Emergency Message for American Citizens - Persistent Terrorist Threat

U.S. Embassy Kampala, Uganda
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The U.S. Embassy alerts U.S. citizens traveling and residing in Uganda during the December 2011 and January 2012 holiday season of the persistent threat of terrorist attacks against the U.S. Embassy in Kampala, and other high-value targets, including crowded public places where security arrangements may be more limited. Regional terrorist groups, such as al-Qa’ida East Africa and al-Shabaab, remain actively interested in pursuing attacks against U.S. interests in Uganda, and we encourage all U.S. citizens to exercise vigilance and practice good personal security habits.

Current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States or a regular toll line at-1-202-501-4444 for callers from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). You can also stay up to date by bookmarking our Bureau of Consular Affairs website, which contains the current Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts as well as the Worldwide Caution. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook as well.

The U.S. Embassy in Kampala encourages U.S. citizens to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) for the most up-to-date security information. Keep all of your information in STEP up to date by maintaining your current phone numbers and email addresses where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

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