



## **Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Tbilisi (Georgia), American Citizens Urged to Remain Vigilant** State Terrorism

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The U.S. Embassy in Tbilisi reminds U.S. citizens in Georgia to remain vigilant in light of recent security incidents in Georgia. On February 13, Georgian police defused an explosive device in Tbilisi attached to the vehicle of a Georgian staff member of the Israeli Embassy. On February 14, in an unrelated incident, the Georgian Ministry of the Interior detained a man suspected of plotting the bombing of a market in Zugdidi.

Although we have no information indicating that private or official U.S. citizens or U.S. Embassy staff in Georgia would be targeted in similar incidents, we nevertheless urge U.S. citizens to exercise vigilance.

U.S. citizens traveling abroad should regularly monitor the U.S. Embassy's website, and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs website, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information can be found. We encourage you to register your travel via the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) which will allow us to contact you in an emergency. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review "A Safe Trip Abroad," which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad.

The U.S. Embassy in Georgia is located at 11 George Balanchine Street, tel: (995) 32-227-77-00, fax: (995) 32-227-77-01, or, for emergencies after-hours and on weekends, tel: (995) 32- 227-71-33. You may also contact us by e-mail: [askconsultbilisi@state.gov](mailto:askconsultbilisi@state.gov). The Consular Section is open Monday – Friday from 8:30 - 5. We are closed on U.S. and Georgian holidays. For more information, visit the Embassy's website.