



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Yaounde (Cameroon), Potential Reaction to Impending Fuel Price Increase Riots/Civil Unrest

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According to media reports, the Cameroonian government is likely to reduce or eliminate fuel subsidies in the near future, which will increase the price of gasoline and other fuel products. The U.S. Embassy advises U.S. citizens who are resident in and traveling to Cameroon that there may be public disturbances in reaction to the measure. U.S. citizens should follow updates via the media of local political and social developments related to this issue.

Demonstrations are not uncommon in Cameroon and can emerge with little or no prior notice. Although demonstrations may appear to be peaceful, confrontations between security forces, demonstrators, and bystanders, can quickly and without much advance warning escalate into violence. We urge you to avoid demonstrations and to exercise caution if you are within the vicinity of any protests. If you find yourself in the proximity of a large gathering, it is recommended you leave the area immediately for your own safety.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the U.S. Embassy Yaounde 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. If you don't have internet access, you may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the United States and Canada, or from other countries on 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). You may also follow U.S. Embassy Yaounde's Twitter feed for information for U.S. citizens at twitter.com/USEmbCameroon.

The U.S. Embassy in Yaounde encourages U.S. citizens to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program for the most up-to-date security information. Keep all of your information in STEP up to date by maintaining your current phone numbers and email addresses where you can be reached in case of an emergency. U.S. citizens may also download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App to have travel information at their fingertips.

The U.S. Embassy in Yaoundé is located at Avenue Rosa Parks close to the Mont Febe Golf Club. The telephone number is +237 2220-1500 ext. 4341/4023. The number for after-hours emergencies is +237 2220-1500 ext. 4531. The fax number is +237 2220-1572.

The Embassy's e-mail address is yaoundeacs@state.gov.

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