



## Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Caracas (Venezuela), Maracaibo Protests

Riots/Civil Unrest

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US Embassy Caracas informs

U.S. citizens, especially those living in Maracaibo, of the worsening security situation in the city. On the night of April 26-27

there were media reports of rioters looting and blocking city streets. These protests are likely to repeat. Venezuelan government authorities may take measures to control the situation which could include the imposition of a nighttime curfew and deployment of National Guard troops.

U.S. Citizens are urged to

review their safety and security precautions, monitor local media, and remain in their homes in the evening and overnight hours.

Even demonstrations

intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

For

further information:

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See the State Department's

travel website (<http://travel.state.gov>)

for the Worldwide Caution,

Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information for Venezuela.

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