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The course on “Combating WMD Proliferation in Maritime Ports” takes place in Baku

In Baku June 4-8, 25 Azerbaijanis from six agencies participated in a course offered by the U.S. Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) to combat proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD). Course instructors, from DTRA’s International Counterproliferation Program (ICP), said the mid- to senior level representatives from the various Azerbaijani ministries and agencies represented the best mix of participants they had ever seen for this course.

Entitled “Combating WMD Proliferation in Maritime Ports,” the course drew representatives from the Ministries of Defense, Internal Affairs, National Security, the State Maritime Administration, the State Customs Committee, and the State Border Service.

Participants showed great interest in the course, evidenced by lively and open interagency discussions and debates that created new bonds among individuals while reinforcing existing relationships.

The State Maritime Administration representatives were particularly helpful, arranging a boat tour of the Baku port and harbor for all the participants, as well as a visit to their new, state-of-the-art Command and Control Center. Participating organization are seeking opportunities for further training and engagement under this program.