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Demonstration notice:

The U.S. Embassy in Skopje has received notice that the Minister of Interior and local media outlets have reported that there will be a planned protest Tuesday (6/23/09) at 1700 hrs at the Skanderbeg Memorial in Skopje. The protest will be led by smaller ethnic Albanian parties (PDP, DUA), NGO's and other associations including the Students' Association of Tetovo State University. It has been reported that many of the protestors will be bused in from Tetovo.

Local police will be on the scene and are not planning on closing any roads or intersections, due to the fact that the protest is expected to remain at the Skanderbeg Memorial site and not march or move to any other locations.

As with any large public gathering you should use caution and adjust your routes accordingly. 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.

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