

## **Emergency Message for American Citizens on Demonstrations on July 9, 2011**

The Malaysian media has reported that large demonstrations and counter-demonstrations are possible in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday, July 9. The coalition known as Bersih 2.0 has stated its intention to hold a rally in the Merdeka stadium in central Kuala Lumpur, while the police have urged alternate locations outside of Kuala Lumpur. The situation remains uncertain, and large gatherings are possible in or near the eventual venue for the demonstrations. The police may set up roadblocks on roads leading into central Kuala Lumpur in an effort to prevent demonstrations. Even if demonstrations do not occur, traffic may be disrupted through the weekend.

Even demonstrations that are meant to be peaceful can become violent and unpredictable. You should avoid them if at all possible. Be alert and aware of your surroundings and pay attention to what the local news media has to say.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the Embassy website, found at <http://malaysia.usembassy.gov>. You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's, [Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#) where you can find the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information. If you don't have internet access, we have a call center for updates--1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

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