<u>Press Releases: Assistant Secretary</u> <u>Kirsten D. Madison Travel to Kabul,</u> <u>Afghanistan</u>

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Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) Kirsten D. Madison has just concluded travel to Kabul, Afghanistan, where she reaffirmed U.S. commitment to support Afghan government counternarcotics, corrections, anti-money laundering, and rule of law efforts.

Assistant Secretary Madison met with Attorney General Mohammad Farid Hamidi and Chief Justice Sayed Halim, among other Afghan officials. In addition, the Assistant Secretary hosted a discussion on U.S. support for victims of gender-based violence with members of government and civil society. INL works closely with Afghan partners — the government, service providers, and civil society — to prevent or prosecute all forms of violence against women and children.

In Afghanistan, INL's objective is to assist the Afghan government in combating illicit narcotics and providing rule of law. This work, together with similar efforts by others in the international community, helps lay the groundwork for a stable, peaceful, and prosperous Afghanistan.

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