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PRESS RELEASE

U.S. Ambassador Marcia Bernicat Inaugurates Trafficking in Persons Seminar in Dhaka Today

Dhaka, February 18, 2015 – The United States Department of Justice’s Office of Prosecutorial Assistance, Development and Training (DOJ OPDAT), the Office of International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program (DOJ ICITAP), and the Overseas Criminal Investigations (OCI) branch of the Regional Security Office is organizing a one-day program on human trafficking at the American Club today. Ambassador Marcia Bernicat opened the program, which focused on uniting police, prosecutors and civil society in a “whole village” approach to human trafficking. The program addressed trafficking as a global challenge, examined Bangladesh’s recent counter-trafficking legislation, discussed law enforcement challenges in investigating trafficking cases, and highlighted the important role that non-governmental organizations play in prevention, protection and prosecution of trafficking cases.

Today’s event is the first in a series of counter-trafficking programs that the U.S. Embassy plans to conduct in different regions of Bangladesh in the months to come. Through these programs, Americans and Bangladeshis can learn from each other and share their experiences, further enhancing the partnership of the two countries in addressing these issues.

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