



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Timor-Leste, Unrest and Political Violence

Political Violence

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There have been a number of incidents of stone-throwing and large crowds gathering spontaneously, especially in Dili, over the past 24 hours. Some property and vehicles have been damaged. U.S. citizens resident in or visiting Timor-Leste should be aware that there could continue to be heightened tensions, possible demonstrations, and/or violent incidents without prior notice.

You should exercise appropriate caution and avoid large crowds. If a violent incident breaks out, leave the area as quickly as circumstances permit and alert the local police. You should carry your cell phone with emergency contacts pre-programmed with you at all times. Keep your car windows closed and doors locked. We remind U.S. citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can change quickly and potentially upgrade into violence. Be aware that rumors, even if untrue, can spread quickly.

The U.S. Embassy in Dili is operating as normal and will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you have information on any incidents of concern, please alert the U.S. Embassy by calling 332-4684 and asking for the RSO (or by calling 723-1328 after 5:00 p.m.).

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the U.S. Embassy Dili web site (<http://timor-leste.usembassy.gov>). 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 Warning, 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. If you don't have Internet access, current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States, or for callers from other countries, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

If you are going to live in or travel to Timor-Leste, 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, including your current phone number and email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency. We recommend that you also send an email to consdili@state.gov after enrolling to ensure that you are on our list.

The U.S. Embassy in Dili is located at Avenida de Portugal, Praia dos Coqueiros, Dili (tel. +670-332-4684.) The Consular Section of the Embassy can be reached via the main telephone line or at consdili@state.gov. The Embassy is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For after-hours emergencies, U.S. citizens should call the Embassy duty officer at +670-723-1328.