

Warden Message
U.S. Embassy – Dakar
March 2, 2009

This Warden Message is being issued to inform American citizens in Guinea-Bissau of media reports regarding the assassination of President Joao Bernardo Vieira and Chief of the Armed Forces Tagme Na Waye on March 1, 2009. Reports say that six other military personnel have been injured, with three of whom in grave condition.

In light of these events, the U.S. Embassy in Dakar urges American citizens in Guinea-Bissau to remain vigilant and to exercise extreme caution. Safety precautions should include maintaining good situational awareness, avoiding crowds and demonstrations, and keeping a low profile. Americans should ensure that their travel documents and visas are valid at all times.

Americans living or traveling in Guinea-Bissau are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy in Dakar, where they can obtain up-to-date information on travel and security within Guinea-Bissau. Registration may be done online, and can be done in advance of travel at <http://www.travel.state.gov>. Americans without internet access may register directly with the U.S. Embassy in Dakar, Senegal. By registering, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency. Additional Country Specific Information may be found at the Department of State website http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1131.html.

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) 33 829-2313; after-hours (221) 76 383-9566. The U.S. Embassy website is <http://dakar.usembassy.gov>.