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Subject: Ops alert on PM of Guinea-Bissau being arrested

Colleagues, The Operations Center would like to call your attention to the following report received from Embassy Dakar. DCM Jay Smith, Embassy Dakar reports a possible forced change of leadership in Guinea-Bissau. Reports indicate that:

· Prime Minister Gomes and Chief of Defense Zamora Induta have been arrested; · Early indications are the deputy chief of defense may be responsible for the arrests; · The former Navy Chief of Staff has been "liberated" from the UN compound where he had been a refugee; · The president reportedly remains in office and it is unclear if he is aligned with those arrested or those seeking to take power; · There are no official Americans in country and approximately 12 private resident American citizens; Post is checking on their safety.