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### SDSM Rally on Sunday, December 5, 2010

The Social Democratic Union of Macedonia (SDSM) has scheduled a rally in Skopje on Sunday, December 5, 2010. According to the Ministry of Interior (MOI), buses will begin to arrive at the Makpetrol station located at the intersection of Partizanska Street and Oktomvriska Revolucija (Aleksandar Palace Road) at 1200 with the rally commencing at 1300. Participants will march on Partizanska Street into the downtown area, assemble at the Parliament Building, remain there for approximately 1 ½ hours, and then return to the starting point via the same route. Approximately 30,000 participants are expected and as such, street closures may be in effect.

Although the event is expected to be peaceful in nature and police will be on site, these events are unpredictable and have the potential to turn violent. Please adjust your routes and/or travel plans accordingly.

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