U.S. Embassy Kampala, Uganda
Security Message for U.S. Citizens:
Potential for a Terrorist Attack in Kampala in May/June 2014

May 6, 2014

This message is to alert U.S. citizens that the U.S. Embassy has received information regarding a specific terrorist threat in Kampala. The threat information indicates a group of attackers may be preparing to strike places of worship in Kampala, particularly churches, including some that may be frequented by expatriates, in May or June. The Embassy cautions U.S. citizens to exercise judgment when deciding whether to visit places of worship and other crowded public places and/or events that are potential targets to terrorists, and to avoid such places during May and June.

Review your personal security plans; remain aware of your surroundings, including local events; and monitor local news stations for updates. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security. Should you find yourself near the site of an attack, attempt to leave the area immediately, moving away from the sounds of gunfire and explosions if safe to do so. If you are unable to leave, go to the safest location you can find, stay hidden and avoid attracting attention to yourself.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Uganda enroll in the Department of State’s Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at www.Travel.State.Gov. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don’t have internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the State Department’s website, where you can find the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, and Travel Alerts. Read the Country Specific Information for Uganda. For additional information, refer to the “Traveler’s Checklist” on the State Department’s website.

Contact the U.S. embassy for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can stay in touch and get updates by checking the U.S. Embassy Kampala website.

You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 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). Follow us on Twitter and Facebook to have travel information at your fingertips.

The U.S. Embassy is located at Plot 1577 Ggaba Road. Contact information for the U.S. Embassy in Kampala is: phone number +256 (0) (414) 306 001 or +256 (0) (414) 259 791, fax +256 (0) (414) 258 451, and email KampalaUSCitizen@state.gov.