

CONSULAR NEWS
SENEGAL & GUINEA BISSAU

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VIOLENCE IN THE CASAMANCE

On July 22, a group of heavily armed men stopped a number of vehicles and a bus with a number of passengers and robbed them of their valuables. One passenger wearing a military hat was killed on the spot. The attack took place between the villages of Teubi and Tobor, 8 kilometers from Ziguinchor. No organization has claimed responsibility for this attack to date.

NEW FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FVAP)

The Department of State is pleased to announce the launch of a new voter assistance website, located at www.fvap.gov. We encourage all overseas voters to review the information contained in this site, where you can directly access your state's instructions.

HEALTH ALERT

Guinea-Bissau: Cholera outbreak – media report that cholera has now reached the capital, Bissau. In 2008 four people have died and another 214 have been infected. The Ministry of Health is reported to be setting up special sanitation brigades which will go house to house, showing people how to treat water by boiling it or purifying it with small amounts of bleach.

UPDATED COUNTRY SPECIFIC INFORMATION SHEETS

If you've resided in Senegal for a long time, or not yet had occasion to review the Country Specific Information sheets for Senegal and Guinea-Bissau, you may wish to do so now at http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1013.html and http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1131.html respectively. The information has recently been updated, and contains several security reminders for your consideration.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

Where can students and prospective exchange participants look for travel and safety tips?

The Department of State has created www.studentsabroad.state.gov to facilitate the transfer of information to students and families exploring the world.

HOURS FOR AMERICAN CITIZEN SERVICES

We are open for routine American citizen services Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. When you arrive at the embassy, please show your U.S. passport or proof of

American citizenship to the guard and go directly to the Consular Receptionist window. You do not have to wait in line with visa applicants.

Emergency American citizen services are available during U.S. Embassy normal working hours which are Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For an after-hours emergency involving an American citizen, please call 76-383-9566.

We are also available by e-mail at consulardakar@state.gov.

HAVE YOU LEFT SENEGAL OR GUINEA BISSAU?

If you have left Senegal or Guinea-Bissau, please e-mail us at consulardakar@state.gov so we can remove your name from the warden registration database. If you would like to remain on the newsletter mailing list, please let us know in your e-mail.