

## US Restricts Diplomatic Staff From Luxury Hotels in Karachi Amid Security Concerns

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The United States government has temporarily barred its diplomatic personnel from visiting luxury hotels in Karachi, Pakistan, citing credible security threats. The decision was announced Friday by the U.S. Department of State and follows a specific alert issued by the U.S. Consulate General in Karachi.

According to the security alert, U.S. officials received intelligence pointing to a potential threat targeting high-end hotels in Karachi. As a result, all official U.S. government employees have been instructed to avoid these venues until further notice. The move is part of routine security protocols the State Department enforces when there is a heightened risk to American personnel overseas.

The State Department noted that such restrictions are not unusual and are implemented when credible threats arise. These measures can include limiting staff access to hotels, tourist attractions, restaurants, and public gathering spaces in host countries. In this case, the emphasis is on avoiding locations that are popular among foreign visitors and Western nationals, which may be considered high-risk in the event of an attack.

The consulate's alert also advised U.S. citizens in Karachi to avoid large crowds, remain vigilant, and maintain a low profile. While specific details of the threat were not disclosed, the advisory reflects ongoing concerns about terrorism and instability in certain parts of Pakistan.

Currently, the U.S. Department of State maintains a "Level 3: Reconsider Travel" advisory for Pakistan. The advisory warns of risks related to terrorism and potential armed conflict, especially near the border regions. Travelers are urged to exercise increased caution and monitor updates from U.S. embassies and consulates when in-country.

The precautionary measures taken in Karachi highlight the ongoing need for robust diplomatic security in regions where threat levels remain elevated. The U.S. government continues to assess the situation and will update its guidance as necessary.