



U.S. Mission, Kazakhstan

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**Security Message:**

**TERROR THREAT REDUCED TO YELLOW**

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Following the July 18, 2016 attack on law enforcement facilities in Almaty, the [Republic of Kazakhstan's Antiterrorism Center](#) has reduced the terrorist threat level in Almaty from red to yellow while extending Kazakhstan's current nationwide yellow terrorism threat level for one-month. For your awareness, the following information is a translation from the Republic of Kazakhstan's Anti-terrorism Center:

There are three threat levels: yellow, orange, and red.

Yellow: Moderate

- Pay attention to any items left unattended such as bags, boxes, packages or suitcases, especially those with protruding wires or technical devices. Also pay attention to anyone exhibiting suspicious behavior;
- Remind the general public of the dangers of disturbing any items left unattended;
- Do not accept or transport any suspicious items;
- Cooperate with law enforcement authorities during identity checks and follow their instructions;
- Stay aware of the latest news about the situation;
- Do not panic.

Orange: High

- Follow all yellow level guidance;
- Carry your identification with you at all times;

- If possible, avoid all crowded areas;
- Review building plans and know where the emergency exits are located;
- Avoid traveling with oversized or bulky items;
- Develop an emergency action plan with your family;
- Pay attention to unfamiliar individuals or cars near your house.

Red: Critical

- Follow all security precautions for the yellow and orange security levels;
- Avoid all areas in or near a terrorist threat;
- Keep children indoors;
- Prepare for possible evacuation and keep emergency supplies prepared;
- Keep a television and/or radio on at all times;
- Do not spread any false or unconfirmed rumors;
- In the event you are present during a terrorist attack and cannot escape, try to remember the appearances and behavior of those engaged in terrorist activities, but do not try to stop them, make eye contact, or take their pictures.

More information can be found (in Russian) at: <http://economica-bko.gov.kz/ru/rekomendatsii-po-poryadku-deystviy-naseleniya-pri-ustanovlenii-urovney-ugroz-terroristicheskoy-opasnosti/>

U.S. citizens residing in or traveling through Kazakhstan are reminded to remain vigilant and to follow the guidance of local law enforcement regarding security precautions.

**For further information:**

- See the [State Department's travel website](#) for the [Worldwide Caution](#), Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and [Kazakhstan Country Specific Information](#).
- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
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