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FACT SHEET

Connecting police: I-24/7

As national boundaries become increasingly meaningless to criminals, effective, timely and appropriate police communication across borders is more important than ever before. One of INTERPOL's core functions is to enable the world's police to exchange information securely and rapidly.

► SECURE COMMUNICATIONS

INTERPOL developed the I-24/7 global police communications system to connect law enforcement officers in all our member countries, enabling authorized users to share crucial police data with one another and to access INTERPOL databases and services 24 hours a day.

► TAKING POLICE COOPERATION TO A NEW LEVEL

As criminals and criminal organizations are typically involved in multiple activities, I-24/7 has fundamentally changed the way the global law enforcement community works together. It enables investigators to access INTERPOL's cutting-edge tools and to make connections between seemingly unrelated pieces of information, thereby facilitating investigations and helping to solve crimes.

Authorized users can search and cross-check data in a matter of seconds, with direct access to databases on suspected criminals or wanted persons, stolen and lost travel documents, stolen motor vehicles, fingerprints, DNA profiles, stolen administrative documents and stolen works of art.

Additional enhancements enable users to adapt the interface to their own language and allow officers working in National Central Bureaus (NCBs) to add and modify their own data in the Organization's databases. A dedicated I-24/7 Support Centre, staffed by highly skilled technicians, offers round-the-clock and tailored assistance to first-level users.

► EXPANDING ACCESS TO INTERPOL SERVICES

While I-24/7 is installed at all NCBs, many member countries have chosen to extend access to other national law enforcement entities at strategic locations, such as border crossings, airports, and customs and immigration posts. This expansion through national systems gives frontline officers direct access to three key INTERPOL databases: those on nominal data, stolen and lost travel documents, and stolen motor vehicles.

By providing law enforcement entities in the field with access to INTERPOL services we can greatly assist police in their daily crime-fighting activities.

Now, in a typical day in any country in the world, access to I-24/7 can directly or indirectly:

- Help an airport immigration officer detect a passport presented by a traveller as having been reported as stolen;
- Enable a border or customs officer to conduct a search of a vehicle's identification number to determine whether the car has been reported as stolen;
- Alert national authorities to wanted persons who may be attempting to enter the country by air or sea.

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