



American Citizen Services Unit
U.S. Embassy Santo Domingo
Warden Message



TO: U.S. Citizens

FROM: American Citizens Services Unit

DATE: February 18, 2011

SUBJECT: Disturbances at Jimani Border Crossing

The U.S. Embassy is transmitting the following Warden Message to alert U.S. citizens of recent disturbances at the Jimani border crossing with Haiti.

On Thursday, February 17, the border crossing at Jimani was temporarily closed to traffic due to local cross-border economic and transportation disputes, some of which turned violent. Security forces on both sides of the border quickly brought the situation under control. Over the next several days U.S. citizens are encouraged to exercise caution when traveling near the border, to be prepared for the possibility of crossing delays or temporary border closure, and to heed instructions of local law enforcement authorities. U.S. citizens are also reminded that there is a Travel Warning in effect for Haiti which can be viewed at www.travel.state.gov.

The U.S. Embassy will update this warden message should new information become available. American citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

The Embassy's website <http://santodomingo.usembassy.gov/> provides more information.

American citizens traveling or residing overseas are encouraged to sign up for the free Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (formerly known as "Travel Registration" or "Registration with Embassies") to receive the latest travel updates and information at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

For any emergencies involving American citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Embassy. The Consular Section of the Embassy is located at the corner

of Cesar Nicolas Penson Street and Máximo Gómez Avenue, Santo Domingo, D.R.; telephone 809-731-4294; after hours emergency telephone 809-221-2171; ACS unit fax 809-689-6142; e-mail acssantodom@state.gov; web page <http://santodomingo.usembassy.gov>.