The U.S. Embassy in Kampala wishes to alert American citizens living and traveling in western Uganda to reports of movements of members of the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) in the region. On September 27 and 28, 2006; the Ugandan Peoples Defense Forces intercepted two small groups of suspected ADF members, and engaged the ADF in two separate gun battles. Reportedly, six ADF fighters were killed in these incidents. The ADF, which is listed as a terrorist organization by the U.S. Government, had previously carried out attacks within Uganda in the late 1990s.

Reports indicate that members of the ADF are believed to be operating in Kibaale, Hoima, Kyenjojo, Kabarole, and Bundibugyo Districts. American citizens residing or traveling in these districts are advised to exercise caution, avoid travel at night and to remote areas, and to check with local Ugandan security officials regarding any possible ADF movements in the immediate area prior to traveling. The U.S. Peace Corps reassigned one of its volunteers from a site in Kibaale District to another site within the district due to the ADF presence.

The U.S. Embassy in Kampala also wishes to advise American citizens living and traveling in northern Uganda of the continued threat posed by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). Peace negotiations between the LRA and the Government of Uganda are ongoing. However, recent attacks on civilian vehicles near the southern Sudanese city of Juba demonstrate that the security situation remains fluid. American citizens residing or traveling in northern Uganda are advised to exercise caution, particularly if crossing the border into Sudan. Be aware that attacks may occur without warning and that isolated elements of the LRA are still believed to be present in northern Uganda.

In addition, American citizens traveling to Sudan should take note of new travel restrictions announced by the Government of Sudan on October 1, 2006. The Government of Sudan has stated that movements of all U.S. citizens visiting Sudan will be restricted to a 25-mile radius of the Republican Palace in Central Khartoum. The Government of Sudan also announced that for national security reasons members of international organizations and diplomats can be subject to random searches, including body searches and searches of personal effects. American citizens considering travel to Sudan should review the latest Travel Warning for Sudan at http://travel.state.gov.

American citizens with questions or concerns may telephone the consular section of the U.S. Embassy in Kampala at (256) (41) 259 791, ext. 6478. In the case of an emergency outside business hours or during any suspension of public services American citizens may reach the embassy duty officer by calling (256) (41) 259 791.

American citizens are advised to register and update their contact information with the U.S. Embassy in Kampala. The U.S. Embassy is located at Plot 1577 Ggaba Road. The phone number is (256) (41) 259 791, fax (256) (41) 258 451, and email: KampalaUSCitizen@state.gov.

For the latest security information, Americans living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department’s Bureau of Consular Affairs internet website at http://travel.state.gov, where the current Worldwide Caution, Public Announcements, and Travel Warnings can be found. Up to date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the U.S., or, for callers outside the U.S. and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8 AM to 8 PM Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. Federal Holidays.)