



Emergency Message: Maseru (Lesotho) Unrest Reported in Roma

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U.S. Embassy Maseru released the following Emergency Message for U.S. citizens on October 13, 2011:

Yesterday the National University of Lesotho (NUL) in Roma was closed unexpectedly. In response, a group gathered on the grounds of NUL in protest. The group was ordered to vacate the NUL campus by this morning. Although there have been no reports of violence, the situation is dynamic and might deteriorate rapidly without much advance warning. U.S. Embassy Maseru will provide additional information as it becomes available.

The Embassy, therefore, recommends you take proper precautions and avoid any ongoing demonstrations, areas of potential intimidation, and marches or march routes. We also recommend you avoid large crowds or gatherings of people, and ensure you have alternate and tertiary travel routes. Carry your cellular telephone, and report all security concerns to the Embassy immediately.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the U.S. Embassy Maseru web site. 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 Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information. If you don't have internet access, we have a call center for updates – 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on 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 federal holidays).

U.S. Embassy Maseru also encourages U.S. citizens to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). By doing so, we can provide important safety and security announcements. It will also help your friends and family get in touch with you in an emergency. Please 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.



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