



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Amsterdam (The Netherlands), Planned Demonstration on June 29

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Police just informed us that a demonstration against gas drilling near one of the "Dutch Wadden Sea Islands" - Schiermonnikoog will start around 12:00, Wednesday, June 29, 2016. The demonstrator's buses will be parked alongside the Ministry of Finance. About 50 demonstrators will march via Korte Voorhout to Plein (government buildings) and past the Embassy. The group will be monitored by the police. Around 14:00 the group will march back to the busses probably walking the same route. There is no indication this is anti-U.S. in nature, but please be mindful of this demonstration and plan accordingly.

In general, protests in the Netherlands are peaceful. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful, however, can turn confrontational and escalate into violence with little warning. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

General security information

U.S. citizens in the Netherlands are reminded, in general, that if at any time you feel threatened or in danger, please call the Dutch authorities immediately by dialing 1-1-2 for emergency service response from Dutch police, rescue, and fire departments.

For further information:

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

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Contact the U.S. Consulate General in the Netherlands, located at Museumplein 19, 1071 DJ, Amsterdam, at +31 (0)20 575-5309, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +31 (0)70 310-2209.

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