



THE GAMBIA

AIRCOP ON MISSION IN GAMBIA TO DISCUSS CTPP ADVANCEMENTS

AIRCOP is leading the operational pillar of the Countering Terrorist Travel Programme (CTTP) and, in that capacity, visited the Gambia from 9 to 11 June. AIRCOP met with the Director General and Deputy Director of the Drug Law Enforcement Agency of The Gambia as well as the CTPP focal point, and visited the Targeting Centre and the Joint Airport Interdiction Task Force (JAITF). The mission confirmed that, building on the efforts undertaken in the past years under the Targeting Centre and the JAITF, the Gambia is in a good position to implement a system for the systematic collection and use of Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) for targeting purposes.

OFFICIAL MINISTERIAL DECREE ADOPTED ON THE FUNCTIONING JAITF OF ABIDJAN

The JAITF in Abidjan is now fully embedded in the Ivorian security architecture following the adoption of a decree of the Ministry of Interior on 16 June. Abidjan International Airport is a major hub in West Africa and is faced with drug trafficking, wildlife crime, falsified medicine, money laundering, among others. Since the inauguration of the JAITF in 2013, the officers of the JAITF have benefited from national and regional trainings and mentoring on these different threats, as well as terrorism, and achieved impressive results.

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CTTP

REGIONAL TRAININGS BY AIRCOP AND UN OFFICE OF COUNTER TERRORISM

In June, AIRCOP supported the Countering Terrorist Travel Programme during two online trainings for the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) on collecting and using API and PNR to detect travels by criminals and terrorists. During the CARICOM training, the Task Force of Jamaica presented its results, and AIRCOP sub-regional coordinator then explained how the work of the JAITF would fit into the broader CARICOM discussions on the centralised collection and analysis of API and PNR.



KEY SEIZURES



Date: 2 June
Place: Ouagadougou
Seizure: 555 turtles
Further information:
Freight. Malian national, outbound for Togo using a false CITES permit.



Date: 8 June
Place: Cotonou
Seizure: 410 grams of methamphetamine
Further information: Freight.
Nigerian Courier, outbound for Qatar



Date: 11 June
Place: Niamey
Seizure: 6 lion claws and teeth
Further information:
Freight. Malian national, outbound for Vietnam.



Date: 27 June
Place: Dakar
Seizure: 825 grams of cocaine
Further information:
Underwear of a Senegalese national, outbound for Casablanca.

AIRCOP MEETS NORTH MACEDONIAN AUTHORITIES TO DISCUSS ENHANCED BORDER CONTROL

NORTH MACEDONIA

From 7 to 11 June, the AIRCOP Regional Coordinator and the Head of the UNODC Programme Office in Skopje discussed with national and international counterparts in North Macedonia to finalize the next steps of the establishment of an AIRCOP/CCP inter-agency group at the Skopje International Airport. Representatives from the different law enforcement agencies agreed to designate officers to be assigned to the task force, with due considerations on gender balance, as well as on the allocation of an office space inside the main terminal building. AIRCOP is looking forward to future common engagement.



GUINEA-BISSAU

TRAINING ON A STRATEGIC NEW SCANNER DELIVERED FOR THE TASK FORCE OF BISSAU

To support the excellent results achieved by the JAITF of Bissau (including 81 capsules of cocaine detected on a smuggler this month), UNODC field office, AIRCOP project and the JAITF itself identified the needs for better equipment. Thanks to the Peace Building Fund, an X-ray, camera, handcuffs, continuous access to internet and COVID 19 protection materials were provided to the JAITF in June, and additional material is being procured. A two-day training on the X-Ray, that uses the new back skater technology, was delivered to the sixteen members of the JAITF.



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