

Ceremony of opening of Bomb Disposal Field Centre, Kara Jygach area out of Bishkek
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Ambassador Andrew Tesoriere speech

Distinguished Minister, distinguished guests and media representatives, respected personnel of the Ministry of Interior Internal Troops!

I am delighted to participate today at this event to mark the improvement of these training facilities of the Ministry of Interior.

The OSCE is pleased to have been able to play a part in the strengthening of the security and defence of Kyrgyzstan's national critical infrastructure.

Today we can see the renovated field training centre. I recall us opening the central training facility in the headquarters of the Internal Troops.

In parallel, OSCE is pleased to support bomb disposal training as well as building and communications equipment, which will be situated close to certain installations of national critical importance, such as Kambar Ata and Toktogul hydroelectric power stations.

These precautionary measures of vigilance are prudent and necessary both in an age of global concerns about international terrorism and also recognising Kyrgyzstan's location within a seismic zone.

The protection of national critical infrastructure was approved last December by the OSCE Ministerial Council of its 56 participating States. Today's event is an excellent example of the OSCE putting its words into practice for the benefit and safety of Citizen and national economy alike.

Thank you for your attention.