

U.S. Embassy Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo
Emergency Message #6 for U.S. Citizens
Protests in Brazzaville's Talangai district

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The U.S. Embassy in Brazzaville reminds all Congo-based U.S. citizens to keep personal safety in the forefront of your planning.

U.S. Embassy sources reported a protest in Brazzaville's Talangai district. Protestors are discontent with the Government of the Republic of the Congo's handling of indemnity payments to people who lost their homes in the March 4 explosions at the Regiment Blinde munitions depot. Embassy sources reported hearing gun shots at the site of the protest on Marien Ngouabi Avenue, near the Talangai Market. The protesters are expected to march to the Presidential Palace. U.S. citizens are advised to avoid the Talangai district and the area surrounding the Presidential Palace throughout the day.

The Embassy reminds U.S. citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. U.S. citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the [U.S. Embassy Brazzaville website](#). You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's, [Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#) where you can find the current [Worldwide Caution](#), Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and [Country Specific Information](#). If you do not have Internet access, we have a call center for updates--1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada, or from other countries on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except federal holidays).

The U.S. Embassy in Brazzaville encourages U.S. citizens to enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) for the most up-to-date security information. Keep all of your information in STEP up to date by maintaining your current phone numbers and email addresses where you can be reached in case of an emergency. U.S. citizens may also download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App to have travel information at their fingertips.

The U.S. Embassy is located on Boulevard Denis Sassou Nguesso across from the Blanche Gomez Maternity Hospital. The Consular Section is open Monday-Thursday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, and on Fridays from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The Consular section can be reached via e-mail at BrazzavilleACS@state.gov, and our daytime telephone number is (+242) 06 612-2046.

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