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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- See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Advisories, and Country Specific Information.
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