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U.S. Office Pristina has released the following warden message:

Warden Message, February 21, 2008

This message is to inform American citizens that student groups have called for daily demonstrations in north Mitrovica at 12:44 pm. There may be additional demonstrations in other parts of Kosovo. Although private traffic through Gates 1 (Leposavic) and 31 (Zubin Potok) has resumed, commercial traffic has not. We recommend that travelers use alternate routes between the Republic of Kosovo and the Republic of Serbia. There was a demonstration at Gate 3 (Merdare/Podujevo) on February 21.

Per standing security instructions, U.S. Office Pristina may only travel to parts of northern Kosovo for official business and these restrictions remain in place. U.S. Office in Pristina reiterates its longstanding guidance to American Citizens to avoid large crowds or demonstrations. American citizens are again urged to maintain security awareness.

We wish to remind American citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. American citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. Since the timing and routes of scheduled marches and demonstrations are always subject to change, U.S. citizens should monitor local media sources for new developments. U.S. Citizens are urged to avoid large crowds, maintain a low profile and review their personal protective measures.

In the event further information is obtained regarding this or any other security or safety situation in Kosovo, USOP will provide updates via this same channel and on the Mission's web page: <http://pristina.usmission.gov>.

Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the U.S. Office Pristina website <http://pristina.usmission.gov> and the U.S. Department of State's travel website at www.travel.state.gov, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, and Travel Alerts can be found. The U.S. Office Pristina also encourages U.S. citizens to review to "A Safe Trip Abroad," found at http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1747.html, which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

Citizens living and residing in Kosovo are advised to register their presence in the country through the U.S. Department of State's automated online registration system, <https://travelregistration.state.gov>. U.S. citizens may also contact the Consular Section at the U.S. Office Pristina via e-mail or by calling +381(0)38 5959 3000. This complete message is available on the US Office Pristina website at <http://pristina.usmission.gov>.

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