

U.S. Embassy - Conakry, Guinea
Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Protest Marches Planned

September 27, 2012

The Embassy alerts U.S. citizens that protest marches are planned for Friday, September 28, to commemorate the 2009 stadium massacre. Funeral processions for two protestors killed the previous week are also planned for the same day. These two events will likely result in traffic congestion along major traffic arteries from Dixinn through Bambeto and have the potential for civil unrest. U.S. citizens are advised to avoid travel to, near, or through these areas and to consult local information sources for a situation update before travelling to these areas. The French school will be closed on September 28 and the American school may also close.

U.S. citizens are urged to exercise caution, to be particularly alert to their surroundings, and to avoid crowds, demonstrations, or any other form of public gathering. We remind U.S. citizens that demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate without advance warning into violence quickly.

If you have questions or concerns about safety or related issues, contact the consular section at the Embassy. During normal business hours -- Monday through Thursday 07:30 to 16:30, Friday 07:30 to 13:30 -- you can call the Embassy switchboard at 65-10-4000, or, to reach the consular section directly, 67-10-4444. After hours, please call 67-10-4311. Inquiries or information transmitted by email to the consular section of the Embassy at our new email address conconakry@state.gov will be read the morning of the next business day.

You can stay in touch and get updates by checking the [U.S. Embassy Conakry web site](#). 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](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on [Facebook](#) as well, or you can download our free [Smart Traveler iPhone App](#) for travel information at your fingertips. Current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States or a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444 for callers from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except federal holidays).

If you are going to live in or travel to Guinea, please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#). If you enroll, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. It will also help your friends and family get in touch with you in an emergency. You should remember to keep all of your information in STEP up to date. It is important during enrollment or updating of information to include your current phone number and current email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

The U.S. Embassy is located on the Transversale No. 2, Centre Administratif de Koloma, opposite the RTG building in Ratoma, Conakry, Guinea. The U.S. Embassy website is <http://conakry.usembassy.gov/index.html>.