



## Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Brussels (Belgium), Planned Protests on October 1, 2016

Riots/Civil Unrest

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The U.S. Embassy Brussels informs all U.S. citizens that the following protests are expected in Brussels. Police will maintain order.

On October 1, 2016 from 15:00 to 18:00 hours a protest against current Congolese administration will be held by the Congolese community at the offices of "Le Soir", 100 rue Royale (in RED on map). Approximately 150 people are expected to participate. Local police will be present.

Also on October 1 from 15:00 to 17:00 hours the Iranian community will hold a protest for human rights at Place de la Monnaie (in BLUE on map). Approximately 30 people are expected to participate. Local police will be present.

Also on October 1 from 14:00 to 17:00 hours the Vietnamese community will hold a protest for human rights and against Chinese violation in territorial waters at Place Albertine (in GREEN on map).

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.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Belgium enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

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Regularly monitor the State Department's website where you can find current Travel Warnings, (including the Travel Warning for Belgium if appropriate), Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution, Read the Country Specific Information for Belgium. For additional information, refer to

Traveler's Checklist.

Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free from within the United States and Canada, or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

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The U.S. Embassy in Brussels is located at Blvd du Regent 27, 1000 Brussels and is open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (except U.S. federal and Belgian holidays). If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy is: 02-811-

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