



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Lisbon (Portugal), Strike at Portuguese Airports

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Media is reporting that airport security employees in Portuguese airports are planning a 24-hour strike on Thursday, October 27th. Although no specific times have been indicated, it appears that the strike will begin at 12:01 a.m. and end at 11:59 p.m. on October 27th. Airport authorities in Portugal have advised customers flying out of Portuguese airports on October 27th to arrive "earlier than usual."

In addition, a gathering is planned to take place at the Association of Security Companies (AES) headquarters on Avenida Álvares, in Lisbon at 2:30 p.m. followed by a march to the Assembly of the Republic located at the Palácio de S. Bento at 4:00 p.m. Information about the strike, gathering, and march can be found at:

<https://www.ana.pt/en/corporate/press/news>

<https://www.publico.pt/economia/noticia/ana-alerta-para-possiveis-perturbacoes-nos-aeroportos-na-quinta-feira-1748779>

U.S. citizens are reminded that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. U.S. citizens also should review their personal security plans, remain aware of their surroundings, monitor local news for updates, maintain a high level of vigilance, and take appropriate steps to enhance their personal security. For additional information, please refer to A Safe Trip abroad.

For further information:

See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Portugal Country Specific Information.

Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.

Contact the U.S. Embassy in Portugal, located at Avenida das Forças Armadas, in the neighborhood of Sete Rios near the Jardim Zoológico, at + (351) 217 702-122, 08:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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