



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Algiers (Algeria), Attack at In Amenas, Algeria Facilities

Terrorism

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The U.S. Embassy in Algiers has received information that there was an attack on BP personnel and facilities in the city of In Amenas, Algeria this morning. We condemn this terrorist attack in the strongest terms. We are keeping close watch of the situation. We are in contact with Algerian authorities and our colleagues at the British Embassy in Algiers, as well as with BP's security office in London and the Diplomatic Security office in Washington.

At this time, we are not aware of any US Citizen casualties. We stand ready to assist any US Citizens.

U.S. citizens should review their personal security plans, remain aware of their surroundings, including local events, and monitor local news stations for updates. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security and follow instructions of local authorities. 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.

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 areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or living in Algeria enroll in the Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) website . STEP enrollment ensures you receive updated information on travel and security within Algeria, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency.

U.S. citizens should regularly monitor Department of State's website at <http://travel.state.gov> where you can find current Travel Warnings, including the Travel Warning for Algeria , Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Consult the Department of State's Country Specific



Information for Algeria available at Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs web site. For additional information, refer to "A Safe Trip Abroad" on the State Department's website.

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. You may also follow U.S. Embassy Algiers' Twitter feed for information for U.S. citizens at twitter.com/USEmbAlgiers.

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).

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.