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Special Court Prosecutor Meets with FSSG



On Tuesday the Prosecutor of the Special Court, David M. Crane, talked with more than 800 female students at the Freetown Secondary School for Girls (FSSG). The visit was the first in a series of secondary schools in Sierra Leone's Western Region by Crane and the Special Court's Registrar Robin Vincent.

In his opening statement Crane said, "The women and girls of Sierra Leone do not deserve to suffer the way they did." The Special Court decided to launch the tour at FSSG, one of the oldest girls' schools in Sierra Leone to draw attention to the crimes committed against women and girls.

The school visits are also designed to provide a forum for children and students to voice their concerns and thoughts about how the Court should go about fulfilling its mandate of prosecuting those who bear the greatest responsibility for atrocities committed during the country's civil war.

"The Special Court is one piece of a much broader effort to set a new course for Sierra Leone," he said. "That course is shaped by accountability, peace, and development. Your generation is the key to unlock the future." #END

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