



*Embassy of the United States of America
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia*

SECURITY MESSAGE FOR U.S. CITIZENS

July 14, 2015

The U.S. Embassy continues to receive reports of violence at or inside Saudi Arabia's border with Yemen, including reports of small arms fire, bombs, artillery, and missile impacts. Other sources report armed groups crossing the border into Saudi Arabia to conduct attacks on Saudi Arabian territory, primarily near Najran and western border cities. Forces hostile to Saudi Arabia within Yemen have weapons systems including mortars, artillery, and missiles that have been launched at targets in Saudi Arabia. On June 6th, a missile was shot down 50 miles inside Saudi Arabia by Saudi forces that may have been targeting a base near Khamis Mushait. There is an increased possibility of strikes within 50 miles of the border, which could result in civilian deaths. U.S. government personnel continue to be restricted from travel within 50 miles of the Yemeni border, as well as the Governorate of Al Hasa and the city of Qatif and its surrounding suburbs, in the Eastern Province. Security warnings against travel to certain parts of the Eastern Province were issued in the past due to terrorist activity in the area. U.S. citizens are urged to carefully consider the potential risks of travel to these areas.

As the conflict continues in Yemen, violence can spill across the border at unpredictable times and locations. U.S. citizens residing in or intending to travel to the south of Saudi Arabia are advised to carefully consider the security situation and avoid any unnecessary travel or physical presence in the area while the conflict continues. The U.S. Embassy reminds you that regardless of location, it is always advisable to keep your security and situational awareness levels high.

Please follow these good personal security practices:

Avoid crowds or large gatherings when traveling in public;

Know where you are going and have a plan of what to do in the event you encounter demonstrations or violence;

Identify safe areas (for example police stations, hospitals, Saudi Government buildings) in your area and how to get to them quickly;

Tell co-workers or neighbors where you're going and when you intend to return;

Minimize your profile while in public;

Always carry a cell phone and make sure you have emergency numbers pre-programmed into your phone such as the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh (011-488-3800), U.S. Consulate General in

Jeddah (012-667-0080), and U.S. Consulate General in Dhahran (013-330-3200). The emergency number for the Saudi Police, Fire, and Rescue is 999. Please keep in mind that most emergency dispatchers and personnel do not speak English;

Be prepared to postpone or cancel activities for personal safety concerns;

Report concerns you may have to the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh, the U.S. Consulate General in Jeddah, or the U.S. Consulate General in Dhahran.

For further information:

- See the [State Department's travel website](#) for the [Worldwide Caution](#), Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and [Saudi Arabia Country Specific Information](#).
- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Contact the U.S. Embassy in Saudi Arabia located at Abdullah Ibn Huthafah Al-Sahmi Street, Diplomatic Quarter, at +966 11 488 3800, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +966 11 488 3800.
- Call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).
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