

International Travel Briefings **(All Employees of Jackson State University - Faculty, Staff & Students)**

The State Department alerts U.S. citizens to possible risks of travel due to increased terrorist threats. Current information suggests that ISIL (aka Da'esh), al-Qa'ida, Boko Haram, and other terrorist groups continue to plan terrorist attacks in multiple regions. These attacks may employ a wide variety of tactics, using conventional and non-conventional weapons and targeting both official and private interests. **This Travel Alert expires on February 24, 2016.**

(<http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/worldwide-travel-alert.html>)

Travel Alerts are issued to disseminate information about short-term conditions, either transnational or within a particular country, **that pose significant risks to the security of U.S. citizens.** Natural disasters, terrorist attacks, coups, anniversaries of terrorist events, election-related demonstrations or violence, and high-profile events such as international conferences or regional sports events are examples of conditions that might generate a Travel Alert.

Recommendations regarding travel (JSU sponsored) are given to advise of potential risks, however the final decisions are made by the approving authority(ies) for international travel. Should you decide to visit one of the countries listed on the "alert" or "warning" lists, in addition to the training/briefing, an "An Assumption of Risk and Release Form – International Travel to Designation with Travel Warning/Alert" must be signed prior to your departure.



If you already have individual(s) in an International Travel status who have not participated in appropriate training/briefing, please ensure that they have registered with the appropriate US Embassy and report any problems to the Research Security Manager/Director of Research Compliance or JSU Global (Division of International Programs) to be closed out with a debriefing from the Security Manager.

If you "See Something, Say Something!" does not just apply to our campus, but to any venue or destination.

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