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Montgomery Sister Cities regrets to announce the cancellation of our planned delegation trip to Gondar, Ethiopia scheduled for 23 September through 2 October 2016 due to unrest in the area.

The recent reports of violent demonstrations around and within the city Of Gondar in Amhara State of Ethiopia led to the U.S. Embassy in Addis Ababa issuing temporary travel restrictions on 13 July 2016. This was followed by a recommendation that all U.S. citizens traveling to or who reside in the Gondar area to *evaluate their personal safety and avoid demonstrations or large gatherings in the area.*

For more information about the situation in Gondar, visit <http://ethiopia.usembassy.gov>

Members of the travel delegation should contact Cynthia Morris, Senior Fellow for Montgomery County Sister Cities for more information at [cynthia.morris@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:cynthia.morris@montgomerycountymd.gov) or (240) 777-2523.

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