



DIRECTORATE OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

REMARKS BY THE DIRECTOR OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS, MR. MOHAMED AMIN, EBS, OGW 'ndc' (K), DURING THE OFFICIAL CLOSING OF THE ANTI COUNTERFEIT AUTHORITY INVESTIGATIONS COURSE AT THE DCI ACADEMY ON DECEMBER 9, 2022

The Commandant DCI Academy,

The Director of Training,

Facilitating experts,

All senior officers here present,

Staff members,

Trainees,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good afternoon.

It gives me great pleasure this morning, to preside over the official closing ceremony of this crucial training, where 25 enforcement officers from the Anti Counterfeit Authority underwent an intensive 2-week investigations programme.

May I convey special regards to the management of this institution led by the Commandant Ms Gatiria Mboroki, for working tirelessly to optimize on the limited time that was allocated to this course and ensure its completion.

Ladies and gentlemen also receive my best regards for being selected to undertake this important course. I have been briefed that you covered different areas of investigations including Information Confidentiality, Document Management, Principles of Investigations, Crime Scene Management and Case Review among other relevant areas in dealing with counterfeits.

This is a unique opportunity that was accorded to you to develop your investigative skills and prepare you for future assignments that require professionalism and integrity to execute successfully.

As a seasoned investigator who has been in the field for over 25 years, I can attest to the fact that one fundamental component for effective investigation is thoroughness. It requires patient, calculative and careful effort to collect substantial incriminating or exculpatory evidence for presentation in court.

I am confident that you have gone through the Anti Counterfeit Act and other relevant legislations that will guide you in discharging the mandate of the Anti Counterfeit Agency successfully. Equally, you now have the capacity to distinguish a counterfeit product from a genuine one and the safety features that you should look out for in such circumstances.

As you have been taken through during your course, a well processed and documented crime scene forms the foundation upon which every successful case is built, and therefore, the skills that you have acquired if put into practice will go a long way in assisting you consolidate watertight cases that will sustain convictions in court.

As we are all aware ladies and gentlemen, we are living in a world with evolving crime dynamics, brought about by increased globalization and rapid advancement in technology.

Techno-Savvy criminals have taken advantage of this and have remained a step ahead of investigative agencies, by establishing networks that have challenged world economies through hi-tech fraud. This has denied governments revenue through digital tax evasion schemes leading to losses in billions of dollars.

As a result, the government has come up with a raft of measures to address this, with His Excellency the President giving a directive to the National Police Service and other relevant bodies within the multi agency framework to conduct intelligence led operations targeting counterfeit goods. This is after it was discovered that crooked businessmen had devised new ways of evading taxation, thereby denying government the much - needed revenue to run its operations.

Now that you have completed this important course, you are going to join other teams in the field including officers from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations, who have partnered in the multi agency spirit, to defeat this menace.

Once you are deployed in the field, do not be tempted to receive bribes from the unscrupulous traders but instead tackle the menace head on, due to the devastating effects that counterfeited products have not only to the economy but also on human health.

This is the reason why every successful investigative jurisdiction worth its salt, is today investing heavily in the training of its personnel in order to meet the contemporary investigative demands and the Directorate of Criminal Investigations is not an exception.

I therefore urge all of you to rededicate yourselves and step up the government's efforts in intercepting counterfeit products in the country, that are threatening our economy, health, jobs and livelihoods.

I equally implore upon all of you to be forthright in your operations and uphold the values of professionalism and integrity as you discharge your duties.

As I conclude, allow me to reiterate that the Directorate of Criminal Investigations remains committed to its course of fighting all manner of crimes in the Country, in strict fidelity to the law.

Before I declare this course officially closed, may I on behalf of the Directorate of Criminal Investigations in its entirety, wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2023.

I now declare the Anti Counterfeit Authority Investigations Course, officially closed.

Thank you.

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