



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Libreville (Gabon), Planned Political Rallies

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The U.S. Embassy alerts U.S. citizens that **on Saturday, September 22, 2012, political rallies and/or demonstrations are planned in and around the Rio neighborhood.** We remind U.S. citizens that even gatherings intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. U.S. citizens 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 U.S. Embassy Libreville web site (<http://libreville.usembassy.gov/>). 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 for Gabon (http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1120.html) or São Tomé & Príncipe (http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1010.html). If you don't have internet access, we have a call center for updates, call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. 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 federal holidays).

If you are going to live in or travel to Gabon or São Tomé & Príncipe, 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.

The U.S. Embassy in Libreville is located in Sabliere and can be reached at +241 01-45-71-00 during business hours.

For after-hours emergencies, U.S. citizens should call +241 07-38-01-71 and ask to speak with the duty officer.