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**Subject:** FW: Update 3: American School in Tunis on Fire (SBU)

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**From:** OpsAlert@state.gov [mailto:OpsAlert@state.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 14, 2012 12:27 PM  
**Subject:** Update 3: American School in Tunis on Fire (SBU)

(SBU) Embassy Tunis comments the school's director reports the school is on fire. However, all students and staff were dismissed prior to the attack, and there is no one in the building at this time.

Embassy Tunis adds protesters have poured gasoline on part of the embassy compound wall. The embassy fire alarm has sounded, but this appears to be due to smoke coming from outside the compound. Media report armored vehicles and horse-mounted police are on site at the embassy.

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**From:** OpsAlert@state.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, September 14, 2012 11:22 AM  
**To:**  
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**Subject:** Update 2: Police Working to Clear Embassy Tunis Compound (SBU)

(SBU) Ambassador Walles reports COM personnel at the compound are safe, sheltering in the safe haven. Police are clearing the last few remaining protesters from the compound. Many protesters remain outside the compound walls. The Tunisian government advised it will send additional police forces. There appears to be damage to embassy property.

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**From:** OpsAlert@state.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, September 14, 2012 10:40 AM  
**To:**  
**CC:**  
**Subject:** Update 1: Breach Reported at Embassy Tunis (SBU)

(SBU) Embassy Tunis reports protesters are on compound. Embassy personnel are in the safe haven. MSG forces are at Post 1. Local security forces are currently outnumbered by protesters.

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**From:** OpsAlert@state.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, September 14, 2012 10:20 AM  
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**Subject: Breach Reported at Embassy Tunis (SBU)**

(SBU) Embassy Tunis reports hundreds of protestors have gathered at the embassy, and some have breached the embassy compound.

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