



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Bujumbura (Burundi), Traffic Congestion

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The U.S. Embassy in Bujumbura is informing U.S. citizens that Boulevard Mwambutsa is currently heavily congested and traffic is restricted because of special events in the area (westward from Avenue des Etats-Unis up to Chausee du Peuple Murundi at the traffic circle). U.S. citizens are advised to consider an alternate route while travelling this evening because this road may be closed.

Even events intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. Exercise caution when in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations or avoid such areas altogether.

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 Burundi.
- 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 Burundi located on the corner of Avenue des Etats-Unis and Avenue du Cinquantenaire in Bujumbura, at +257-22-20-7000, 7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +257-22-20-7318, or +257-79-93-88-41.

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