

# PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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## Senegal

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This Public Announcement is being issued to advise American citizens of violence in association with Senegal's upcoming presidential election, and of special travel restrictions on Sunday, February 25, 2007. This Public Announcement will expire on March 26, 2007.

Senegal is scheduled to hold a presidential election on Sunday, February 25, 2007. In the past two weeks, various political parties have had violent confrontations throughout Senegal. One such confrontation on February 21 resulted in grave injuries and destruction of several vehicles. A popular expatriate restaurant, Le Regal, was seriously damaged by an uncontrolled mob. The U.S. Embassy expects that this type of violence may continue, and possibly worsen once election results are reported.

Due to the likelihood for violence before, on and after the Sunday, February 25 elections, American citizens should avoid unnecessary travel for the next two weeks, including within cities. The U.S. Embassy will remain open for normal operations. American citizens should avoid large crowds, particularly political gatherings and street demonstrations, and maintain heightened security awareness at all times.

The Government of Senegal has prohibited non-election related travel between towns on February 25. Also, the Government will forbid people from wearing clothing indicating their support for an individual candidate or that displays by its colors an obvious party affiliation on February 25. U.S. citizens should remain alert for a possible government-imposed curfew on Saturday, February 24.

American citizens traveling to or living in Senegal should regularly monitor the Department's Internet web site at <http://travel.state.gov> where the current Consular Information Sheet for Senegal, the Worldwide Caution Public Announcement, and other travel information can be found. Up-to-date information on security also can be obtained by emailing [consulardakar@state.gov](mailto:consulardakar@state.gov) or calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the United States and Canada, or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

Americans living or traveling in Senegal are urged to register with the U.S. Embassy in Dakar, where they can obtain updated information on travel and security within Senegal.

Security updates are e-mailed to all registered Americans with an e-mail address. On-line registration can be done in advance of travel at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>. Americans without Internet access may register directly with the U.S. Embassy in Dakar. By registering, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency.

The U.S. Embassy is located at Avenue Jean XXIII, Dakar; the mailing address is B.P. 49, Dakar, Senegal. The telephone number is (221) 823-4296; after-hours (221) 823-4604. The U.S. Embassy website is <http://usembassy.state.gov/dakar>.