
The United States again warns against travel to Haiti due to the absence of an effective police force

Port-au-Prince, March 14, 2005 (AHP)- In a new travel warning posted Friday, the U.S. State Department again warned U.S. citizens of the risks of traveling to Haiti due to the security problems.

"Americans are reminded of the potential for spontaneous demonstrations and violent confrontations between armed groups", said the State Department warning. The advisory supercedes a travel warning issued October 14, 2004.

"Visitors and residents must remain vigilant due to the absence of an effective police force in much of Haiti; the potential for looting; the presence of intermittent roadblocks set by armed gangs or by the police; and the possibility of random violent crime, including kidnapping, car-jacking and assault", stated the warning.

Travel can be hazardous within Port-au-Prince. Some areas are off-limits to embassy staff, including downtown Port-au-Prince after dark, stated the advisory.

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