



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Algiers (Algeria), Possible Demonstrations

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The U.S. Embassy in Algiers informs U.S. citizens residing in or visiting Algeria that groups, via different social media websites, are calling for demonstrations in front of the U.S. Embassy beginning at 12:00 p.m. local time today to protest a range of issues.

These groups may gather in front of the U.S. Embassy or Algerian government buildings and march to different locations. It is unclear if large numbers will take to the streets. Large gatherings and non-essential travel in and around the U.S. Embassy and other official, government buildings should be avoided this afternoon.

The U.S. Embassy in Algiers continues to advise U.S. citizens living in, or visiting Algiers, to exercise caution and be aware of the potential for protests or demonstrations at any time.

U.S. citizens are advised to avoid large crowds or public gatherings, review their personal security plans and remain alert to their surroundings at all times in Algeria. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn into confrontational or potentially violent situations. Regardless of where you are, keep your security and situational awareness levels high. U.S. citizens are urged to monitor local news reports and to plan their activities accordingly.

U.S. citizens should also consult the Department of State's Country Specific Information for Algeria, Travel Warning for Algeria and the Worldwide Caution, available at Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs web site. You can also follow the Bureau of Consular Affairs on Twitter and on Facebook, and download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App to have travel information at your fingertips. 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 1-202-501-4444. 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 Algiers' Twitter feed for information for U.S. citizens at twitter.com/USEmbAlgiers.

U.S. citizens living or traveling to Algeria are encouraged to enroll with the Embassy through the Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) website, so they can obtain updated information on travel and security within Algeria. By using STEP, you make it easier for the Embassy to contact you in case of emergency.



The U.S. Embassy in Algiers is located at 05 Chemin Cheikh Bachir Ibrahimi, El-Biar 16030. The telephone number is (213) 770 – 08 – 2032. The number for after-hours emergencies is (213) 770 – 08 - 2000. The fax number is (213) (21) 60 – 73 – 35. The Embassy's e-mail address is ConsularAlgiers@state.gov or ACSAAlgiers@state.gov. If you no longer wish to receive emails from the Embassy, please respond with a message that contains "REMOVE" in the subject line.