

**United States Embassy, Dhaka, Bangladesh**  
**Security Message for U.S. Citizens**  
**Ongoing Demonstrations in Dhaka**  
**September 17, 2017**

Over the course of the next few weeks or months, in response to the recent developments regarding the Rohingya population in Myanmar, demonstrations can be expected nationwide from different political, socio-cultural, and religious organizations.

On Monday, September 18, 2017, between the hours of 10:00am and 1:00pm, the Hefazat e Islam plans to hold country wide protests against “atrocities against Rohingyas in Myanmar.” Hefazat e Islam also plans to conduct nationwide protests and a march with demonstrations at the Myanmar Embassy on September 19, 2017.

Historically, Hefazat e Islam and other Islamist organizations rally at the National Mosque Baitul Mukarram (approx. 13 km south of the Embassy). Bangladeshi Police are coordinating efforts to possibly permit a small number of members entry into Baridhara to present demonstration literature to Myanmar Embassy (located in Road 9) representatives. 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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