

Government adjusts Outbound Travel Alerts for Bahrain and Türkiye (south-eastern provinces)

In view of the latest situation in Bahrain and Türkiye (south-eastern provinces), the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government today (August 29) removed the Amber Outbound Travel Alert (OTA) for Bahrain and adjusted the OTA for the south-eastern provinces of Türkiye, including Batman, Bingöl, Bitlis, Diyarbakir, Hakkari, Siirt, Tunceli and Van, from Red to Amber.

A Government spokesman said, "Residents who plan to visit south-eastern provinces of Türkiye, including Batman, Bingöl, Bitlis, Diyarbakir, Hakkari, Siirt, Tunceli and Van, or are already there should continue to monitor the situation, exercise caution, attend to personal safety, avoid protests and places with large gatherings of people. Red OTA for other south-eastern provinces of Türkiye, i.e. Gaziantep, Hatay, Kilis, Mardin, Sanliurfa and Sirnak, has been maintained. Hong Kong residents should avoid non-essential travel there."

The Security Bureau will continue to closely monitor the situation in Türkiye. Any update will be issued through the media, the Bureau's mobile application and the OTA webpage (www.sb.gov.hk/eng/ota).

Hong Kong residents thereat who need assistance may call the 24-hour hotline of the Assistance to Hong Kong Residents Unit of the Immigration Department (ImmD) at (852) 1868, call the 1868 hotline using network data via the Immigration Department Mobile Application, send messages to the 1868 WhatsApp assistance hotline or submit the Online Assistance Request Form, or contact the Chinese Embassy in Türkiye at the consular protection hotline: (90) 5388215530.

Hong Kong residents are encouraged to use the online Registration of Outbound Travel Information service (www.gov.hk/roti) of the ImmD to register their contact details and itinerary when outside Hong Kong. The information provided allows the ImmD to disseminate practical information to them through appropriate means, including SMS on mobile phones, on a timely basis when necessary.