



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Somalia, Threat to Westerners in Somaliland

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This is to inform U.S. citizens residing in or planning travel to Somalia that the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi has become aware of a credible, imminent threat against westerners, including U.S. citizens working in or visiting Somaliland. We remind all U.S. citizens in Somalia or considering travel to any part of Somalia that the Department of State's December 26, 2012 Travel Warning for Somalia advises U.S. citizens to avoid all travel to Somalia.

For U.S. citizens currently in Somalia, the U.S. Embassy urges you to review your personal security plans; remain aware of your 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.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the website of the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi. 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 Warning, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook as well, or you can download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App for travel information at your fingertips. If you don't have internet access, current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada, or, for callers from other countries, 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).

All U.S. citizens in Kenya and Somalia are urged to register online at the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). Registering gives U.S. citizens access to updated information on travel and security within Kenya and makes it easier for the Embassy to contact citizens in case of emergency.

The U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya is located on United Nations Avenue Gigiri, Nairobi, Kenya, tel. +254-20-363-6000. The Consular Section of the Embassy may be reached at tel. +254(0)20-363-6622 or via email at Kenya_ACS@state.gov. For after-hours emergencies, please call +254-(0) 20-363-6170.