



Special Travel Notice for Senegal

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In accordance with MS 220, Section 3.3.2 (c), the Country Director for Senegal requires that **all Volunteer travel to Dakar must be approved by the CD prior to his/her departure.**

On the evening of April 29, 2016, the US Embassy in Dakar issued a security message regarding the increased threat in Senegal (text of message below). **If any Volunteers are planning to visit Senegal, please share this message with them prior to travel and let them know that any Volunteer travel into Dakar needs to be approved by the CD (or her designee) in advance.** Effective immediately, post is only authorizing Volunteer travel into the capital for medical, work or international travel purposes. In addition, post asks that you ensure the traveler's complete itinerary is entered into VIDA (with local contact information), and that the Volunteers are asked to purchase a local SIM card while in Senegal in order to facilitate communication with post.

Key emergency contact information for PC Senegal:

- PC Senegal Duty Officer: +221 77 099 4224 or 76 638 2626
- PC Senegal SSM +221 77 332 6711

Additional measures are being considered and we will keep you informed of any changes. Volunteers should continue to check for the most recent [Messages for US Citizens](#) on the Embassy's website prior to travel in Senegal.

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Security Advisor or the Office of Safety and Security.

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Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Security Awareness

April 29, 2016

The U.S. Embassy has learned of reports that unspecified locations in Senegal, including those associated with westerners, may be the target of an attack by extremists. The Embassy has also learned of recent attack planning by terrorist groups against unspecified targets in Senegal. The veracity and credibility of these reports is unknown and it is not unusual to see an increase in threat reporting following attacks such as the one in Grand Bassam, Cote d'Ivoire on March 13, 2016. The U.S. Embassy would like to remind its citizens of the types of locations that have been attacked in the region (high profile hotels, clubs, restaurants and beach resorts) and to consider carefully the regularity in which they frequent such locations.