

U.S. Embassy Dakar, Senegal
Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Student Protests
November 19, 2013

Cheikh Anta Diop University students have scheduled a protest for today. Police have deployed anti-riot officers to the school and usually post additional officers along the Corniche during student demonstrations to keep traffic flowing. Since last Friday, student demonstrations have taken place at the Ecole Nationale d'Economie Appliquée (ENEA) adjacent to the International School of Dakar (ISD) and the Cheikh Anta Diop University in the vicinity of Avenue Cheikh Anta Diop.

The U.S. Embassy is also aware of recent security incidents in areas frequented by both the official and non-official U.S. community. On Thursday, November 14, around 11:00 a.m., a couple was threatened at knife-point while they were walking along the Corniche. The incident took place on the west (ocean) side of the Corniche between Ebbets Field and ISD, just south of the roundabout. This is the same general location where a U.S. citizen and his wife were attacked by a man with a machete last year. The area is widely regarded as dangerous to pedestrians.

The Regional Security Officer reminds U.S. citizens to practice good security habits, maintain a high level of vigilance, and avoid high crime areas like this stretch of road along the Corniche, especially between Ebbets and the Ouakam Mosque (Mosquée de la Divinité) during hours of darkness. If you choose to walk along this portion of the Corniche during the day, you should not walk alone and we recommend that you use the sidewalk on the east side of the road (away from the beach).

U.S. citizens should take appropriate safety precautions, including: maintaining good situational awareness, avoiding crowds and demonstrations, and monitoring local news outlets.

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