



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Kabul (Afghanistan), Demonstration November 11

Riots/Civil Unrest

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The U.S. Embassy has received information of a potential demonstration scheduled for November 11 in Kabul City. The demonstration is reportedly being organized by the Enlightenment Movement leader over the death of an Afghan female in Iran. The event has also been publicized on social media.

The U.S. Embassy advises U.S. citizens to limit travel within the city of Kabul on that day. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. In fact, demonstrations within the Afghan capital in recent months have been targeted for violence by militants armed with suicide explosive vests infiltrating protestor crowds. This precise tactic was used against a Shi'a minority group demonstration in Kabul city in July by terrorists associated with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant – Khorasan. That attack killed 85 demonstrators and wounded 230 more. As such, U.S. citizens should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations. The Consular Section will provide emergency consular services for U.S. citizens.

As a reminder, in accordance with the **Travel Warning for Afghanistan**, the Department of State warns U.S. citizens against travel to Afghanistan. The Embassy strongly urges U.S. citizens who decide to remain in Afghanistan to review your personal security plans, take appropriate steps to enhance your personal safety, remain aware of your surroundings, monitor local media for updates, and maintain a high level of vigilance.

For further information:

- See the **State Department's travel website** for the **Worldwide Caution, Travel**

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- 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, which is located at Great Massoud Road between Radio Afghanistan and the Ministry of Public Health in Kabul. To reach the American Citizen Services (ACS) unit of the Consular Section during business hours, please call 0700-108-499 or send an email to **KabulACS@state.gov**. You can also reach the ACS unit through the Embassy's switchboard by calling 0700-108-001/002. For after-hours emergencies involving U.S. citizens, please call the Consular Duty Officer at 0700-10-8001.
- Call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).
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