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U.S. personnel advised to steer clear of May Day demonstrations

HEIDELBERG, Germany— May Day demonstrations are expected in most cities across Europe from the night of April 30 through May 2. This year's demonstrations are expected to be more tense than usual due to the global economic crisis and associated effects on labor.

U.S. Army Europe force protection officials recommend the following self-protection measures:

- Avoid planned gatherings or demonstrations.
- Maintain awareness of your surroundings so you will recognize conditions that may lead to a spontaneous demonstration.
- If you happen to come upon a demonstration, remain calm and remove yourself from the situation.
- Do not draw attention to yourself.
- Do not travel alone, always travel in small groups.
- Always let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Stay away from high-risk areas.
- Know emergency numbers and potential safe areas.
- Carry a cell phone if possible.
- Keep your vehicle in good working order and the fuel tank full.
- Monitor AFN, the U.S. Embassy Website and the U.S. Army Europe Website for updates.

Contact your unit for specifics on when and where demonstrations are expected to take place.