Embassy of India Kinshasa ****

15 December 2023

Advisory in connection with general election in DR Congo on 20 December 2023

The General Election in DR Congo is schedule to be held on 20 December 2023. Though a peaceful conduct of election is expected, all Indian nationals living in DR Congo are hereby advised the following:

i)	Refrain from attending Political gatherings and do not get involved in Political discussions, especially in public places.
ii)	Avoid showing support for any Political Party. Remain neutral and avoid wearing Political campaign shirts or material.
iii)	Endeavour to listen to the news on radio/TV and be mindful of fake news.
iv)	Stock your house/residence with all basic needs (food, water and medicines), and other necessities i.e. fuel and oil for your generators and avoid going out during the election period.
v)	Stay at home and if you happen to be out on essential duty or activity, please get back home on time.
vi)	Don't keep late nights during the election period.
vii)	Do not criticize any politician or political party.
viii)	Don't move or keep too much cash.
ix)	Ensure that your car central lock is activated when driving. As a precaution, cancel all appointments if not essential during the period, take a break.
x)	Stay clear away from crowds or other groups of people, particularly unidentified crowds.
xi)	Also note that even victory celebration may have a tendency of violence. Please do not participate in any, unless it is formal and security guaranteed.

Please adhere to all security advisories and encourage others to do so.

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