



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Tunis (Tunisia), Demonstrations September 14, 2012

Riots/Civil Unrest

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Demonstrations are expected to take place today in the vicinity of the U.S. Embassy, and the security situation remains fluid. Media reports also indicate that demonstrations may take place in the Kasbah area in central Tunis. The U.S. Embassy remains open; however, access to the area around the Embassy may be restricted due to the demonstrations. If the security situation requires further changes to the availability of public services at the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy, updates will be posted on the Embassy website: <http://tunisia.usembassy.gov>.

U.S. citizens should remain cautious and avoid areas where large gatherings may occur. Even demonstrations or events intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. U.S. citizens in Tunisia are urged to monitor local news reports and to plan their activities accordingly. U.S. citizens should review the current Country Specific Information for Tunisia.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts and Country Specific Information can be found.

In addition, the Embassy encourages U.S. citizens to review "A Safe Trip Abroad," which includes valuable security information for those traveling or living in foreign countries. You can also follow the Bureau of Consular Affairs on Twitter and on Facebook or download our free Smart Traveler App, available through iTunes and the Android market, to have travel information at your fingertips for 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 1-202-501-444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).



All U.S. citizens in Tunisia are encouraged to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). U.S. citizens without internet access may enroll directly at the U.S. Embassy. By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency.

The U.S. Embassy in Tunis is located at Les Berges du Lac, 1053 Tunis. For emergencies after business hours and on weekends and holidays, U.S. citizens can contact the Embassy Duty Officer via the Embassy switchboard at 216-71-107-000.