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Madam Secretary

Not sure where NPR getting its info

H/W next of Emergency Message issued by Embassy Tripoli and posted to its website [yesterday, Thursday, the 24<sup>th</sup>] as well as sent individually to all AmCits who have registered with the Embassy

As the message notes, we already have a published Travel Warning against travel to Benghazi.  
The Emergency Message below has a hyperlink to our earlier warning. The relevant text of that warning is:

## **Libya**

### **January 02, 2013**

The Department of State warns U.S. citizens of the risks of traveling to Libya and strongly advises against all but essential travel to Tripoli and all travel to Benghazi, Bani Walid, and southern Libya, including border areas and the regions of Sabha and Kufra.

Will make sure that CA provides Press Guidance to PA

Regards

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**Embassy of the United States of America  
Tripoli, Libya  
Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens  
January 24, 2013**

The United States continues to advise against all travel to Benghazi. At least two other diplomatic missions have advised their citizens to leave Benghazi immediately. Although there is no specific information pointing to specific, imminent threats against U.S. citizens, the potential for violence and kidnappings targeting Westerners in Benghazi is significant. We refer all U.S. citizens to the travel warning for Libya issued January 2, 2013, advising against all travel to Benghazi. Because of ongoing instability and violence, the Department's ability to provide consular services to U.S. citizens in Benghazi and other regions referenced in the travel warning is extremely limited. We strongly encourage all U.S. citizens to take appropriate precautions as the security situation in Libya is volatile. Review your personal safety plans,

remain aware of your surroundings, including local events, and monitor local news stations for updates. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security.

We also recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or living in Libya enroll in the Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) website. STEP enrollment ensures you receive updated information on travel and security within Libya, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency.

For further information, U.S. citizens should consult the Department of State's Country Specific Information for Libya. Stay up to date by bookmarking our Bureau of Consular Affairs website, which contains the current Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts as well as the Worldwide Caution.

You can also follow the Bureau of Consular Affairs on Twitter and on Facebook, and download our free Smart Traveler App available through iTunes and the Android market to have travel information at your fingertips. You may also follow U.S. Embassy Tripoli on Twitter and on Facebook for information for U.S. citizens.

Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada, or, for callers outside of the United States and Canada, on a regular toll-line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

U.S. citizens in need of emergency assistance should call 091-379-4560 between 0900 and 1500 Sunday to Thursday. The number for after-hours emergencies is 091-220-5203. The Embassy's e-mail address is Tripoliconsular@state.gov.

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