



## Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Tripoli (Libya), Attack at In Amenas, Algeria

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The following message was released by U.S. Embassy Algiers:

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 U.S. Citizen casualties. We stand ready to assist any U.S. Citizens.

End message from U.S. Embassy Algiers.

U.S. Embassy Tripoli reminds all U.S. citizens that they 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.

The Department of State warns U.S. citizens of the risks of traveling to Libya and strongly advises against all but essential travel to Tripoli and all travel to Benghazi, Bani Walid, and southern Libya, including border areas and the regions of Sabha and Kufra. Because of ongoing instability and violence, the Department's ability to provide consular services to U.S. citizens in these regions of Libya is extremely limited. In Amenas, Algeria lies close to the Western border of Libya.

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

For further information, U.S. citizens should consult the Department of State's Country Specific Information for Libya. Stay up to date by bookmarking our Bureau of Consular Affairs website, which contains the current Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts as well as the Worldwide Caution.

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 Tripoli on Twitter and on Facebook for information for U.S. citizens.



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).

U.S. citizens in need of emergency assistance should call 091-379-4560 between 0900 and 1500 Sunday to Thursday. The number for after-hours emergencies is 091-220-5203. The Embassy's e-mail address is [ConsularTripoli@state.gov](mailto:ConsularTripoli@state.gov).