

Consular Warden Message - February 1, 2007
U.S. Embassy Dakar

The U.S. Embassy in Dakar is issuing this Warden Message to inform Americans that political parties opposing the Wade regime are planning a demonstration for Friday, February 2, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wade supporters have also called for a pro-Wade counter-protest at the same time.

In Dakar, the march is scheduled to start at the RTS Television building and proceed through Medina to the Ministry of Interior. Information suggests similar marches/protests may occur in some or all of the eleven regional capitals.

American citizens should avoid traveling in downtown Dakar during these times and be alert to the possibility of demonstrations in the regional capitals.

Public demonstrations, political gatherings, and student protests are relatively common in Senegal, both in Dakar and in outlying regions, particularly on Friday afternoons. In the past, these events have sometimes turned violent. Due to the potential for violence, American citizens should avoid political gatherings and street demonstrations, and maintain security awareness at all times.

Other Information:

Americans living or traveling in Senegal are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the State Department's travel registration website, <https://travelregistration.state.gov>, and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Senegal. Americans without Internet access may register directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate 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](http://usembassy.state.gov/dakar) is <http://usembassy.state.gov/dakar>.