

United States Embassy Dakar, Senegal
Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Senegalese Security Operations in the Kedougou Region
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The Senegalese Government has deployed military and gendarmerie units to Saraya in the mining region of Kedougou as part of a security operation to close the illegal artisanal mining site of Kharakhena. While the situation has been peaceful, circumstances could change quickly.

U.S. citizens are encouraged to stay informed and to practice good situational awareness when moving around in the region. Civil unrest or disturbances are not anticipated, but U.S. citizens should remain observant and plan accordingly. Be aware that demonstrations intended to be peaceful can quickly escalate into violence. Avoid crowds, political gatherings, and street demonstrations, even if they appear to be peaceful. Exercise caution when in the vicinity of demonstrations, monitor media coverage of local events, and be aware of your surroundings at all times.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Senegal or Guinea-Bissau enroll in the [Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#). STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the [State Department's website](#), where you can find current [Travel Warnings](#), [Travel Alerts](#), and the [Worldwide Caution](#). Read the [Country Specific Information for Senegal and neighboring countries](#). For additional information, refer to the [Traveler's Checklist](#) on the State Department's website.

Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to have travel information at your fingertips.

The U.S. Embassy in Dakar is located on Route des Almadies and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy is +221 33 879 4444 and ask to speak to the duty officer. You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the U.S. Embassy [website](#) or sending an email message to DakarACS@state.gov.