

**United States Embassy, Dhaka, Bangladesh**  
**Security Message for U.S. Citizens**  
**Strike or Hartal in Dhaka called for Thursday, January 26, 2017**

January 25, 2017

Anti-Rampal power plant campaigners have called an “eight hour” strike or hartal in Dhaka city on Thursday, January 26, to protest the construction of the Rampal power plant near the Sunderbans. This “eight hour” hartal will begin at 6:00 a.m. and will end at 2:00 p.m. on the same day. Please note that hartal organizers and supporters often begin their protests the night before a hartal is scheduled to commence so we recommend you take precautions as early as 6:00 p.m. on January 25.

A hartal is a mass protest and recognized political method for articulating a political demand. Extra caution and vigilance should be taken to avoid large crowds and protests. 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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