



## **WARDEN MESSAGE**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**January 9, 2007**

The U.S. Embassy wishes to alert American citizens living in or visiting Athens to a series of protest activities likely to affect the city center on Wednesday, January 10.

Activist groups have announced that a series of large demonstrations will take place in central Athens, starting Wednesday morning and continuing into the evening. The protests involve education and employment issues, and are likely to disrupt traffic and normal activities around Syntagma Square and the Plaka area for most of the day. Secondary schools and universities will be closed and students will converge on the city center to join the protest. Some public services, including public transport, will be interrupted by strikes lasting several hours. Although most demonstrations in Greece are orderly and well-controlled by the police, the size and duration of Wednesday's event, together with the pattern of violence exhibited by self-styled anarchists on the fringes of demonstrations, leads the Embassy to recommend that American residents and visitors consider avoiding the city center, including Syntagma, Plaka, and the University area on Wednesday.

For the latest security information, Americans living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website at, <http://www.travel.state.gov> where the current Worldwide Cautions, Public Announcements, and Travel Warnings can be found. Up-to-date information on security conditions overseas by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States or Canada, and 1-317-472-2328 from overseas. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays) or contact the nearest Embassy or Consulate.

### **Contact information for the U.S. Embassy and Consulate in Greece:**

**The U.S. Embassy in Athens is located at Vasilissis Sophias, Athens, Greece 10160. American Citizens Services: 210-720-2415 or 2419, Embassy Tel: 210-721-2951. The Internet address is <http://www.usembassy.gr>.**

**The U.S. Consulate General in Thessaloniki is located at 43 Tsimiski, 7th Floor GR-54623 Thessaloniki. American Citizens Services Section 2310-242-905/6/7, ext. 104 or 0, Tel: (210) 720-2418, 720-2419, 720-2420, Fax: (210) 725-3025. The Internet address is <http://www.usconsulate.gr>.**

In case of an emergency when the Embassy or Consulate General is closed, an American in Greece can call (210) 729-4444, and ask to speak to a consular officer concerning that emergency.