



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Nairobi (Kenya), Reports of Attack in Garissa

Terrorism

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The U.S. Embassy in Nairobi has received reports of an ongoing attack at Moi University, Garissa Campus, in Garissa, Kenya. According to the reports, there have been explosions and heavy gunfire at the school; hostages have been taken and al-Shabaab has claimed responsibility for the attack. While the city and county of Garissa are currently restricted for travel of U.S. Government personnel, we urge private U.S. citizens to avoid any travel in the Garissa area. U.S. citizens throughout Kenya are encouraged to remain vigilant, review their own personal security measures, and stay tuned to local media reports for the latest information on the situation.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Nairobi enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP).

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, including the Travel

Warning for Kenya, Travel

Alerts, and the Worldwide

Caution. Read the Country

Specific Information for Kenya. For additional information, refer to

"Traveler's

Checklist" on the State Department's website.

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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 Nairobi is located on United Nations Avenue Gigiri, Nairobi, Kenya , tel. +254-20-363-6000. You can contact the Consular Section of the Embassy by phone at +254(0)20-363-6451 or via email atKenya_ACS@state.gov. For after-hours emergencies, please call +254-(0) 20-363-6000. Providing Assistance to U.S. Citizens is our Top Priority!

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