



## Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Lome (Togo), Protest Activity

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The U.S. Embassy in Lomé informs U.S. citizens in Togo that the “Collectif Sauvons le Togo”, a political opposition group, has organized a three-day demonstration to protest against new voting legislation. The demonstration, which started Tuesday June 12, 2012, is scheduled to continue through Thursday June 14, 2012 in Lomé. Protesters spent the night on the boulevard du 13 janvier (circulaire) in the Deckon neighborhood and have blocked traffic from the lower east side of the boulevard to the “Fontaine Lumineuse”. Reports indicate that the Bè and Tokoin Ramco neighborhoods have also been affected, and that Togolese security services are actively intervening in the protests.

The Embassy strongly recommends that U.S. citizens stay clear of these areas and avoid walking or driving on streets where you see large crowds or stopped traffic. Please be aware that demonstrations may occur without warning anywhere in the city. We also wish to remind U.S. citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

You can stay in touch and get updates by checking the U.S. Embassy Togo web site. You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs website, where you can find the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook as well, or you can download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App for travel information at your fingertips. Current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States or a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444 for callers from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except federal holidays).

If you are going to live in or travel to Togo, please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). If you enroll, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. It will also help your friends and family get in touch with you in an emergency. You should remember to keep all of your information in STEP up to date. It is important during enrollment or updating of information to include your current phone number and current email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency.



The U.S. Embassy in Lomé is located on boulevard Eyadéma, Cité OUA; mailings address P.O. Box 852. The Embassy telephone number is (228) 22-61-54-70. The Embassy fax number is (228) 22-61-55-01.

For after-hours emergencies, U.S. citizens should call (228) 22-61 54 70 and ask to speak with the duty officer.