News story: Zimbabwe and the political situation in Harare: November 2017

Information for British nationals in Zimbabwe on where to find guidance following recent developments in Harare.

Due to the uncertain political situation in Harare, including reports of unusual military activity, the Foreign & Commonwealth Office recommend British nationals currently in Harare to remain safely at home or in their accommodation until the situation becomes clearer.

Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson said:

We are monitoring this situation very closely and our embassy is providing support and advice to UK nationals in Zimbabwe. At the moment it's very fluid and it's hard to say exactly how this will turn out. Everybody wants to see a stable and successful Zimbabwe. We are appealing for everyone to refrain from violence, that is the crucial thing.

We will also share information on the embassy social media accounts:

Simon Thomas, Deputy Head of the UK Mission in Harare, said:

The team at the British Embassy in Harare are obviously following the developments that are unfolding here in Zimbabwe very closely. You'll have seen pictures overnight of military being deployed around the city, and I can confirm that military remain deployed at strategic locations around Harare this morning.

As an embassy, our prime concern is obviously for the safety and security of British nationals, and our advice to any British nationals who are here in Harare, either living, or working or visiting, is to stay at home, stay in your hotel room, wait until things settle down a little bit.

Follow the <u>travel advice</u> and the general advice that we're putting out on the embassy's social media channels <u>@UKandZimbabwe (Twitter)</u> and <u>@UKandZimbabwe (Facebook)</u>. We'll be updating them regularly throughout the day.

Deputy Head of Mission Simon Thomas update