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This Warden Message alerts American citizens to the potential for violence, unrest, and disruption of transportation routes due to anti-government demonstrations in Khartoum, Juba, and other locations in Sudan. There has been a recent increase in political tensions related to the April 2010 national elections in Sudan, and these tensions have led to protests, demonstrations, and minor violence in Khartoum and Juba.

American citizens throughout Sudan are advised to avoid the vicinity of public demonstrations/gatherings, whether announced or spontaneous. American citizens in Khartoum, Juba, and other Sudanese cities should be prepared to take alternate travel routes, as roads and bridges may be closed by Sudanese authorities in response to protests. We remind American citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can suddenly turn confrontational and escalate into violence. American citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

The Department of State continues to warn against all travel to Sudan, particularly in the Darfur area, where violence involving government forces, rebel factions, and various armed militias continues. American citizens who choose to travel to Sudan despite the existing Travel Warning, and those currently in Sudan, should review their security posture and take appropriate precautions. Americans living or traveling in Sudan are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate through the Department of State's Travel Registration website (<http://travel.state.gov>) so that they can obtain updated information on travel and security within Sudan. 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.

Americans living or traveling in Sudan should regularly monitor the U.S. Embassy's website, <http://sudan.usembassy.gov>, and the Bureau of Consular Affairs website, <http://trave.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 "[A Safe Trip Abroad](#)", 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.

The U.S. Embassy is located at Sharia Ali Abdul Latif, Khartoum; tel. 249-187-016000 (outside Sudan) and 0187-016000 (inside Sudan). U.S. citizens requiring assistance may schedule an appointment with American Citizen Services through the Embassy's website: <http://sudan.usembassy.gov>. For after-hours emergencies, please call the Embassy and ask to be connected to the duty officer.