

Cameroon security officers get training on counterterrorism

Mr Joe Connell, IIJ Senior Investigations Adviser and a former senior UK Metropolitan Police counter-terrorism investigator at New Scotland Yard, stated:

It is always a pleasure to work with Cameroonian colleagues. Their professionalism and enthusiasm for continual improvement in an environment of serious and complex threats is very encouraging.

Mr Connell was joined in delivering the training by Dr Ian Stanier, who is also a former UK senior investigator and now a leading academic in the field, and Ms Maria Ladron de Guevara of the IIJ. Future training modules are scheduled to include electronic and digital information and evidence, financial investigation and joint operational practicing.

The training was hosted by His Excellency Rowan Laxton, British High Commissioner to Cameroon, and opened in the presence of the Head of the UK Diplomatic Service Sir Simon McDonald KCMG KCV0, Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the government of the United Kingdom. The training is closely supported by Lt. Colonel Sid Purser, UK Senior Military Adviser to Cameroon, and his personnel.

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