

United States Embassy, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Security Message for U.S. Citizens
Demonstrations in Dhaka September 15, 2017

September 14, 2017

On Friday, September 15, 2017, between the hours of 6:00am and 5:00pm, the Hefazat e Islam (HI) plans to hold country wide protests tomorrow against “atrocities against Rohingyas in Myanmar.” Historically, HI and other Islamist organizations rally at the National Mosque Baitul Mukarram. Bangladeshi Police are coordinating efforts to possibly permit a small number of HI members entry into Baridhara to present demonstration literature to Myanmar Embassy (located on Road 9) representatives. HI demonstrators may also march along Shaheed Suhrawardi Avenue.

Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, monitor local news, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

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