

## Security Message for U.S. Citizens – Demonstrations January 24, 2013

The U.S. Embassy in Nouakchott issues this Security Message to inform U.S. citizens of an upcoming demonstration.

On January 25, a demonstration is scheduled to occur in front of the French Embassy at 1:00 p.m. Demonstrators are expected to march from the southern district of the city along Kennedy Avenue. U.S. citizens should remember that even demonstrations and gatherings intended to be peaceful can, without advanced warning, become violent. The U.S. Embassy, therefore, urges U.S. citizens to avoid crowds, political gatherings, and street demonstrations, and to exercise caution in the vicinity of any demonstration.

The U.S. Embassy in Nouakchott strongly encourages U.S. citizens who travel to or live in Mauritania to enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) (STEP) to receive the most up-to-date security information. Please keep all of your information in STEP current. It is important when enrolling or updating information to include multiple phone numbers and email addresses to facilitate communication in the event of an emergency.

U.S. citizens should consult the Country Specific Information sheet for the [Islamic Republic of Mauritania](#) and the [Worldwide Caution](#), both located on the Department of State's [Bureau of Consular Affairs](#) website. Follow us on [Twitter](#) and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on [Facebook](#) as well. If you don't have internet access, you may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 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 U.S. federal holidays).

The U.S. Embassy is located between the Presidency building and the Spanish Embassy on Rue Abdallaye. The postal address is B.P. 222, Nouakchott, telephone (222) 4-525-2660/2663, 4-525-1141/1145, or 4-525-3038, and fax (222) 4-525-1592. For after-hours emergencies, please call (222) 4-525-3288 or visit the U.S. Embassy Nouakchott web site. In the event of an emergency that interrupts mobile phone (SMS) or Internet communication in Mauritania, U.S. citizens may call the Embassy's dedicated Consular emergency recording at (222) 4-525-3707 to receive the most up-to-date instructions.