



## Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Casablanca (Morocco), Demonstrations

Riots/Civil Unrest

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Social media sites and local press in Morocco are reporting that multiple demonstrations are being called in Rabat on Saturday, December 10. The first possible demonstration is being called to celebrate Human Rights Day and is scheduled for 10:00 AM in front of the Parliament building. Other similar demonstrations are being called in Casablanca, Fes, Tangier, Tetouan, and Sale.

The second possible demonstration in Rabat is scheduled for 5:00 PM and is reportedly also being called to celebrate Human Rights Day and to commemorate 40 days since the passing of the fish vendor who was killed during an interaction with local police in Al Hoceima.

In addition, a third possible demonstration in front of the Parliament building is being called to protest the lack of affordable housing in Morocco; however, the exact time on the afternoon of December 10 is unknown.

These protests are not directed at the U.S. government nor individual U.S. citizens. As with all large public gatherings or street demonstrations, the U.S. Mission urges U.S. citizens to be aware of your surroundings, exercise caution, and to report any suspicious activity immediately to the Moroccan police.

For further information:

- See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Morocco 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.
- The U.S. Embassy in Rabat is located at KM 5.7, Avenue Mohammed VI, Souissi, Rabat and can be reached at 0537-63-72-00. Consular Services are located at the U.S. Consulate General in Casablanca at 8 Blvd. Moulay Youssef. American Citizens Services can be

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