



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Dakar (Senegal), Referendum

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The U.S. Embassy informs U.S. citizens that Senegal will have a referendum on March 20 for proposed changes to its constitution. Between March 17 and March 20, supporters for both sides of the referendum are expected to campaign throughout Senegal. There is the possibility of disturbances and interruptions in traffic flow, and an increased law enforcement presence throughout Dakar and other parts of Senegal.

The U.S. Embassy also confirmed that the Government of Senegal will restrict overland travel from one region to another. This restriction will begin at midnight on Saturday, March 19, and continue through midnight on Sunday, March 20. The U.S. Embassy has advised employees against travel on Sunday.

For further information:

See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Senegal Country Specific Information.

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Contact the U.S. Embassy in Dakar, located on Route des Almadies, and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Fridays. You may call +221 33 879 4000 during normal business hours or +221 33 879 4444 during after-hours.

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