



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Dili (Timor-Leste), Baucau Security Concerns

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United States Embassy Dili continues to receive and monitor reports of increased security concerns in the Baucau district, including the kidnapping of police officers on Thursday, January 15. Travel to and through Baucau is restricted for official U.S. personnel until Wednesday, January 21. U.S. citizens should reconsider travel to the Baucau district. U.S. citizens in Baucau should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

Please 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.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Timor-Leste enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at travel.state.gov. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the State Department's website, where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the Country Specific Information for Timor-Leste. For additional information, refer to the "Traveler's Checklist" on the State Department's website.

Contact the U.S. embassy for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on Twitter and Facebook to have travel information at your fingertips.

The U.S. Embassy in Dili is located at Av. de Portugal – Praia dos Coqueiros and is open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, 670-332-4684. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance

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outside of business hours, the emergency after-hours number for the U.S. Embassy is 670-7723-1328.

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