

## U.S. Embassy Dakar, Senegal

### Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Security Awareness

April 4, 2013

The U.S. Embassy in Dakar, Senegal, alerts all U.S. citizens residing in Guinea-Bissau that [Reuters](#) has reported the arrests of several suspected Bissau-Guinean narcotics traffickers by U.S. agents in international waters off the coast of Guinea-Bissau. The Embassy advises all U.S. citizens to be mindful of their personal security, to remain vigilant, and to avoid any demonstrations or protests which may ensue because of these arrests. Remember that demonstrations, even ones which are intended to be peaceful, have the potential to escalate into violence. Exercise caution should you find yourself in the vicinity of a demonstration.

There is currently no permanent U.S. diplomatic or consular presence in Guinea-Bissau. The U.S. Liaison Office in Bissau (BLO), which normally provides limited services to U.S. citizens in the event of an emergency, is presently closed. The U.S. Embassy in Dakar, Senegal, is accredited for all diplomatic and security concerns within Guinea-Bissau. All security and consular services are currently being coordinated through the American Citizens Services Section and the Regional Security Office at the U.S. Embassy in Dakar, Senegal. The U.S. Embassy in Dakar is located on Route des Almadies, 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](mailto:consulardakar@state.gov). The Embassy telephone number is +221 33 879-4000. For After Hours Emergency, please call Tel: 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 Dakar website](#). 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](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on [Facebook](#) as well, or you can download our free Smart Traveler App, available through [iTunes](#) and the [Android](#) marketplace, to have travel information at your fingertips. If you don't have internet access, current information on safety and security can also be obtained 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 \(STEP\)](#). 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.