

Warden Message



To: *All American citizens living in Republic of the Congo*
Subject: *Election Update (10 July 2009)*

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Election Update

Friday, July 10, 2009 will be the final day during which campaigning will be allowed before the elections on Sunday, July 12, 2009. Numerous political rallies, “carnaval” motorcades, and other political activities are being organized throughout Brazzaville. The U.S. Embassy expects these activities to intensify throughout the day, with activity peaking around 6:00 PM. The Embassy recommends that all Americans remain at home Friday afternoon and through Friday night.

Americans residing in Pt. Noire should expect a similar intensifying of political activities throughout Friday. While the level of activity may not reach the same level as in Brazzaville, the Embassy recommends residents of Pt. Noire closely monitor the situation, avoid political rallies, and adhere to the guidelines in the previous Warden Messages dated June 23, June 26 and July 2.

There will be no campaign activities on Saturday, July 11, 2009, and American citizens residing in Brazzaville and Pt. Noire should be able to move freely.

There will be a complete lock down on all vehicular traffic in both Brazzaville and Pt. Noire on Sunday, July 12, 2009. No private vehicles will be allowed on the roads. All stores, supermarkets, and businesses will be closed. While there is no expectation of violence, the U.S. Embassy recommends that Americans remain at home all day Sunday.

The U.S. Embassy continues to monitor the security situation very closely. In the event of any change, further updates will be distributed by email and SMS message.

The U.S. Embassy is located on Boulevard Maya-Maya across from the Blanche Gomez Maternity Hospital. The Consular Section is open Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Our daytime telephone number is +242 612-2046. The Consular Section can also be contacted via email at BrazzavilleACS@state.gov. For after-hours emergencies, call +242 528-7963 or +242 444-0013.
