

U.S. Embassy, Lilongwe, Malawi
Security Message for U.S. Citizens - Potential For Demonstrations
March 11, 2013

The U.S. Embassy in Lilongwe alerts U.S. citizens that due to the detention and arrest for questioning of several high level members of the Malawian government, crowds of their political supports have gathered and could become unruly or violent. We have received reports of clashes between supporters and police in Blantyre at the police station in Chichiri. We have received no reports of such clashes in Lilongwe; however that potential does exist and more than one person will be transported to Lilongwe today.

Please monitor radio and other local media for the latest information on the locations of demonstrations. We urge U.S. citizens to avoid demonstrations, large groups, or gatherings. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can become violent and should be avoided. If you are in an area where you feel threatened, leave the area immediately.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking our <http://lilongwe.usembassy.gov> 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 Warning](#), 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 App, available through [iTunes](#) and the [Android](#) marketplace, to have travel information at your fingertips. If you don't have internet access, current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States, or for callers from other countries, 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 U.S. federal holidays).

If you are going to live in or travel to Malawi, 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.

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SMS: Security Message from US Embassy Lilongwe: Members of MW government detained. Supporters massing near Chichiri police station in Blantyre. Avoid large crowds.