



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso), High Cost of Living

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This emergency message is being issued to alert U.S. citizens residing and traveling in Burkina Faso that a permit has been issued for a "High Cost of Living" rally and protest march for Saturday, May 26 in downtown Ouagadougou. The participants have been instructed to gather at the Bourse du Travail at 7AM. A specific start time for the actual march is not known at this time. Trade Union Leaders have stated the protest will conclude by 12 Noon at the Bourse. The approved route for the march is pasted below. Marchers will pass popular downtown weekend attractions: Marina Market, SCIMAS, Grande Marche, and the CCF. National and Municipal Police will monitor the march and ensure the marchers abide by the approved route. The U.S. Embassy will issue updated messages as necessary. The Embassy would like to remind American citizens of our guidance to avoid demonstrations and gatherings that are political in nature because of the potential for violence.

The State Department's Office of Overseas Citizens Services publishes the latest travel information on the Department of State Consular Affairs web site. That office can be reached from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Monday through Friday, by calling 1-888-407-4747 from within the United States and Canada, or by calling 1-202-501-4444 from other countries.

U.S. citizens living or traveling in Burkina Faso are encouraged to enroll with the Embassy through the Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) website, so they can obtain updated information on travel and security within Burkina Faso. Citizens without Internet access may enroll directly with the Embassy. In using STEP, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency.

The U.S. Embassy in Ouagadougou is located in Ouaga 2000, Sector 15, on Avenue Sembene Ousmane, southeast of the Monument aux Heros Nationaux. Additional local information, including recent warden messages, is available on the Embassy Ouagadougou web site. For after-hours emergencies, please contact the Embassy's primary phone number, +226 50 49 53 00, press "1" and ask to speak to the duty officer.

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