

**U.S. Embassy Banjul, The Gambia
Security Message for U.S. Citizens
Events in Mali and Effects on Neighboring Countries**

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The U.S. Embassy alerts U.S. citizens in The Gambia to remain vigilant in light of recent events in neighboring Mali and the potential for retaliatory actions towards Westerners in general within the region. The U.S. Embassy recommends U.S. citizens in The Gambia review the current Worldwide Caution, specifically with reference to the West African region, and the recent Travel Warning for Mali on travel.state.gov:

[Worldwide Caution](#)

[Mali](#)

While there is currently no specific information relating to any threats against U.S. citizens in The Gambia, it is prudent to be aware of events occurring in neighboring countries. As a precaution, U.S. citizens in The Gambia should exercise caution when visiting public areas, particularly those frequented by westerners. These include unspecified locations such as hotels, nightclubs and public transportation. Stay tuned to media reports, maintain situational awareness and report suspicious activity or unattended packages to the police. As always, avoid demonstrations should you come upon them.

You can stay in touch and get U.S. Embassy updates by checking the [Embassy Banjul](#) website. You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs website where you can find the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and [Country Specific Information](#). 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 The Gambia, please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) (STEP). 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 The Gambia is located at Kairaba Avenue, Fajara, P.M.B. 19. If you have questions or concerns about safety or related issues, you are encouraged to contact the consular section at the Embassy by phone (220) 439-2856, fax (220) 439-2475.