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Former Detention Staff Members Honoured

Six former Detention staff members were recognised by the Prison Service and the Special Court



Thursday for their work at the Court's detention facility in Freetown.

The five men and one woman were seconded to the Special Court in late 2003, and served at the detention facility for nearly two years. All of them recently returned to the Prison Service.

In a ceremony in front of the Special Court's courthouse, Veronica Bameh, Ahmed Bangura, Osman Kamara, Quentin Dunn, Bangalor Dixon were each handed Certificates

of Merit and congratulated by Foday S. Kamara, Director of the Sierra Leone Prison Service, and Barry Wallace, Chief of Detention at the Special Court.

A sixth honoree, Emanuel King, was absent.

Through working with experienced international detention staff, the seconded Prison officers gained skills which will be transferable to their jobs in the Sierra Leone Prison Service.

These include inter-personal skills, such as how to treat detained persons and their families with dignity, and the more physical technical aspects of detention work, such as cell extraction of a violent detainee, handcuffing, the general principles of security, and the secure handling, movement and control of detainees.

Mr. Conteh, who spoke briefly following the ceremony, told the honorees that the Sierra Leone Prison Service was pleased they were able to make a valuable contribution to the Special Court, and he stressed that the Prison officers would benefit from the experiences they gained while working for the Court.

He added that the certificates awarded to the staff members were not only in recognition of their individual contributions to the Court, but would be valuable in respect of their future careers in the Sierra Leone Prison Service.

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