

Demonstration Notice - December 15, 2011

Spontaneous demonstrations take place in Bahrain from time to time in response to world events or local developments. 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.

- **On Thursday, 15 December 2011, beginning in the afternoon and continuing throughout the evening, demonstrations are expected along Budaiya Hwy.**
- **On Friday, 16 December 2011, beginning at approximately 1400 hours, widespread demonstrations are planned throughout Bahrain including the areas of Karanah, Abusiaiba, Shakura, Jannusan, Jid al Haj (near Karanah), Al Moqsha, Al Qadham, and Karbabad.**
- **On Saturday, 17 December 2011, beginning at approximately 1400 hours, widespread demonstrations are planned throughout Bahrain.**
- **The Embassy anticipates similar demonstration activity to continue on Sunday-Monday, 18-19 December during the National Day and Accession Day holidays. We will provide updates as necessary.**

Some demonstrators have engaged in clashes with the police and continue to employ tactics such as placing debris and oil on roadways and throwing steel spikes. These actions often result in adverse driving conditions, an increased police presence, and significant traffic delays. The Embassy expects these tactics to continue throughout this period. Please use caution as you drive and plan additional time to arrive at your destination.

See the below map for the gathering locations (indicated by the yellow circles).

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 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 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.

