

Internationalised Domain Names (IDN) Meeting (Kuala Lumpur) Key Information Sheet – Security Advisory

Civil Unrest

Due to the continuing uncertainties surrounding the Gaza Strip conflict, it is expected that [large-scale demonstrations](#) will persist in Kuala Lumpur, with a focus on the city center. While these protests have been well-coordinated and predominantly peaceful, attendees are advised to take precautions to minimise the risk of inadvertent involvement in situations that may lead to incidental violence.

Recommended Responses:

- Be aware of any local protests occurring in the vicinity of Kuala Lumpur's city center.
- Steer clear of demonstrations and consider altering or deferring travelling plans until the situation calms down.
- Refrain from wearing clothing with contentious slogans or graphics.
- Keep a low profile, and refrain from taking pictures or getting involved in confrontations if one finds himself/herself amidst a protest.
- Comply with directives from law enforcement and cooperate with their instructions.
- Refrain from sharing live updates about one's whereabouts or activities on social media platforms during a protest, as this could increase his/her vulnerability.

Anti-LGBTQ+ Enforcements

In Malaysia, discrimination against LGBTQ+ individuals is rooted in the country's conservative adherence to Islamic law, resulting in potential enforcement actions or discrimination for those openly expressing their sexual orientations. It is crucial for attendees to be informed about recommended behaviors and to acknowledge the restricted progress and acceptance of LGBTQ+ issues in the nation.

Recommended Responses:

- Avoid openly discussing or displaying LGBTQ-related topics, especially in public spaces.
- Refrain from engaging in public displays of affection, including holding hands or kissing, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.
- Avoid attending LGBTQ-friendly events or gatherings to minimise the risk of harassment.
- Be mindful of their digital footprint and use secure communication when discussing sensitive topics online, avoiding public Wi-Fi networks for such conversations. They should also be cautious about sharing LGBTQ-related content on social media platforms while in Malaysia, including adjusting privacy settings to limit who can view their posts.
- Familiarise themselves with the contact information of their country's embassies or consulates in Malaysia to seek assistance in case of any legal issues or emergencies.
- Seek legal advice from local experts or human rights organisations specialising in LGBTQ-issues, if required.