



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan), Regarding an Update to Ongoing Security Situation

Other Threat / Incident

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An explosion occurred at the Chinese Embassy at approximately 9:35 this morning. Initial media information indicates that the explosion may have been the result of a terrorist attack. Multiple casualties have been reported. U.S. Embassy employees have been advised to continue sheltering in place. We strongly encourage U.S. citizens to do the same. We also advise U.S. citizens to maintain a high level of vigilance and monitor local media and U.S. Embassy social media sites for updates. However, we have no information indicating a direct threat to the U.S. Embassy or U.S. interests in general. The area of the explosion was close to the U.S. Embassy, we therefore encourage U.S. citizens to avoid the area of the U.S. Embassy at this time.

The U.S. Embassy would like to remind U.S. citizens to avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests or demonstrations as even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. The Embassy is closed on Wednesday, August 31 for a local holiday. We will send additional information as necessary.

For further information:

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Contact the U.S. Embassy in Kyrgyzstan, located at 171 Prospect Mira, Bishkek 720016, at +(996) (312) 59 7000, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +(996) 0312-597-733.

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