



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Antananarivo (Madagascar), Heightened Awareness After June 26 Explosion

Political Violence

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On June 26, at approximately 7:00 p.m., there was an explosion at Mahamasina Stadium in Antananarivo during a music concert being held as a part of Madagascar's Independence Day celebration. No U.S. citizens were among the two dead approximately 80 injured. Separate explosions – that did not result in injuries – were reported at the Senate, the Institute of Statistics, and a public restroom in the same general vicinity within Antananarivo over the weekend. There are no indications that U.S. citizens were targeted, nor is there any indication that these incidents are connected. Nevertheless, the Embassy recommends heightened awareness of your surroundings and the ongoing security situation in Madagascar.

Exercise caution and avoid large crowds, gatherings, demonstrations or protests, as even peaceful gatherings can escalate into a violent or dangerous situation.

Review your personal security plans, remain aware of your surroundings, including local events, and monitor local news stations for updates. Be vigilant and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security.

For further information:

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

Enroll in the Smart Traveler-Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.

Contact the U.S. Embassy in Madagascar, located at Lot 207A Point Liberty, Andranoro-Antehiroka, Antananarivo 105, at +261 202348000, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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