

Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens – November 5, 2012

This message informs U.S. citizens in Bahrain of five-homemade pipe bombs that detonated on November 5 in the Qudaibiya and Adliya districts of Manama. Local media report that two were killed and one was injured by the explosions. U.S. Embassy officials are closely coordinating with officials from the Government of Bahrain. The Ministry of Interior is investigating, and the Embassy will provide further information to update the U.S. citizen community as necessary.

At this time, we are unaware of any specific information targeting westerners, the U.S. Embassy, U.S. citizens, or any affiliated entities. U.S. citizens are urged to remain alert to local security developments and maintain a high level of situational awareness. Please avoid touching any strange devices or suspicious packages. You should promptly report unusual behavior, suspicious or unattended packages, and strange devices to the Bahraini police (999).

Spontaneous demonstrations take place in Bahrain regularly in response to local developments or world events. United States citizens should keep current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times. If you encounter a large public gathering or demonstration, depart the vicinity immediately.

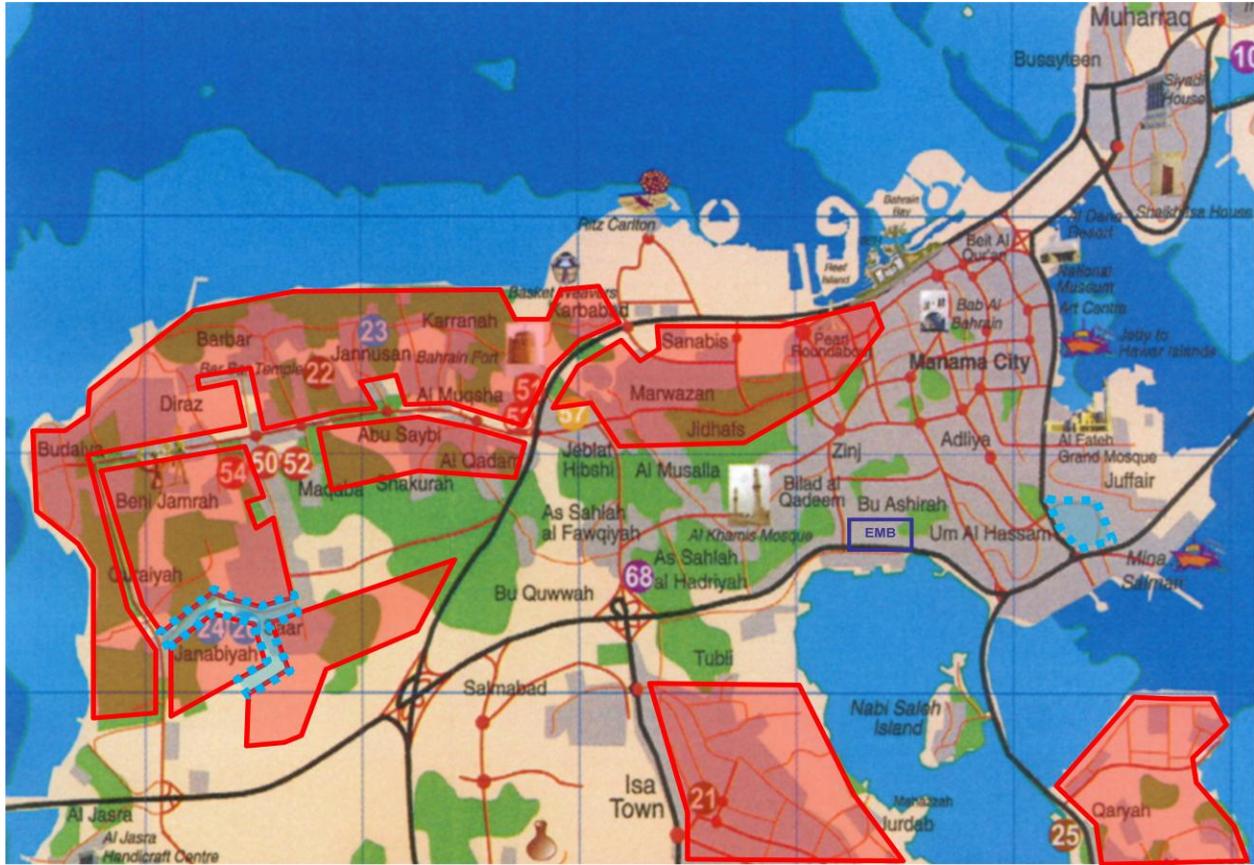
It is recommended you continually exercise the appropriate level of security awareness in regards to anti-U.S. activity or events. Spontaneous and at times violent anti-government demonstrations occur in some neighborhoods, particularly at night and on weekends. These demonstrations have included blockades of major highways with burning debris and establishment of unofficial checkpoints. Participants have thrown rocks and Molotov cocktails and used various other homemade weapons, including isolated use of improvised explosive devices. The Ministry of Interior maintains official checkpoints in some areas and routinely uses tear gas and stun grenades along with birdshot and other crowd control measures against demonstrators. Violent clashes between security forces and demonstrators can make travel in and around Bahrain dangerous without advance warning. Please see below for a map. Areas shaded in red are off-limits to U.S. Citizen Embassy employees and their family members. Areas shaded in blue are off-limits to U.S. Citizen Embassy employees and their family members 20:00 – 04:00.

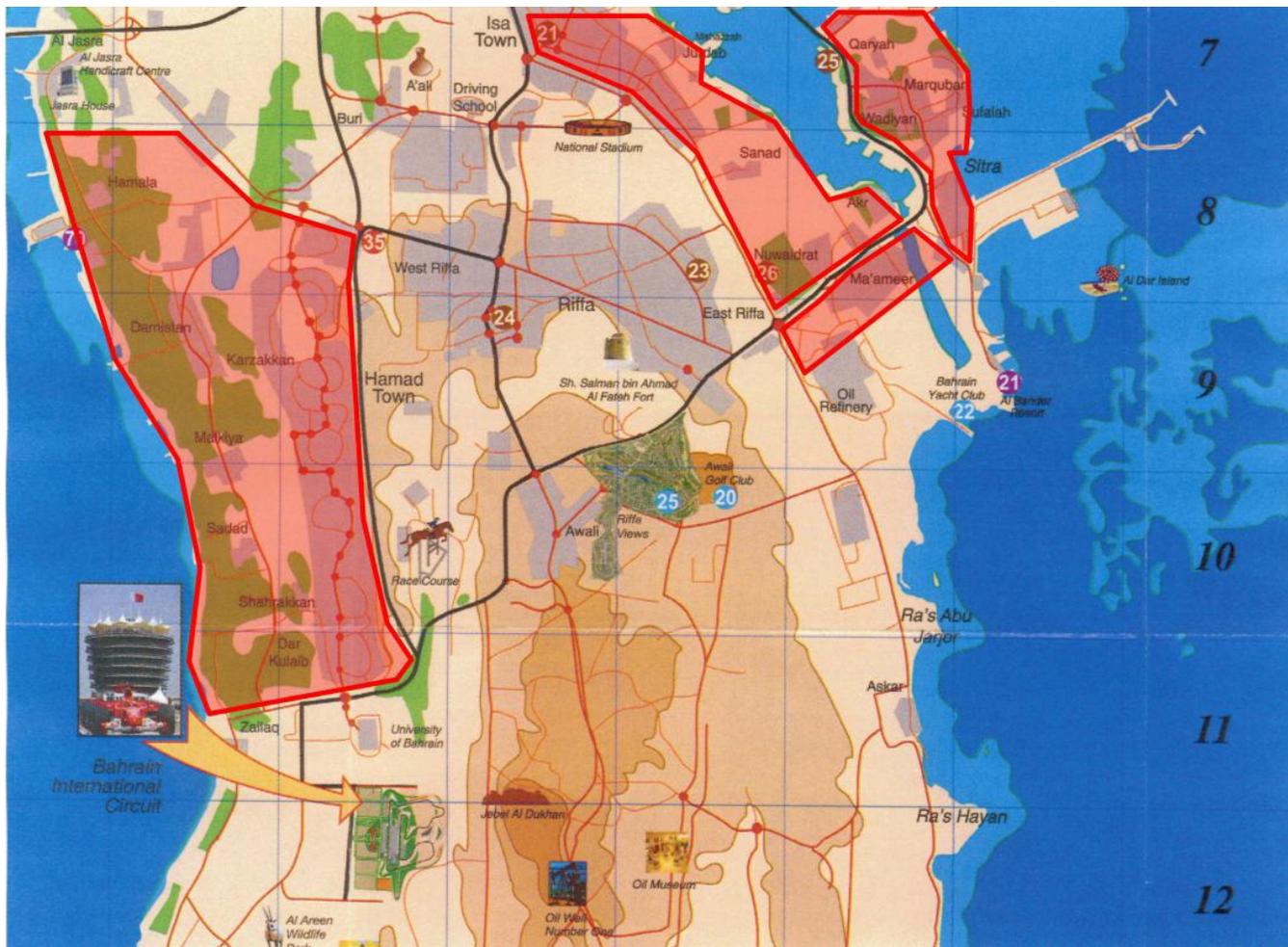
We remind U.S. citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's [Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website](http://travel.state.gov) at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, [Country Specific Information for Bahrain](#), [Travel Warnings](#), and [Travel Alerts](#) can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, via a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). The Bureau of Consular Affairs is on [Twitter](#) and on [Facebook](#), and the U.S. Department of State's free Smart TravelerApp is available for download through [iTunes](#) and the [Android market](#).

All U.S. citizens are encouraged to enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) in order to remain up to date with important safety and security announcements and also to help family and friends get in contact in case of an emergency. U.S. citizens without internet access may enroll directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

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 [web site](#) includes travel information and the Worldwide Caution and [Demonstration Notices](#). The Consular Section can be reached at ManamaConsular@state.gov.





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