



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Libreville (Gabon), Civil Disturbance

Riots/Civil Unrest; Elections

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The U.S. Embassy in Libreville informs U.S. citizens that widespread, violent demonstrations, rioting, looting, and road blocks continue, both in Libreville and other cities throughout Gabon. At this time the airport in Libreville is open and operational and commercial flights are available.

The Embassy recommends U.S. citizens remain in a safe location and avoid non-essential movement. U.S. government personnel assigned to the Embassy have been advised to remain at home and may not travel outside of the Sabliere neighborhood on official or unofficial business without prior approval. The Embassy continues to monitor the situation and will update you as appropriate.

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.

The U.S. Embassy in Libreville will be closed on Monday, September 5 for the Labor Day holiday.

The Embassy will be open with limited operations on Tuesday, September 6. Routine consular services have been cancelled, but emergency consular services for U.S. citizens continue to be available. Please consult the Embassy website for updated information on the Embassy's operational status.

For further information:

- See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Gabon *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 Gabon, located in Libreville, Quartier Sabliere at 241-01-45-71-00 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is 241-01-07-38-01-71.

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