



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Manama (Bahrain), Security Reminder

Terrorism; Political Violence

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The U.S. Embassy issued a Security Notice to its employees today reminding them of continued security threats throughout the world during the holidays and major events. Spontaneous demonstrations continue to take place in Bahrain from time to time in response to world events or regional and local developments.

The embassy anticipates widespread protest activity will continue to take place, predominantly in areas that are off-limits to embassy personnel, although they may occur anywhere.

In December, Bahrain will host several major events including the recently concluded summit of the Gulf Cooperation Council, the Ironman 70.3 Middle East Championship, the Manama Dialogue hosted by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), as well as celebrating National Day. Although there have been no specific threats or attacks on U.S. citizens, extremist groups have issued broad calls for action by their supporters against the Government of Bahrain and U.S. military in Bahrain.

Violent protests pose a risk to anyone who may inadvertently find themselves in the vicinity of an active protest. The embassy prohibits its personnel from traveling in restricted areas without prior authorization and additional precautions.

For further information:

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

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Contact the U.S. Embassy in Manama, located at Bldg 979, Road 3119, Block 331, Zinj, at (973) 1724-2700. The afterhours emergency number for U.S. citizens is (973) 1724-2957, and the fax number is (973) 1725-6242.

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