

Department of State Travel Warning – Yemen

Excerpts from the Two Travel Warnings – See Full Text at US Embassy – Yemen Website

January 29, 2014

<http://yemen.usembassy.gov/wm012914.html>

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The security threat level in Yemen is extremely high. In September 2012, a mob attacked the U.S. Embassy compound. Demonstrations continue to take place in various parts of the country and may quickly escalate and turn violent. U.S. citizens are urged to avoid areas of demonstrations, and to exercise extreme caution if within the vicinity of a demonstration.

Terrorist organizations, including Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), continue to be active throughout Yemen. The U.S. government remains highly concerned about possible attacks on U.S. citizens (whether visiting or residing in Yemen), and U.S. facilities, businesses, and perceived U.S. and Western interests.

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<http://yemen.usembassy.gov/wm072114.html>

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