

**U.S Embassy Dakar, Senegal
Security Message for U.S. Citizens
Wrestling Match Advisory**

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This message is to inform U.S. citizens in Senegal that the Embassy's Regional Security Office has strongly advised U.S. official personnel not to attend the Yekeni and Balla Gaye wrestling match on April 22, at Demba Diop Stadium in Dakar because of the strong likelihood for violence to occur between rival fans and groups supporting the wrestlers.

Wrestling matches in the past have been marred by rowdy fans throwing items and being disruptive, resulting in injury to other spectators. Violence between rival fans often spills over and adversely affects those not involved. Additionally, depending on the outcome of the match, supporters may take to the streets in support of their favorite wrestler, with the potential for vandalism and demonstrations. It is recommended that the area around Stadium Demba Diop be avoided starting at 1600, as pedestrian foot traffic will be heavy ahead of the match. If streets around the stadium are blocked by demonstrations, it further impacts the ability for by-passers to leave an area where violence is occurring. As with past demonstrations, disruptions may spread to other areas of the city as well.

While security services will be present at the match, unruly fans may temporarily overwhelm security personnel at the stadium and surrounding areas. U.S. citizens are encouraged to consider avoiding this event.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the U.S. Embassy Dakar web site (<http://dakar.usembassy.gov/>). 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 (http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1013.html). If you don't have internet access, you can get current information on safety and security 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 Senegal or Guinea-Bissau, please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP - <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>). 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.

The U.S. Embassy in Dakar is located on at Avenue Jean XXIII, Dakar; the mailing address is B.P. 49, Dakar, Senegal. If you have questions or concerns about safety or related issues, you are

encouraged to contact the consular section at the Embassy by sending an email message to consulardakar@state.gov . The Embassy telephone number is +221 33 829-2100. For After Hours Emergency, please call Tel: 33-829-2209 and ask to speak to the duty officer.