



ADVISORY LETTER NO. 12

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To all Filipinos in Bahrain:

Please be informed that the BAHRAIN GOVERNMENT HAS PUT IN PLACE A CURFEW FROM 8PM TO 4AM starting today, and until further notice, at the area along Shaikh Isa Bin Salman Highway between Al Seef Bridge and the intersection of Shaikh Isa Bin Salman Highway and Al Fateh Highway (just before the Sail Bridge) extending 400 meters either side of the highway. The 400 meter curfew radius along the highway is not far enough to encompass the Diplomat Hotel and Crown Plaza Hotel. All concerned are thus advised to observe the curfew area and avoid the following: Shaikh Isa Bin Salman Highway from Budaiya Highway (Burgerland Roundabout) to the Diplomatic Area, Pearl Roundabout, Malls, Souq, and Financial Harbour, Budaiya Highway, Salmaniya Medical Center, and the Riffa area bordered by the following roadways: Shaikh Zayed / 16 December Highway on the north, Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Highway on the west, Al Esteqlal/Hawar Highway on the east.

Please also be reminded of the following:

1. Do not attempt to run through checkpoints.
2. Make sure your doors are locked and windows closed.
3. If necessary, roll your window down just far enough to talk, less than one inch.
4. Be polite, do not panic.
5. If they insist on your CPR, present it but at no time should you relinquish control of your CPR.
6. If asked, "where are you going?" state where (example, traveling home).
7. Never get out of your vehicle or open any of the doors.

Please be vigilant at all times as short-notice demonstrations can occur quickly and without warning, often with the potential for violence. Ensure that you are familiar with your area and you know multiple routes to get to and from your residence and locations that you frequent and that you are varying your routes. If you do come across a demonstration, keep a low profile, avoid confrontation and try to exit the area as quickly as possible. (source: US Embassy Security Notice)

Attached is a copy of map, indicating the curfew area.


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