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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Situation in Guinea-Bissau**

#### **The U.S. are disheartened by the negative turn of events Situation in Guinea-Bissau**

We have received reports of explosions and heavy weapons fire in Guinea-Bissau's capital city. The situation is currently unclear and events are still unfolding. We understand that radio and television are off the air, and that military forces are attempting to restrict movement.

The U.S. Embassy in Dakar is monitoring the situation closely and has advised U.S. citizens in Guinea-Bissau to shelter in place and avoid the downtown area of Bissau.

We are disheartened by the negative turn of events so soon after the first round of Guinea-Bissau's presidential election. We are deeply concerned about the safety of all those in Bissau today, and urge all parties to put down their weapons and restore legitimate civilian leadership.

It is regrettable that elements of the Bissau-Guinean military have chosen to derail the democratic process in Guinea-Bissau.

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