

Security Message for U.S. Citizens

Planned Demonstration Friday, October 11, 2013
at the U.S. Embassy, Kuala Lumpur

The U.S. Embassy in Kuala Lumpur has learned from social media that a demonstration against the Trans Pacific Partnership is planned at or in the vicinity of the Embassy and the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center on Friday, October 11, 2013, beginning at approximately 9:00AM. The number of planned demonstrators is not known, but may total several hundred. Traffic in the area of the Embassy will likely be disrupted, and a police presence is expected. It is not known how long the demonstrators will remain at the Embassy. As previously announced, the U.S. Embassy is closed for all routine, non-scheduled consular services on Friday, October 11, 2013. U.S. citizens should avoid the area around the Embassy. Local law prohibits non-Malaysians from participating in public protests.

The U.S. Embassy is not aware of specific threats to U.S. citizens in Kuala Lumpur at this time. As a general precaution, the U.S. Embassy advises you to exercise caution and to be aware of your surroundings, particularly around large crowds or gatherings. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence with little or no warning. You should avoid areas that may be targeted for demonstrations and exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations or large gatherings. You should monitor local media to keep updated with the latest information about demonstrations and areas to avoid.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the U.S. Embassy at (03) 2168-5000 or visit the U.S. Citizens Service website at <http://malaysia.usembassy.gov/>. We will post the most updated information on the website.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Malaysia enroll in the Department of State's [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](http://www.travel.state.gov/) (STEP) at <http://www.travel.state.gov/>. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the embassy or nearest consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the [Department's website](#), where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the [Country Specific Information for Malaysia](#). For additional information, refer to “A Safe Trip Abroad.”

Contact the embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), and download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App from [iTunes](#) or [Google Play](#) to have travel information at your fingertips.