

United States Embassy, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Security Message for U.S. Citizens
Demonstration and Rally for July 27 and July 29

July 26, 2016

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) has called for a demonstration in all metropolitan cities of Bangladesh, including Dhaka, and all upazilla (sub-district) headquarters on Wednesday, July 27 to protest the conviction of its Senior VC Tarique Rahman in a money laundering case.

Additionally, Hefazat-e-Islam has called for a rally on Friday, July 29, at the North gate of Baitul Mukarram National Mosque to protest the government's bid to impose a common sermon prepared by the Islamic Foundation on 300,000 mosques in the country for use in Friday prayers.

Extra caution and vigilance should also be considered over the weekend. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

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