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PRESS RELEASE

U.S. EMBASSY ENCOURAGES ITS CITIZENS TO STAY INFORMED WHEN TRAVELLING

On March 2, 2012, the U.S. Department of State released a travel alert encouraging U.S. citizens to keep themselves informed through Embassy and media sources if traveling to Senegal during the 2012 Presidential elections. The March 2 travel alert does not ask American citizens to postpone travel to Senegal. The State Department routinely issues travel alerts to inform U.S. citizens of travel and safety issues overseas.

A travel alert describes relatively short-term conditions that could pose risks to the security of U.S. citizens; such as election-related disturbances, civil unrest, or demonstrations related to an international event. Travel Alerts are issued for a limited period of time, usually 90 to 120 days. We routinely monitor and evaluate information in order to ensure that Travel Alerts are accurate.

Anyone can stay in touch with the Embassy and receive updates by checking the [U.S. Embassy Dakar website](#). You can also stay up to date with the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs by following the Bureau on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#); or by bookmarking the [Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#), which contains the current [Worldwide Caution](#).

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