

Demonstration Notice #1
March 18, 2011

Embassy Manama is advising all U.S. citizens to limit their movements for essential purposes only (e.g. groceries, gas, banking, trips to the airport) vice remaining only in residences. These movements should be limited to the immediate vicinity of their residences. Also, U.S. citizens are advised to remain in residences between 6:00 PM and 6:00 AM. The situation remains fluid and the Embassy is unable to guarantee the safety of any specific road in Bahrain. This advice will remain in effect until further notice due to the ongoing demonstrations and reports of violence throughout the past several days.

U.S. citizens should avoid the following areas:

- Shaikh Kalifa/King Faisal Hwy from Budaiya Hwy (Burgerland roundabout) in the west to the Diplomatic Area in the east, including the Pearl Roundabout and Financial Harbor.
- Budaiya Hwy east of the International Hospital of Bahrain.
- The Riffa area bordered by the following roadways:
Shaikh Zayed/16 December Hwy on the north
Shaikh Khalifa Bin Salman Hwy on the west
Al Esteqlal/Hawar Hwy on the east
Salmaniya Medical Center

Please see a map below

There is no indication that U.S. citizens are being threatened or targeted. Spontaneous demonstrations and violence are expected throughout the next several days.

Previous guidance from the State Department's Travel Warning is still in effect:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_bahrain.html U.S. citizens should keep current with Embassy notifications. We will provide updates as they develop.

We remind American citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. American citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. American citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

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 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, 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 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, which includes travel information and the Worldwide Caution is at <http://bahrain.usembassy.gov>. Demonstration Notices can be found at <http://Bahrain.usembassy.gov/demonstration.html>. To register in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program please visit <https://travelregistration.state.gov>. The Consular Section can be reached at ManamaConsular@state.gov

