

Situation in Concepcion

Warden Message
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This Warden Message alerts U.S. citizens residing or traveling in Paraguay to recent security incidents in the Department of Concepcion.

On April 21, 2010, four people were murdered in rural Concepcion. The Government of Paraguay suspects the involvement of the Paraguayan People's Army (EPP), a nascent insurgent group responsible for a number of high profile kidnappings, bombings and other attacks over the past five years.

Both houses of the Paraguayan Congress have approved a "State of Exception" for 30 days in the following departments: Alto Paraguay, Amambay, Concepcion, President Hayes, and San Pedro. Although the details of the "State of Exception" have not been defined by the Government of Paraguay, travelers can expect an increased police and military presence in these departments. Roadblocks, vehicle checks and roving police and military patrols are likely.

American citizens are advised to use caution, and to remain vigilant and aware of their surroundings when traveling in these areas. Report any suspicious activity to the Paraguayan National Police.

American citizens in Paraguay are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy in Asuncion, through the State Department's travel registration website, <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

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valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.