

**U.S. Embassy Dhaka, Bangladesh**  
**Security Message for U.S. Citizens**  
**Holiday Season Security Reminder**

May 22, 2017

The U.S. Embassy advises U.S. citizens to remain vigilant and maintain awareness of your surroundings during the upcoming month of Ramadan, expected to be observed in Bangladesh from the end of May 2017.

The Department of State's [Bangladesh Travel Warning](#) of January 5, 2017 is still in effect and the terrorist threat remains credible. The Islamic State (also referred to as Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)) and al Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) have publicly claimed credit for various attacks in Bangladesh since September 2015, and further terrorist attacks could occur against foreigners. These attacks may be timed to coincide with the holiday season. Historically, there has also been an increase in the number of petty crimes such as theft during Ramadan.

Please review your personal security plans, remain aware of your surroundings, including local events, and monitor local news stations for updates. Be vigilant and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security.

For further information:

- See the [State Department's travel website](#) for the [Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts](#), and [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.
- Contact the [U.S. Embassy in Dhaka](#), Bangladesh, located at Madani Avenue, Baridhara, Dhaka, Bangladesh 1212, at (88) (02) 5566-2000, *8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.* Sunday through Thursday. Weekends and After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is *(88) (02) 5566-2000 and press "0"* and ask for the duty officer.
- Call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).
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