



## Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Brussels (Belgium), Planned Protests on Oct 7-8

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The U.S. Embassy Brussels informs U.S. citizens that two human rights protests will take place in Brussels on October 7 and October 8. Police will be present at both events.

On October 7, from 9:30 to 15:00 hours, a protest march against the current Federal Administration and his policy will be organized by the Flemish Socialist Union. It will start at Place Albertine as of 9.30 hours and arrive at Central Station as of 11.30 hours (in RED). Approximately 150 people are expected to participate.

On October 7, from 9:00 to 13:00 hours the Francophone Socialist Union will organize a protest against layoffs with ING bank at Avenue Marnix (in BLUE). Approximately 2,500 people are expected to participate.

On October 8, from 10.00 to 16.00 hours a protest for human rights of the Kurdish community in Syria, organized by the Kurdish community, will occur at Schuman Square (in GREEN). Approximately 100 people are expected to participate.

Also on October 8, from 13.00 to 18.00 Bike Back will organize a protest for animal rights at the Central Station (in RED). Approximately 40 people are expected to participate.

Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. Avoid areas where demonstrations are taking place and exercise caution when in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

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