

Security Message for U.S. Citizens – Demonstration in Downtown Asuncion, January 21 at 6:00 p.m.

There is a demonstration scheduled for this evening, January 21, 2014, at 6:00 PM in the downtown Asuncion area. The announced purpose of the event is to protest against the increase in urban transportation costs.

According to local media, a large number of university students will hold a march from Plaza Italia to Panteon Nacional de los Heroes in downtown Asuncion.

Although this protest is expected to be peaceful, you should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations. Gatherings can be mobile and their locations can change quickly. Review your personal security plans; remain aware of your surroundings, including local events; and monitor local news stations for updates. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security.

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