

## Demonstration Notice- September 22, 2011

Spontaneous demonstrations take place in Bahrain from time to time in response to world events or local developments. United States citizens should keep current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times. If you encounter a large public gathering or demonstration, depart the vicinity immediately.

- **Between Thursday, 22 September and Saturday, 24 September, possible unauthorized demonstrations are planned south of Shaikh Khalifa Bin Salman Hwy between Karbabad and Jidd Haffs, near Bahrain Mall/Geant (see yellow circle on map below). If this demonstrations materializes, U.S. citizens are urged avoid the area including Bahrain Mall/Geant. The Embassy will provide updates as needed.**
- **On Thursday, 22 September at 1600 hours, an authorized demonstration is planned in the vicinity of Tubli. This area (indicated in yellow on Map A) will be off-limits to all Embassy personnel from 1500 hours on 22 September until 0600 hours on 23 September. U.S. citizens are also urged to avoid the area.**
- **On Friday and Saturday, 23 – 24 September, a potentially violent demonstration is planned in an attempt to return to the Pearl Roundabout/Farooq Junction.**
- **On Saturday, 24 September national elections are scheduled. It is possible there will be heavy traffic and demonstrations in the vicinity of polling stations.**

We remind U.S. citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Country Specific Information for Bahrain, Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

The U.S. Embassy in Manama can be reached at (973) 1724-2700; the afterhours emergency number is (973) 1724-2957; the fax number is (973) 1725-6242. The Embassy's web site includes travel information and the Worldwide Caution and Demonstration Notices. All U.S. citizens are encouraged to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program. The Consular Section can be reached at [ManamaConsular@state.gov](mailto:ManamaConsular@state.gov).

Map A

