

U.S. Embassy Dhaka, Bangladesh
Security Message for U.S. Citizens
Demonstrations in the Diplomatic Zone

September 10, 2017

In response to the recent developments regarding the Rohingya population in Myanmar, different political, socio-cultural, and religious organizations have announced plans to conduct demonstrations nationwide with a focus on the Baridhara/Gulshan Diplomatic Zone in Dhaka.

- Gonojagoron Mancha (Secular Protest Movement) plans to conduct a demonstration on September 11, 2017 beginning at 11 am in the vicinity of Gulshan-2 circle followed by a march towards the Myanmar Embassy located on Road 11 in Baridhara at 3 pm.
- Islami Andolan (Islamic Political Organization) called for nationwide rallies and a march to the Myanmar Embassy on September 13, 2017.
- Hefazat-e-Islam (Madrassa Pressure Group) plans to conduct nationwide protests on September 16, 2017 and a march with demonstrations at the Myanmar Embassy on September 19, 2017.

Historically, demonstrators have not been permitted access into Baridhara. However, even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. Remain vigilant, monitor local news, avoid crowds, and be aware of your surroundings at all times.

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