



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Yerevan (Armenia), Violent Protests in Yerevan Continue

Riots/Civil Unrest

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The U.S. Embassy in Yerevan informs U.S. citizens that the standoff between Armenian security personnel and armed individuals in the Erebuni District of Yerevan continues. Daily protests are expected for the unforeseeable future. Protests that occurred during the evening of Friday, 7/29/2016 resulted in a significant increase in detentions and arrests by Armenian security personnel. The U.S. Embassy in Yerevan has received reports of individuals not actively participating in the protests being detained by the police. In addition, violent clashes between protestors and security personnel resulted in the increased use of anti-riot equipment and a significant increase in injuries.

The Embassy anticipates protest activities to occur in downtown Yerevan leading from Freedom Square, near the Opera House, south towards the Erebuni District. These areas include, but are not limited to: Freedom Square, Republic Square, Baghramyan Street, Mashtots Ave, Amiryan Street, Northern Ave, Abovyan Street, Tigran Mets, and Khorenatsi Street.

The Embassy encourages all U.S. Citizens to avoid protest events. Expect a heavy police presence in response to any protests in Yerevan and throughout the country. Roads and any surrounding areas will likely be congested.

Additionally, U.S. Citizens should note that all embassy personnel are restricted from traveling to the Erebuni District for official purposes and they are being strongly cautioned to avoid the area even for personal travel. Embassy personnel are also being urged to avoid the expected protest areas in downtown, especially in the evening and early morning hours.

Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. U.S. Citizens should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations. U.S. Citizens should also stay current with media coverage of local events.

For further information:

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Contact the U.S. Embassy in Yerevan, located at 1 American Avenue, tel. 10-46-47-00 and fax 10-46-47-42. The Consular Section is open from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., with time reserved for U. S. citizen services from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for official U.S. Embassy holidays. For more information, see the Embassy's website. **For after-hour U.S. citizen emergencies please call (374-10) 49-44-44.**

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