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Demonstration notice

The U.S. Embassy in Skopje has received notice that a group of Takfirs from the Jaja Pasha Mosque will march from a mosque in Cair to downtown Skopje, arriving at the square at 1200 noon today. This group is protesting against the decision to construct a church in the square vice a mosque. The protest is expected to last until 1400hrs and be peaceful in nature. 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.

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, at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>. American citizens may also contact the Consular Section at the U.S. Embassy via e-mail or by calling +389 (02) 310 2000. 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 +389 (02)-311-6180.