

U.S. Embassy Brazzaville, Congo

Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Possible Danger of Unused Ordnance

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Following Monday's fighting and eventual arrest of Colonel Ntsourou, unused explosives may still be located at his residence in Centre Ville. The ROC government is reportedly in the process of disposing these on the premises, and the Embassy has received anecdotal reports of loud noises in the area on December 18. It is unclear when a controlled explosion or series of explosions might take place. While the U.S. Embassy does not expect any additional disturbances, please exercise caution in the area bounded by CCF- Blanche Gomez - Palais de Justice - Maison d'arrêt - Rond-Point du Ministère de la Défense and avoid passing by Colonel Ntsourou's residence.

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