

United States Embassy, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Message for U.S. Citizens
Bishwa Ijtema Annual Gathering (Jan 12-14 and Jan 19-21)

January 11, 2018

Islam's second-largest annual gathering after the Hajj, "Bishwa Ijtema," will be held January 12-14 and January 19-21 on the bank of the river Turag. The main gathering point is about 3 km north of the Dhaka International Airport.

This annual gathering leads to major traffic disruptions in Dhaka every year. We expect disruptions at **Mohakhali, Kakoli, Nikunja, Progoti Sharani (the road in front of the U.S. Embassy and Annex), Khilkhet, Uttara and Tongi.**

U.S. citizens are reminded to exercise vigilance when they are in the vicinity of large gatherings as demonstrations can occur with little warning.

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