



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Tripoli (Libya), Temporary Closure of Tripoli International Airport

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The Embassy advises U.S. citizens that Tripoli International Airport has been temporarily closed due to military activity in the area. U.S. citizens are urged to exercise caution and avoid traveling in the vicinity of the airport until the situation has been resolved. Travelers should check with their airlines prior to planned travel.

The Embassy reminds U.S. citizens in Libya of the current Travel Warning, which warns against all but essential travel to Libya. The Embassy's ability to assist U.S. citizens in the event of a crisis remains extremely limited. If you plan to travel to Libya despite the current Travel Warning, or already reside here, we urge you to visit <http://travelregistration.state.gov> and enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive the latest travel updates and information and to obtain updated information on travel and security issues. By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency.

Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

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The U.S. Embassy in Tripoli is located at Walee al-Ahad Street, Airport Road District, Tripoli. During business hours, U.S. citizens should call 218 91 220 3239 for assistance. After hours requests for emergency assistance involving U.S. citizens should be directed to 218 91 379 4560. The consular section can also be reached by email at consulartripoli@state.gov. The Embassy's hours of operation are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sunday - Thursday.

U.S. citizens in Libya should regularly monitor the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs website, where the Worldwide Caution, Country Specific Information and the Travel



Warning for Libya are found. In addition, the Embassy encourages U.S. citizens to review "A Safe Trip Abroad", which includes valuable security information for those traveling or living in foreign countries. You can also follow the Bureau of Consular Affairs on Twitter and on Facebook. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada, or, for callers outside of the United States and Canada, on a regular toll-line at 1-202-501-444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).