

Consular Warden Message
February 27, 2008
U.S. Embassy Dakar

Armed Attack near Bignona

The U.S. Embassy in Dakar is issuing this Warden Message to inform U.S. citizens of an armed attack that reportedly took place on February 26, 2008 in southern Senegal, on National Road #4 near Badioure, 6 km from the town of Bignona. According to newspaper reports, at about 6:00 PM, approximately 40 vehicles were intercepted by 30 heavily armed men wearing military uniforms. Large amounts of money and goods were seized from cars traveling in both directions, and some passengers were beaten during the attack.

Please remember that the Gendarmes or Police have a responsibility to protect all persons in Senegal. If you are the victim of an armed assault, do not confront or fight the attacker. Once the assailant has departed the area, immediately seek shelter and contact the local police. Be as detailed as possible when describing your location to minimize delays in response time.

As noted in the Department of State's [Consular Specific Information on Senegal](#), the U.S. Embassy recommends that U.S. citizens avoid non-essential travel to the Casamance (composed of the Ziguinchor and Kolda region) west of the city of Kolda, except direct air travel to the Cap Skirring resort area or to the city of Ziguinchor. If travel is deemed essential, the U.S. Embassy recommends that U.S. citizens carefully monitor the security situation before traveling.

Americans living or traveling in Senegal or Guinea-Bissau are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy in Dakar through the [State Department's travel registration website](#), 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) 33 823-4296; after-hours (221) 33 823-4604. The U.S. Embassy website is <http://dakar.usembassy.gov>.