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Special Court Prosecutors Train Northern Police Prosecutors

Prosecutors of the Special Court for Sierra Leone travelled over the weekend to the provincial headquarters of Makeni to train more than 40 northern police officials in the theory and practice of police prosecution.

The training, led by Deputy Prosecutor Joseph Fitzgerald Kamara and held in cooperation with the Sierra Leone Police, focused on the fundamentals of police prosecution, including the management of witnesses and victims and dealing with gender-based crime.

“As the Court comes close to completing its mandate, we are looking to leave a legacy for the people of Sierra Leone, to strengthen the institutions of justice,” Kamara said. “This includes not only the judiciary, but also other institutions such as the police and prisons officials.”

The Office of the Prosecutor will conduct future trainings in the south and east of the country, and in Freetown.

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