



## Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Nouakchott (Mauritania), Demonstrations Co

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There is a large demonstration currently underway at BMCI bank. The U.S. Embassy in Nouakchott urges all U.S. citizens to avoid BMCI bank and the area around the U.S. Embassy.

The demonstrators are protesting against the controversial film that sparked riots in Egypt and Libya. It is unknown how long the demonstrations will persist. U.S. government personnel have been advised to not move about in or around Nouakchott. You are reminded to maintain a high level of vigilance and to take appropriate steps to increase your security awareness. Even demonstrations that are meant to be peaceful can become violent and unpredictable. You should avoid them if at all possible. Be alert and aware of your surroundings and pay attention to the local news media.

The U.S. Embassy in Nouakchott strongly encourages U.S. citizens who travel to or live in Mauritania to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive the most up-to-date security information. Please keep all of your information in STEP current. It is important when enrolling or updating information to include multiple phone numbers and email addresses to facilitate communication in the event of an emergency.

U.S. citizens should consult the Country Specific Information sheet for the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and the Worldwide Caution, both located on the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs website. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook as well. 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).

The U.S. Embassy is located between the Presidency building and the Spanish Embassy on Rue Abdallaye. The postal address is B.P. 222, Nouakchott, telephone (222) 4-525-2660/2663, 4-525-1141/1145, or 4-525-3038, and fax (222) 4-525-1592. For after-hours emergencies, please call (222) 4-525-3288 or visit the U.S. Embassy Nouakchott web site. In the event of an emergency that interrupts mobile phone (SMS) or Internet communication in Mauritania, U.S. citizens may call the Embassy's dedicated Consular emergency recording at (222) 4-525-3707 to receive the most up-to-date instructions.