



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Conakry (Guinea) Potentially Restless Crowds

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The Guinean national soccer team is playing Botswana on January 28, with a scheduled start of 16:00 local time. The Guinean team is also playing a game against Ghana on February 1, with a scheduled start of 19:00 local time. As happened during and after the match against Mali on January 24, frustration over lack of consistent electric power to view the game could result in potentially restless crowds in the streets. The embassy urges all U.S. citizens to remain close to home from mid-afternoon, Saturday, January 28, 2012, through the evening, and from late afternoon on Wednesday, February 1, 2012, also through the evening.

U.S. citizens who must leave their homes for any reason during the indicated times are urged to exercise extreme caution, be particularly alert to their surroundings, and to avoid crowds, demonstrations, or any other form of public gathering. We remind U.S. citizens that demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence quickly.

If you have questions or concerns about safety or related issues, contact the consular section at the Embassy. During normal business hours -- Monday through Thursday 07:30 to 16:30, Friday 07:30 to 13:30 -- you can call the Embassy switchboard at 65-10-4000, or, to reach the consular section directly, 67-10-4444. After hours, please call 67-10-4311. Inquiries or information transmitted by email to the consular section of the Embassy at our new email address conconakry@state.gov will be read the morning of the next business day.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website, travel.state.gov, where the current Worldwide Cautions, Travel Alerts, Travel Warnings, and Country Specific Information can be found.

The U.S. Embassy is located on the Transversale No. 2, Centre Administratif de Koloma, opposite the RTG building in Ratoma, Conakry, Guinea. The U.S. Embassy website is <http://conakry.usembassy.gov/index.html>.