



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Brazzaville (Congo), Kinshasa Demonstrations September 19

Riots/Civil Unrest; Elections

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The U.S. Embassy in Kinshasa sent a security message on September 15, 2016 alerting U.S. citizens in the Democratic Republic of Congo of the potential for large demonstrations on September 19, 2016, in Kinshasa and other major cities, with regard to the electoral process. Current information indicates planned political events may occur in and around the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) headquarters located on Boulevard 30 Juin in Kinshasa.

Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. Avoid areas where demonstrations are taking place and exercise caution when in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations. 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 Country Specific Information for Congo.
- 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 Brazzaville, located at 70-83 Boulevard Denis Sassu Nguesso, Brazzaville, Congo, at +242-06-612-200, 8.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. from Monday - Thursday; 8.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. on Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is (+242) 06-612-2010.

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