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WARDEN MESSAGE

In the past few days, Macedonia has experienced sporadic incidents of violence, especially in Western Macedonia, related to the June 1 parliamentary elections. American citizens are urged to maintain security awareness during this time. The U.S. Embassy also reiterates its longstanding guidance to American Citizens to avoid large crowds or demonstrations as even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence.

In the event further information is obtained regarding this or any other security or safety situation, U.S. Embassy Skopje will provide updates via this same channel and on the Embassy's website.

Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the U.S. Embassy's website <http://skopje.usembassy.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. Embassy also encourages American 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 Macedonia 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. Embassy via e-mail or by calling **+389 (02) 311 6180**. This complete message is available on the Embassy's website at <http://skopje.usembassy.gov>. In case of an emergency outside normal business hours, American citizens may reach the Embassy duty officer by calling **02-311-6180**.