



## Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Jakarta (Indonesia), Demonstrations on Friday, November 4

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Indonesian media reports indicate that a number of organizations have called for large-scale protests in central Jakarta and other major cities in Indonesia on Friday, November 4. The Indonesian government has announced that the Indonesian National Police and military (TNI) will be present to provide security for these events. The protests are expected to begin after Friday prayers at approximately 1:00 p.m., but participants are expected to gather by late morning. In Jakarta, the expected demonstration route is from the Istiqlal Mosque around Independence Square (Medan Merdeka) to the Presidential Palace and other locations. Authorities expect traffic congestion and delays in these and nearby areas in central Jakarta. As a result, the Consular Section in Jakarta will be closed to the public on Friday, November 4, 2016.

In Surabaya, the demonstrations are scheduled to be held in Surabaya and will begin near Cito (City of Tomorrow) and continue towards the East Java Police Headquarters (Polda Jatim), as well as in front of the East Java Governor's Office. Authorities expect traffic will be impacted in the area of the demonstrations. As a result, the Consular Section in Surabaya will be closed to the public on Friday, November 4, 2016.

In Medan, the demonstrations are expected to take place at the provincial mosque (Masjid Agung) next to governor's office with a planned march to the provincial police headquarters. Protestors have called for demonstrations in large and secondary cities throughout Sumatra.

U.S citizens are reminded that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. There exists the possibility that some extremists groups could take advantage of the November 4 protests to incite or carry out violence. You

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should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

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