



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of the Congo), Political Rally Scheduled for November 5

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The U.S. Embassy informs U.S. citizens of planned political gatherings and large crowds in Kinshasa on November 5 on Blvd Triomphal and around the Stade des Martyrs. Route blockages in other areas are possible as participants move to the location.

The Embassy advises U.S. citizens to avoid travel outside of the Gombe area of Kinshasa while the planned political gathering is ongoing.

U.S. citizens should be prepared to stay home on November 5 or at another safe location and have emergency supplies of food, water, and medications should the situation deteriorate.

Let your friends and family know that there might be communication disruptions in the coming days.

Embassy Kinshasa reminds U.S. citizens that 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 the Travel Warning for the DRC and remain alert for potentially dangerous situations.

For further information:

- See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information for the DRC.
- 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 Kinshasa, located at 310 Avenue des Aviateurs, at +243-081-225-5872 (Do not dial the zero when calling from abroad); the Consular Section at tel. +243-081-884-6859 or +243-081-884-4609 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Fridays. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is 081-556-0151.

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