



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Juba (South Sudan), Recent Violence in Pibor Town

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On January 27, a tense encounter between soldiers of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) and an armed group escalated into widespread violence in Pibor Town main market in Jonglei State. The fighting mainly occurred on evening of January 27, though the situation remains tense and unpredictable.

The U.S. embassy advises U.S. Citizens in South Sudan to avoid Pibor Town and the surrounding areas. We remind U.S. citizens that violent incidents are common across South Sudan, but particularly prevalent in areas of ongoing inter-ethnic conflict or contestation between security forces and other armed groups. We urge U.S. citizens to avoid these areas and to exercise vigilance at all times. For more information, please consult the State Department's travel warning for South Sudan at travel.state.gov.

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