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TO: All USAID/West Bank and Gaza Contractors, Grantees and Recipients

SUBJECT:: USAID West Bank and Gaza Security Notice – Warden Message

Dear Implementing Partners

Due to various anticipated demonstrations in Jerusalem's Old City on Tuesday, August 1st, by different groups, the following information is being provided for sharing with your expatriate staff. While directed toward American citizens, these precautions are recommended to be taken by all expatriate staff.


American citizens should remain vigilant while traveling anywhere in Jerusalem, especially within the commercial and downtown areas of West Jerusalem. Israeli security services report that they continue to receive information of planned terrorist attacks in and around Jerusalem. In addition, American citizens should stay away from demonstrations and generally avoid crowded public places, such as restaurants and cafes, shopping and market areas and malls, pedestrian zones, public transportation of all kinds, including buses and trains and their respective stations/terminals, and the areas around them. Spontaneous or planned protests within the Old City are possible, especially after Friday prayers. Some of these protests have led to violent clashes.

The Consulate General asks all American citizens to read the State Department Travel Warning for Israel, the West Bank and Gaza dated July 19, 2006, which can be found at <http://travel.state.gov/>.

Americans in Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip are strongly encouraged to register with the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem through the State Department's travel registration website, <https://travelregistration.state.gov>. American citizens who require emergency services may telephone the Consulate General in Jerusalem at (972)(2) 622-7250. Current information on travel and security in Jerusalem, the Gaza Strip, and the West Bank may be obtained from the Department of State by calling toll-free 1-888-407-4747 within the United States and Canada or, from overseas, a regular toll line, 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8 am to 8 pm Eastern Time Monday through Friday, except U.S. federal holidays. U.S. citizens should consult the Consular Information Sheet for Israel, the West Bank and Gaza; the Travel Warning for Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, the Middle East and North Africa Public Announcement; and the Worldwide Caution Public Announcement on the Department's Internet website at <http://travel.state.gov>. Up-to-date information on security conditions can also be accessed at <http://jerusalem.usconsulate.gov>.

Your timely attention to this Notice will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Lewis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dale" being more prominent than the last name "Lewis".

Dale Lewis
Contracting Officer
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