

## Message for U.S. Citizens

**October 7, 2011**

According to news media reports, there will be several protests in Paraguay over the next week. School teachers will be protesting for higher salaries through October 12, 2011. The protests will be held throughout the country, the largest in Concepción, Caaguazú, Caazapá, Curuguaty, Itapuá en Hoenau, Misiones, Guaira, and in downtown Asuncion at Plaza Uruguaya.

From October 10, 2011 to October 12, 2011, public transport companies plan to strike in protest of the lack of government fuel subsidies. Public transportation will likely be shut down during this time.

On October 10, 2011, Campesinos plan to protest in Asuncion for land, housing, and job rights.

The Paraguayan National Police are aware of the situation and plan to implement security procedures to maintain public safety. U.S. citizens are strongly urged to avoid any large gatherings or events where crowds have congregated. While demonstrations and protests are generally peaceful in Paraguay, they can easily turn violent. These protests and demonstrations could result in road closures. If you find yourself near a demonstration or protest, leave the area immediately.

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American citizens in Paraguay are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy in Asuncion through the [State Department's travel registration website](#).

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