

# *Uruguay warns its citizens to avoid US cities plagued by indiscriminate violence and crime*

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Montevideo, August 6 (RHC)—The government of Tabare Vazquez in Uruguay on Monday suggested the US government to mind on its own business by issuing a warning to its citizens traveling to the United States after two mass shootings over the weekend that killed 31 people in Texas and Ohio.

In a press release, cited by Reuters, the Foreign Ministry advised Uruguayans to avoid cities such as Detroit, Baltimore and Albuquerque, which it said are among the 20 most dangerous in the world, citing an index by CEOWORLD magazine.

Travelers are urged to take precautions "in the face of growing indiscriminate violence, mostly for hate crimes, including racism and discrimination, which cost the lives of more than 250 people in the first seven months of this year," it said in the release also posted on President Tabare Vazquez's website.

The U.S. State Department had issued its own travel advisory for Uruguay on August 2 , allegedly due to an increase in violent crime, including homicides, armed robberies and carjacking.

On Saturday, several Mexican citizens were among the 22 people killed at a Walmart store in El Paso, Texas authorities said. Hours later, another gunman killed nine people in downtown Dayton, Ohio.

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