result in violence or other disturbances. Confrontations between protesters and motorists could occur, especially at major chowks (intersections). Clashes between protestors and police may occur anywhere within the Kathmandu Valley and greater Nepal.

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. Avoid large crowds and gatherings. Use good judgment and common sense when traveling. Please do not attempt to drive through any crowd that you might encounter.

The U.S. Embassy will conduct normal operations. However, travel around Kathmandu may be difficult or impossible for members of the public. The Consular Section is open for emergency American citizen services from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, on normal work days. In the event of an emergency situation after hours, please contact the Embassy and ask for the Duty Officer.

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.

- See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts, and Nepal Country Specific Information.

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- We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens living or traveling in Nepal 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 Kathmandu is located on Maharajgunj and is open 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, excepting U.S. and Nepali holidays. During working hours the telephone number for the Embassy is +977(1) 423-4000. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, outside of business hours, the emergency after-hours number for the U.S. Embassy/Consulate are +(977)(1) 400-7266 and +(977)(1) 400-7269.

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).

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