



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AND DIASPORA AFFAIRS  
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR DIASPORA AFFAIRS

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**UPDATE ON EVACUATION OF KENYANS FROM SOUTH AFRICA**

The Government of Kenya wishes to update the nation on the ongoing evacuation of Kenyan nationals from South Africa.

Through a multi-agency evacuation team, the Government on Sunday activated its evacuation protocols and began moving citizens to safety.

Today morning, **26 Kenyans** were received at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) from South Africa where they were assisted on arrival with consular services and psychosocial support. This as we are expecting over **60 others** in the course of the day. The Government is also facilitating alternative travel arrangements for additional citizens and will continue repatriation efforts until all who wish to return are safely home.

Further, Kenyans currently in South Africa are urged to take the following precautions: Avoid protest areas and large gatherings where violence may occur; Stay indoors where possible, particularly during demonstrations; Carry valid identification at all times and present it to authorized officers when required; Follow guidance from South African authorities, the Kenya High Commission in Pretoria, local media and Kenyan diaspora leaders; and Refrain from confrontations with individuals or groups exhibiting hostile behaviour.

In case of an emergency, or if you require consular assistance, contact:

- South African Police Service (emergencies only): **10111**; Kenya High Commission, Pretoria — General: **+27 12 362 2249**, Urgent line: **+27 76 177 2675**, email: [consular@kenya.org.za](mailto:consular@kenya.org.za)
- 24-hour Diaspora Response and Call Centre (State Department for Diaspora Affairs): **+254 20 7876 000** (call), **+254 11 4757 002** (call & WhatsApp). Email: [consular@diaspora.go.ke](mailto:consular@diaspora.go.ke)

The Government of Kenya will continue to provide regular, verified updates on this exercise even as it remains steadfast in its duty to champion and protect the welfare of Kenyans abroad.

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