



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Nouakchott (Mauritania), Security Reminder

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U.S. Embassy Nouakchott urges all U.S. citizens to avoid areas around the U.S. Embassy as well as the Grand Mosque and Marche Capital areas of the city on Friday, September 28, since demonstrations protesting the controversial film and cartoons may continue.

Citizens should maintain a heightened level of situational awareness and take appropriate steps to increase their security awareness. Protests may continue to occur throughout the next several days. Remember even demonstrations and gatherings meant to be peaceful can without advanced warning become violent and unpredictable. You should avoid them.

Remain 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.