

**Remarks for Ambassador James P. Zumwalt
FBI/ATA/RSO ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING**

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(As prepared)

Participants and Distinguished guests,
Ladies and gentlemen,
Good Afternoon

Congratulations on the successful completion of the Active Shooter Training held for the first time in West Africa.

We are partner nations who share a common interest in professional law enforcement. We all appreciate the value of our collaborative partnership to fight a common enemy: those who threaten our peace.

In furtherance of this objective, I commend each of you for completing this course and your agencies for their dedication and commitment to our bilateral partnership.

Terrorism does not recognize international borders. You each stand at the frontline to confront that threat. It is our hope that you will never need to use the skills you have learned this week. But hope is not enough. I am sure that this training will help you be more prepared to address terrorist threats.

While this training focused on the reactive response to a terrorist act, we hope that by having both agencies training together, you appreciate the collaborative value partnerships play in proactively addressing an act of terrorism.

The world faces many challenges moving forward and it becomes quite relevant when you consider the recent attacks we have seen in Mali, Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Paris, Brussels, and the United States.

I would like to thank the FBI Instructors, in collaboration with the Regional Security Office and Anti-Terrorist Assistance, for providing this course.

I would like to thank you all for your commitment to law and justice. We are aware that you have many demands on your time. We hope that this course will be one small step toward enhancing interagency cooperation and strengthening the region through information sharing and capability.