



Special Travel Notice for Lebanon

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In accordance with MS 220, 3.3.2, the Offices of Safety and Security and Global Operations restrict Volunteer travel to Lebanon until further notice.

For additional information, please consult the Department of State Travel Warning issued on December 11, 2015 at www.travel.state.gov.

The Department of State urges U.S. citizens to avoid all travel to Lebanon because of ongoing safety and security concerns. U.S. citizens living and working in Lebanon should understand that they accept the risks of remaining in the country and should carefully consider those risks... Sudden outbreaks of violence can occur at any time in Lebanon, and armed clashes have occurred in major cities. On November 12, 2015, twin suicide bombings in a commercial and residential area of the Burj al-Barajneh neighborhood in Beirut's southern suburbs killed 43 people and wounded 239 others. ISIL claimed responsibility for the bombings. After the implementation of the security plan in Tripoli in October 2014, the neighborhoods of Bab al-Tabbaneh and Jabal Mohsen remain tense. Armed clashes have resulted in deaths and injuries in these neighborhoods in the past, and there are potentially large numbers of weapons in the hands of non-governmental elements. The Lebanese Armed Forces are routinely brought in to quell the violence in these situations. The Lebanese government cannot guarantee the protection of U.S. citizens in the country against sudden outbreaks of violence. Public demonstrations occur with little warning and may become violent...