



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Conakry (Guinea), Political Opposition Demonstration (May 14) Political Violence

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The Embassy believes that political opposition groups plan to call for a ville mort beginning Monday morning, May 14, and possibly continuing into the coming week. Demonstrators may attempt to disrupt traffic, in part by inflicting damage on passing vehicles. The possibility exists that demonstrations could escalate into random violence.

The Embassy strongly urges all U.S. citizens to refrain from traveling on major thoroughfares in Conakry Monday morning, and throughout the coming week as indicated by developments in the political situation.

U.S. citizens who must travel within Conakry for any reason, beginning Monday morning, but also through the coming week, 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>.