



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Maputo (Mozambique), Demonstration Notice

Riots/Civil Unrest

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The U.S. Embassy advises U.S. citizens that there is an authorized, peaceful protest currently taking place in Maputo between the Robert Mugabe circle and marching to the Joaquim Chissano Center along the Marginal. There is a police presence and escort. The demonstration involving several hundred demonstrators was expected to end at 1600 but is still ongoing.

Public transport vehicles ("chapas") may not follow their normal routes or may not run at all. Disruptions to cell phone service could occur, and as always, there is the potential for things to quickly spiral into violence, with protesters improvising road blocks and throwing rocks at passing vehicles.

Spontaneous demonstrations take place in Mozambique from time to time in response to world events or local developments. We remind you that 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. You should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the website of the U.S. Embassy in Maputo. 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 and Canada, 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 Mozambique, 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.

U.S. Embassy Maputo

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