



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Caracas (Venezuela), Nationwide Opposition Protests October 26

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The Embassy warns U.S. citizens in Venezuela of demonstrations organized by La Mesa de la Unidad Democrática (MUD), on October 26 throughout Venezuela.

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In Caracas: Tomorrow's protest is expected to originate in various parts of Caracas at approximately 9:00 am and possibly obstruct the Francisco Fajardo highway.

Assembly areas will include:

El Distribuidor de Santa Fe

Avenida Principal de Caurimare

Avenida Francisco de Miranda in the areas surrounding Unicentro El Marques and C.C.

Parque Cristal

Avenida principal de Santa Monica

Avenida O'higgins de El Paraíso

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large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations. The Embassy recommends monitoring traffic reports and local news for further information on protest locations and routes.

The Embassy reminds citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. Road closures are expected. We anticipate large crowds for these events. Expect traffic disruptions and police/military presence in and around these locations throughout Caracas, particularly State capitols. Clashes between demonstrators, counter-demonstrators, and Venezuelan security forces are possible.

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