

Remarks

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LEGATT Basic Crime Scene Investigations Training

3:00 p.m., Friday, August 29, 2014

King Fahd Hotel

Participants and Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Afternoon.

It is my pleasure to congratulate you on the successful completion of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Basic Crime Scene Investigations Training.

Partner nations that share a common interest in professional law enforcement have all come to appreciate the value of collecting evidence in a professional, competent, and systematic manner. I commend each of you for your dedication and commitment to professional law enforcement. I thank you for completing this course.

All of us are faced with threats from crime and from terrorism which recognize no borders. Today you each graduate as a partner in that fight for international justice. You return to your agencies as well-trained and equipped teams. You are prepared to operate at a high level of competence to ensure that the evidence you collect can be introduced in your countries' courts -- as well as around the world. The skills you have learned can also be extremely valuable in preventing crimes from taking place.

I hope that you will take advantage of this FBI training to broaden your investigative experience, which can act as a catalyst for change in your agencies, through the increased use of scientific-based evidence.

Thank you again for your commitment to law enforcement. I know that you have many demands on your time and I would like to thank you for taking the time to attend this important training program. We hope that this course will be one step toward enhancing interagency cooperation and strengthening the region through information sharing by improving coordination among the relevant players within each of your countries, and also among law enforcement agencies across countries. And, more importantly, your dedication to law enforcement has helped to advance an interest that all of our countries -- and peoples -- share: a peaceful and secure West Africa. Thank you.