

U.S. Embassy Bahrain
Demonstration Notice 11 – February 23, 2014

A reminder that there will be increased protests, attempts to disrupt traffic, protests near economic centers, suspicious packages planted, tire fires and additional clashes against police during the time period from February 11, 2014 to March 31, 2014 that may not occur in the restricted areas.

Today, February 23, 2014, at 3:00 pm, a violent opposition group has called for a mourning procession to take place in the Sar village area. Anticipate that the road networks into and around Sar village will be affected through the late night time hours. Expect increased police activity and heavy traffic. Clashes are likely in this area. We highly recommend that you avoid travel through this area. (Yellow Oval)

Certain groups in Bahrain plan to disrupt traffic during the above mentioned time frame. These disruptions may appear around the country and at all times of the day. These disruptions may have an impact on the morning, afternoon, and evening commute. Anticipate that alternate routes established by the Police may be used to protect all citizens. Develop your own alternate routes given your daily schedule. Utilize GPS devices to their maximum extent. Call Post One with any information concerning traffic disruptions that are not part of normal traffic volume patterns. Maintain your situational awareness.

There have been no direct attacks on U.S. citizens to date. We recommend that you continually exercise the appropriate level of security awareness in regards to anti-U.S. activity or events. Spontaneous and, at times, violent anti-government of Bahrain protests continue to occur, particularly at night and on weekends. These protests have included blockades of major highways with burning debris and the establishment of unofficial checkpoints. Protestors have thrown rocks and Molotov cocktails and used homemade weapons to include improvised explosive devices and shotgun like projectile launchers. To counter these violent acts the Ministry of Interior will utilize crowd control measures, such as tear gas, stun grenades, and birdshot. Violent clashes between security forces and protestors can make travel in and around Bahrain dangerous without advance warning. The Ministry of Interior maintains official checkpoints in certain areas.

Please see below for a map. Areas shaded in red are off-limits to U.S. Citizen Embassy employees and their family members at all times. U.S. Citizen Embassy employees and their family members are permitted to travel in the areas shaded in yellow during daylight hours only. The Embassy advises all Americans to avoid travel within red zones as a general rule whenever possible.

We remind U.S. citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's Internet website at travel.state.gov where the [Worldwide Caution](#), [Country Specific Information](#), [Travel Warnings](#), and [Travel Alerts](#) can be found. Follow us on [Twitter](#) and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on [Facebook](#) as well. Download our free Smart Traveler app, available through [iTunes](#) or [Google Play](#), to have travel information at your fingertips.

In addition to information on the internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, from other countries, on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday through Friday, Eastern Time (except U.S. federal holidays).

The U.S. Embassy in Manama can be reached at (973) 1724-2700; the afterhours emergency number is (973) 1724-2957; the fax number is (973) 1725-6242. The Embassy's [website](http://bahrain.usembassy.gov), <http://bahrain.usembassy.gov>, includes travel information and the Worldwide Caution and Demonstration Notices. All U.S. citizens are encouraged to enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#). The Consular Section can be reached at ManamaConsular@state.gov.

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