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Prosecutors attend Digital Evidence training in Qatar

A team of 12 prosecutors from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions are travelling to Doha, Qatar for a five day Digital Evidence Legal Aspect training and study visit. This is the first time the ODPP has sent a large team of prosecutors for a specialized training.

The training is fully funded by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the team of prosecutors will be joining other prosecutors and law enforcement agencies from across the country from 19- 23 January at the UNODC Regional Training Centre for Combatting Cybercrime in the UN House, Qatar.

The UNODC Regional Training Centre for Combatting Cybercrime is the first of its kind within the UN System, offering specialized training programs on preventing, countering, and mitigating cybercrimes in all its forms.

Acting DPP, Ms Nancy Tikoisuva acknowledged the continued support of the UNODC in collaborating with the ODPP to assist with the training needs of its prosecutors and for the first time facilitating for a large team of prosecutors to attend such a specialised training which focuses on understanding digital and forensic evidence in legal aspect.

Assistant DPP Mr Meli Vosawale is leading the team from the ODPP which includes Principal Legal officer Ms Luisa Latu, Acting Principal Legal Officer Ms Saini Naibe, Senior Legal Officers, Ms Bhavna Kantharia, Ms Naazish Ali, Mr Simione Seruvatu, Legal Officers, Ms Pream Ram, Ms Estein Thaggard, Mr Unal Lal, Mr Laisiasa Baleilevuka, Mr Hezekiah Nofaga and Mr Joshua Singh.

A second team of prosecutors are expected to attend similar training later in the year.

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17 January 2025.

NB: Picture attached below.



(Back L-R): Mr Hezekiah Nofaza, Mr Laisiasa Baleilevuka, Mr Joshua Singh, Mr Unal Lal and Mr Simione Seruvatu. (Front L-R): Ms Saini Naibe, Ms Luisa Latu, Ms Pream Ram, Assistant DPP Mr Meli Vosawale, Ms Bhavna Kantharia and Ms Naazish Ali. For the first time, the ODPP is sending a large team of officers to attend a specialised training.

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