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This Warden Message alerts American citizens in Sudan to the potential for violence, and road and bridge closures, due to anti-government demonstrations on December 14, 2009. The potential for violence between security forces and demonstrators is high. American citizens should take care to avoid areas near government buildings or ministries in Khartoum, where such demonstrations are usually held. The bridges linking Khartoum and Omdurman have been closed to traffic, and American citizens should be prepared to alter their usual transportation routes in the event of further road or bridge closures, which may happen with no advance notice. 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.