

**Warden Message**  
**U.S. Embassy**  
**Dakar, Senegal**  
*February 20, 2009*

This Warden Message alerts U.S. citizens to an anticipated demonstration on Saturday, February 21, 2009. The demonstration is scheduled to begin at mid-morning, and pass along the Corniche, the Route de la Corniche Ouest, near the Mousole Seydou Nourou Tall mosque, the old "Assane Diouf" stadium, and the prison. The stated purpose of the event is to protest the demolition of the Assane Diouf stadium and the construction of a business center on the stadium site. This demonstration has not been authorized by the Senegalese government.

U.S. Embassy personnel have been advised to maintain a heightened state of awareness and vigilance when planning movements to and from the downtown area during the anticipated hours of the demonstration.

Spontaneous demonstrations take place in Dakar from time to time in response to world events or local developments. We remind American citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. American citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations. American citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the U.S. Embassy's website at <http://dakar.usembassy.gov> and the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Consular Affairs' website [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov), where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information can be found. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review to "A Safe Trip Abroad," found at [http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety\\_1747.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1747.html), which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

Americans living or traveling in Senegal 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) 33 829-2100; after-hours (221) 33 829-2209. The U.S. Embassy website is <http://dakar.usembassy.gov>.