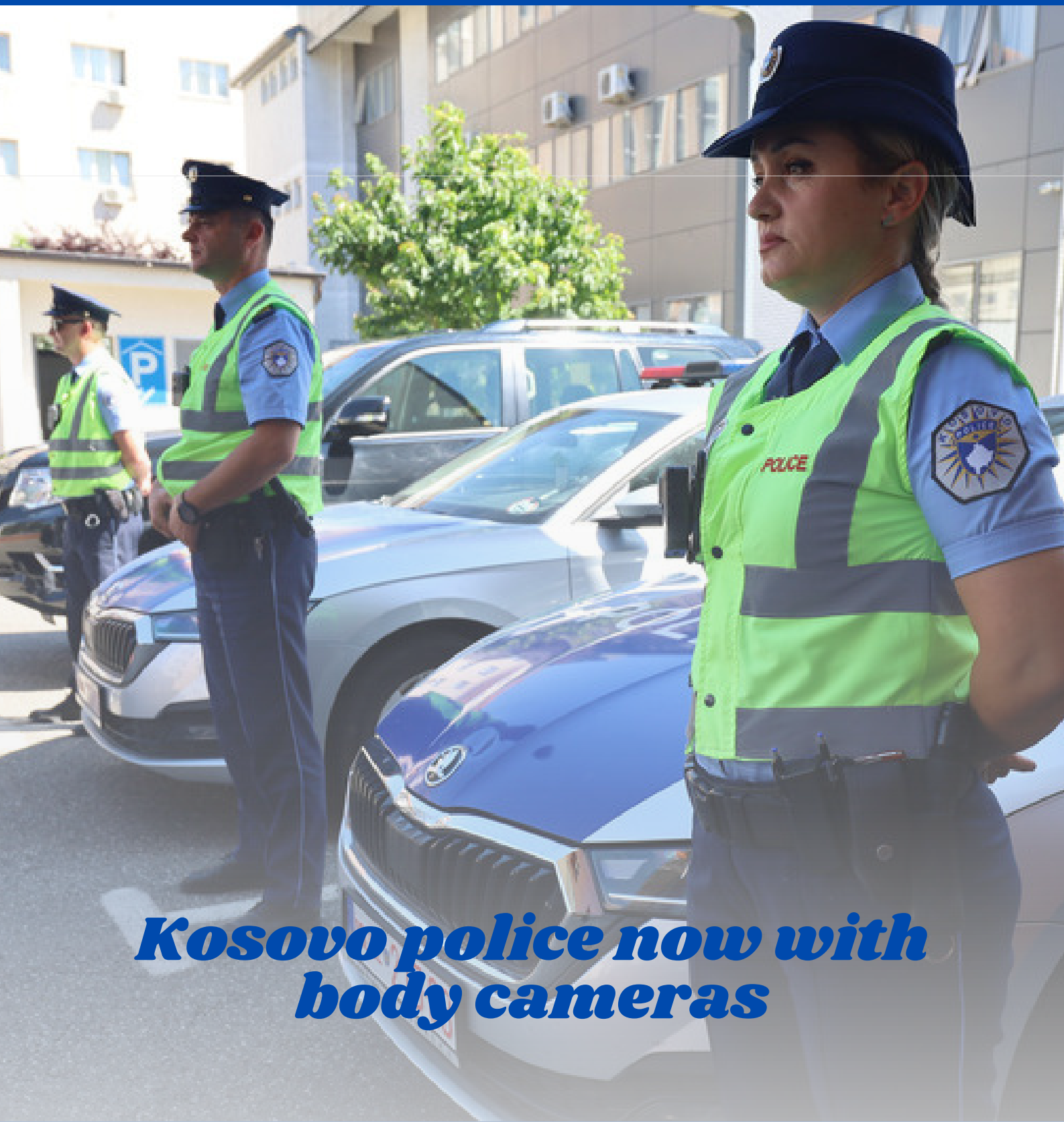


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***Kosovo police now with
body cameras***

Equipping the Kosovo Police with body cameras, another step towards greater legal accountability and police transparency

Editorial



An initiative undertaken towards modernizing law enforcement and respecting the principles of justice, made that the Kosovo Police start an innovative project to provide its officers with body cameras. This initiative, strongly supported by the United States of America, specifically by the US Embassy in Pristina, marks an important step in strengthening the rule of law and public security in a more efficient and effective way.

Body cameras are often considered the forerunners of transparency and bring along the promise of a more accountable police force. As police officers carry these small but powerful devices, they become guardians of the peace and careful supervisors of their actions at the same time.

The application of this project lies in its potential to incite irreplaceable trust between law enforcement and communities regardless. This transparency serves as a mirror that reflects the commitment of police officers of their duty under oath.

The truth, illuminated by cameras worn by police officers, becomes the cause that guides the way to the right outcomes in general.

This initiative also sends a strong message that the Republic of Kosovo is committed to advancing its law enforcement capabilities in step with international standards.

The support of the United States and the American people for this project highlights the recognition, encouraging the trust and transparency in law enforcement agencies anywhere. This support stands as a proof to the persistent partnership between our countries towards the ideals of justice and security.

The effort of the Kosovo Police to equip its officers with body cameras is not only a technological change, but a deep proof of its commitment to accountability, transparency and the rule of law.

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MAIN TOPIC

Kosovo Police begins the official implementation of the project for the body cameras

On August 1, 2023, in the official conference, by the General Director of Kosovo Police Colonel Gazmend Hoxha and the Ambassador of the United States of America in Pristina Mr. Jeffrey Hovenier, the handover of the donation of body cameras for police officers, which is a joint project/donation between INL-DOS and ICITAP-DOJ, was signed within the Embassy of the United States of America in Pristina.

Kosovo Police (KP) with the help and support of the United States of America years ago started this pilot project, where initially in cooperation and coordination with the relevant institutions of the RKS, prepared the necessary documentation as well as Standard Operating Procedures.

After the drafting and regulation of police procedures, as it has been made known to the public, on July 7, 2023 began the test phase of the use of body cameras with the KP Highway Control Units, to continue with the other police units.

Director Hoxha spoke about the role and purpose of the project, who, among others, said that the Kosovo Police, through the innovative approach of investments in information technology, achieved progress in digital transformation, where the realization of this project aims to increase responsibility, transparency, accountability, increasing the trust of citizens towards the police, as well as the argumentation of police activities that are carried out during official duty in the field.

While the Ambassador Mr. Hovenier pointed out that today's ceremony marks the donation of body cameras from the US Government to the Kosovo Police. These body cameras are a new vital resource for law enforcement in Kosovo that will increase public trust to the police and significantly improve accountability.

Kosovo Police expresses its gratitude to the United States of America, for its continuous help and support to the KP, which continues to remain committed to fulfilling its vision and mission in the service of the country and citizens without distinction.





KP ANNIVERSARY

Kosovo Police marks the 24th anniversary of its establishment



The 24th anniversary of the establishment of the Police of the Republic of Kosovo was marked through various activities. Within the activities, sports competitions (football, volleyball and shooting) were held. However, on September 6, 2023 (date of establishment of KP), a series of activities were recorded throughout the day. In all police stations, the 'Open Gate' has been applied starting at 10:00, where the interested citizens had the opportunity to visit the KP police stations.

From 10:00 to 13:00, in "Ibrahim Rugova Square" and "Skënderbeu Square" in the capital, many citizens visited different police units and some of the equipment used by the police. These units were also visited by the general director of the KP, Colonel Gazmend Hoxha, along with the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr. Xhelal Sveçla.

The final activities for this event were marked with an official ceremony attended by representatives of local and international institutions. The participants were addressed by: the general director of KP, Colonel Gazmend Hoxha, the deputy prime minister of Kosovo, Mrs. Emilija Rexhepi, Minister of the MIA, Mr. Xhelal Sveçla, former first director of KP Mr. Sheremet Ahmeti and the sergeant Anton Cena as a police officer of the first generation of the KP.

Kosovo Police, even on this anniversary, remembered and honored the sublime contribution and sacrifice of members of the KP who fell in line of duty during the 24 years.



KOSOVO POLICE ACTIVITIES

PRISHTINA

THE NEW HEAD OF THE EULEX MISSION IN KOSOVO MR. BARBANO MET THE DIRECTOR OF KP, MR. HOXHA

On 25.07.2023, the General Director Colonel Gazmend Hoxha with associates, hosted an official meeting with the new head of the EULEX Mission in Kosovo, Mr. Giovanni-Pietro Barbano.

During this meeting, which was of an informative nature, it was discussed about the continuation and further advancement of cooperation in the interest of both institutions.



The General Director of KP, Mr. Gazmend Hoxha, in the series of the official meetings, held the following meeting with Mr. Besim Kelmendi the Acting Chief State Prosecutor.

Director Hoxha thanked Mr. Kelmendi for the visit and inter-institutional cooperation, while the latter congratulated Mr. Hoxha for the new position of General Director of KP.

The meeting resulted in the commitment for further advancement of cooperation in the field of justice, namely security.



PRISHTINA



THE GENERAL POLICE DIRECTOR, MR. GAZMEND HOXHA, MEETS THE OSCE AMBASSADOR, MR. DAVENPORT

In the General Directorate of Kosovo Police, the general director of Kosovo Police, Mr. Gazmend HOXHA with the managerial staff, hosted a meeting with the ambassador of the OSCE mission in Kosovo, Mr. Michael DAVENPORT with his associates.

Ambassador Davenport expressed his congratulations on the appointment of Mr. Hoxha, general director of the KP and both pledged to continue the further advancement of cooperation between the Police and the OSCE.

On this occasion, it was stated that the OSCE's contribution and support to the Kosovo Police since its establishment has been crucial, both in terms of training police officers and raising professional police capacities in general.



PRISHTINA

COLONEL GAZMEND HOXHA MET THE AMBASSADOR OF GERMANY MR. JÖRN ROHDE

On June 11, 2023, Mr. Gazmend HOXHA, General Director of Kosovo Police, along with his staff, hosted a meeting with Mr. Jörn ROHDE, Ambassador of Germany in Kosovo with his associates.

During the meeting, important issues for KP were discussed in order to further advance the mutual cooperation between the partners.

On this occasion, the General Director Mr. HOXHA, also thanked the official Andrea GESCHKE-Police Attaché, who is ending her mandate, for her support and at the same time shared her gratitude for the work, cooperation and assistance provided to the Kosovo Police.

THE GERMAN FEDERAL POLICE SUPPORTS KOSOVO POLICE WITH A DONATION OF SEVERAL VANS



Kosovo Police, continuously, as a law enforcement institution, has been supported by various international factors, who have motivated KP and its members, in raising the level of performing duties and the level of professionalism.

The police has been supported by the German Federal Police with a donation of five (5) vehicles - vans dedicated to the Border Police, where on this occasion a handover ceremony was organized which was held on 22.05.2023 in the premises of the General Directorate of the KP, with the participation of the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr. Xhelal Sveçla, Deputy General Director of KP Mr. Fehmi Hoti, the ambassador of Germany Mr. Jörn Rohde, senior management staff and other representatives.

This donation proved once again the strong cooperation of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Kosovo Police with the one from Germany, with the aim of fighting organized, transborder crime as well as the supervision and control of the state border.

Minister Sveçla and the deputy director Hoti thanked the German ambassador and the Federal Police of Germany, for the cooperation, help and continuous support that the German state and people have given and are giving to Kosovo and Kosovo Police.



The General Director of Kosovo Police, Colonel Gazmend Hoxha, hosted an official meeting with the senior adviser of the American ICITAP

The General Director, Colonel Gazmend Hoxha, in his office, in the General Police Directorate in Prishtina, held an official meeting with the senior advisor and the local advisor, within ICITAP program, the US Department of Justice Mr. Timothy Altomare and Mrs. Leonora Berkani. Part of the discussions was the ongoing strategic partnership between DOJ/ICITAP and the Kosovo Police for the advancement of effective law enforcement practices and strong principles of the rule of law in the police. Mr. Altomare expressed his commitment to continue providing assistance in the professional development of the Police as well as prioritizing the strengthening of relations with citizens. The General Director, Colonel Gazmend Hoxha pledged to continue the partnership with ICITAP and the agencies of the United States Embassy appreciating their support in the past.

Kosovo Police visited by Albanian - Americans



The acting General Director of Kosovo Police, Mr. Fehmi Hoti hosted an official meeting with the delegation of the Albanian Americans Law Enforcement Association (AALEA), headed by Mr. Elton Shametaj.

In this meeting, the senior management staff of Kosovo Police were also present, as well as collaborators from the Albanian Americans association, part of which are police officers from different states of the USA. Part of the discussions were various topics related to the field of security, cooperation between the association and Kosovo Police, the exchange of police experiences as well as the further continuation of cooperation in various fields of mutual interest. Gifts and requisits were exchanged as a sign of gratitude and thanks, including acknowledgment from the AALEA Association to the American ICITAP.

THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF KOSOVO POLICE IN AN OFFICIAL MEETING HOSTED THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE KOSOVO POLICE INSPECTORATE



On 15.03.2023, in the premises of the General Directorate of Kosovo Police, an official meeting was held between the General Director of the KP Mr. Gazmend Hoxha and the chief executive of Kosovo Police Inspectorate Mr. Kushtrim Hodaj. During this meeting, the General Director of KP was congratulated for the appointment to the new position, it was also discussed about the further advancement of inter-institutional relations, with the aim of achieving as positive results as possible in the interest of both institutions.



The General Director Colonel Gazmend Hoxha with his associates, hosted a meeting with the ambassador of Albania, Mr. Qemal Minxhozi

The ambassador congratulated the director for the position and reconfirmed the embassy's cooperation and support for the Kosovo Police. The General Director thanked the ambassador for the support so far and emphasized that the Kosovo Police remains committed to fulfilling its objectives by engaging in performing legal duties and responsibilities in the function of general security. They pledged and expressed readiness for the further advancement of mutual cooperation.



The management of Kosovo Police visited the Jashari family and honored the martyrs in Prekaz

March 14, 2023, the General Director of Kosovo Police, Colonel Gazmend Hoxha, accompanied by the senior management of KP, made the first visit outside the Kosovo Police to the martyrs' cemetery in Prekaz. On this occasion, the management of KP paid homage near the cemetery of the martyrs in Prekaz, as well as visited the family of the legendary Commander Adem Jashari, where they were hosted by the head of the family, Mr. Rifat Jashari.



PRIME MINISTER KURTI IN THE KOSOVO POLICE RE-EMPHASIZED THE COMMITMENT TO SEEKING JUSTICE FOR WAR CRIMES



Together with the Minister of Internal Affairs, Xhelal Sveçla, Prime Minister Kurti visited the newly established Directorate for the Investigation of War Crimes, which in the past was at the sector level. According to the new organizational structure, the directorate is expected to have 41 investigative officers.

The new approved organizational structure of the Kosovo Police was evaluated, with which this sector, which operated with a total of 19 investigative officers, has been advanced to the directorate level, and at the hierarchical and functional level it has been directly connected to the Central Department of Investigations.

Prime Minister Kurti emphasized the importance of implementing the law on trial in absence as well as the Law on the establishment of the Institute for crimes committed during the war, which has been sent by the Government to the Parliament for approval.

Speaking about justice for the victims and society regarding the crimes of sexual violence, used as a war weapon in Kosovo, the Prime Minister said that joint commitment should be increased in overcoming the obstacles towards increasing the number of punishments by the courts in Kosovo.

He emphasized the importance of adopting the declaration for missing persons, with which, after 24 years of denial, Serbia accepts the crime of enforced disappearance during the war in Kosovo. He emphasized the agreement to open the archives from Serbia, since forced disappearances during the war were crimes committed by the state of Serbia, part of the genocidal project for the extermination of Albanians, "Horseshoe". He also emphasized the agreement to use satellite data, LIDAR and other technologies in the discovery of potential mass graves in the territory of Serbia.

In the joint meeting with the General Police Director of the Republic of Kosovo, Gazmend Hoxha, the recently appointed Director of the Directorate of War Crimes Investigation, Bashkim Spahiu, the investigators and officials of this Directorate, it was emphasized the commitment of the Government to not stop demanding justice for war crimes.



Colonel Gazmend Hoxha participated in the signing ceremony of the Declaration of Partnership which was held in Rome, Italy

On 17.05.2023, the General Director of Kosovo Police Mr. Gazmend Hoxha, accompanied by the Director for International Police Cooperation, Lt. Colonel Arben Paçarizi, participated in the signing ceremony of the Declaration of Partnership in the @ON Network project that was held in Rome, Italy, at the headquarters of the Directorate of Anti-Mafia Investigations.

The membership of Kosovo Police in the @On Network, which is a project of the European Commission under the leadership of the Italian Police, has been made together with the Police of Finland, Cyprus and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

This project enables the advancement of international cooperation by building the police cooperation and coordination network in the field of serious and organized crime.

The participation of Kosovo Police in this project is a relevant indicator for the active role of Kosovo Police in the field of combating forms of criminality as an already reliable and effective partner at the level of international police cooperation.

Also, during this visit, the General Director was hosted in a meeting by Her Excellency the Ambassador Mrs. Lendita Haxhitasim, where they discussed joint commitments in deepening cooperation in the field of security with the Italian state.



IN DEFENSE OF THE STATE SOVEREIGNTY AND IN THE SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS, THEY GAVE THEIR MOST PRECIOUS, THEY SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES



In the former camp Belvedere in South Mitrovica, the plaque with the new name of this camp was unveiled, which from this date (July 26, 2023) will have the name the CENTER OF SPECIAL UNITS OF KOSOVO POLICE ENVER ZYMERI.

Prepared by: Captain Daut Hoxha

Prepared by: Captain Daut Hoxha. Kosovo Police officers, as guardians of order and security in our society, face dangerous and unexpected situations every day, risking their lives to protect the lives of others. Since the establishment of Kosovo Police, many brave police officers have paid the highest price by sacrificing their lives in the service of the community, crime prevention and the protection of our state sovereignty. Officers fallen in duty are not just names or statistics, they are real individuals who had dreams, aspirations and families waiting for them to come home. The stories of each of them remind us of the essential commitment they had to preserve the well-being of others, communities without distinction, in defense of the lives of citizens and our state. Their sacrifice underscores the dangers that come with the police profession and serves as a strong reminder of the dangers police officers face in their daily work. Honoring the sacrifice of the police officers of our Republic fallen in duty should go beyond words and ceremonies, and should inspire us to reflect on the spirit of public service and the critical role the police play in protecting society and the state in general.

We will always remember the bravery of our heroes, honor their sacrifice, and their work will always serve as a guide to inspire us and continue our path forward.





On this occasion, the senior state personalities and the senior Police management, first paid homage at the Monolith of the police officers who fell in the line of duty in Pristina, then they continued with the homage by placing flowers at the place where the Hero Enver Zymeri fell in the line of duty, on July 26, 2011.

In the former camp Belvedere in South Mitrovica, it was unveiled the plaque with the new name of this camp, who from this date (July 26, 2023) will have the name CENTER OF SPECIAL UNITS OF KOSOVO POLICE ENVER ZYMERI.

May we never forget their sacrifice and work to ensure that their legacy continues in respecting justice and security for everyone.



CHARACTER



THE COLONEL OF THE KOSOVO POLICE, THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANT IN THE LEADERSHIP COURSE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Kosovo Police Colonel Afërdita Mikullovc, director of the Regional Police Directorate in South Mitrovica, participated in the 16th session of the leadership course of the Department of National Security in Glynco, Georgia (United States of America). The leadership course was held from April 24 to May 4, 2023 and the participants were 27 state, local and county police leaders of the United States where Colonel Mikullovc was the first international delegate/participant. Colonel Mikullovc's participation was made possible through the cooperation and joint funding of the Department of Justice, the International Criminal Investigative Assistance and Training Program (DOJ-ICITAP) and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC). Colonel Mikullovc was selected from ICITAP nominees worldwide. On this occasion, Colonel Mikullovc emphasized that she feels privileged for the given opportunity and is proud of the participation of the Kosovo Police in this training as the first international participant. "The exchange of experiences and the knowledge gained in this course, as I can say is also the motto/mantra of the "Lead by Heart" course, means to put people first, to serve the community and serve with dedication for the country and the citizens". The Embassy of the United States, as a strategic and permanent partner of the Kosovo Police, continuously supports the Kosovo Police in capacity building as well as the advancement of the KP staff with advanced training in the most popular security centers in the United States and by instructors with long experience in the field of security and law enforcement.

Kosovo Police is honored and very proud of distinguished and professional officers. Serious dedication, determination for fair work and continuous activity and willingness to work always bring high and desired results. Evaluation of work increases the will for commitment! We are proud of the police leaders!

Prepared by: Merita Canolli - Gashi





Kosovo Police part of the EUROPOL initiative (campaign) #TheNetThatWorks, in the inauguration of the International Day of Police Cooperation

Kosovo Police joins the EUROPOL initiative with partners #TheNetThatWorks in recognition of the central role played by the cooperation network through EUROPOL in dealing with the most serious security threats and the fight against organized crime, cybercrime and terrorism.

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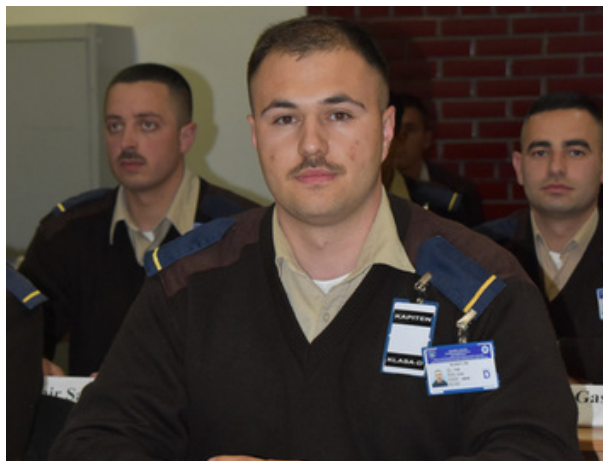
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INTERVIEW

CADET SYLAJ SPEAKS ABOUT THE EMOTIONS, CHALLENGES AND ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE TRAINING AT THE POLICE ACADEMY IN VUSHTERRI

THE 58TH GENERATION OF POLICE CADETS ATTENDED THE TRAINING AT THE KOSOVO ACADEMY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. WE HAD THE PLEASURE OF INTERVIEWING ONE OF THE CADETS WHO SPOKE ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF THE TRAINING, THE ACTIVITIES, CHALLENGES, AND PROFESSIONAL BENEFITS DURING THIS COURSE



Please tell us a little about yourself (short biography, education, family, training, any work experience - connection with your chosen profession!

My name is Faik Sylaj and I come from Sllapuzhan village of Suhareka Municipality.

I was born on 07.04.1999 in Sllapuzhan, I have finished my studies in the Faculty of Law at the Bachelor and Master level at the Public University "Hasan Prishtina" in Prishtina.

I worked as a manager in gastronomy and in the meantime I started with practical work at the Basic Court in Prizren - branch in Suharekë, for a period of one year and then, for about 6 months before I applied to Police, I have worked in the notary's office in the Municipality of Suhareka.

What was the decisive moment that prompted you to apply at Police as a candidate for a police officer?

A desire of mine that was allways inside me was to give my contribution by working in Police. Even the studies I completed fit to the occupation.

Another great impetus to make my goal and decision to join the Kosovo Police vital was the example of a relative of mine and the work he has been doing for 24 years as a police officer since the first generation.

Can you describe for us the emotions of the day when you realized that you were accepted to the Academy as a police cadet?

The day i realized that all the processes of the competition have come to an end and I have been selected to attend the training as a police cadet, I was very happy and immediately called my family members expressing my joy and enthusiasm and in this way they also became a part of my joy. I felt fulfilled!

How do you feel now that you are part of the Police Academy?

I felt a sense of pride, because I am preparing for the sacred and noble profession - to serve the citizens of the country without distinction be it ethnicity, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or political beliefs and to treat everyone equally. Along with the feeling of pride, the feeling of responsibility is floating in me and I believe that I will take the profession very seriously, convinced and determined to fight evil.

1. Can you describe us a day at the academy, from morning to night, the tasks, challenges, benefits, feelings etc.?

At the academy, the day starts very early with morning exercises, then comes breakfast, from 7:45 the parade begins, where we as police cadets, all in uniform, line up and get ready for appearance inspection (the rules for wearing our uniform) by the instructors. After the end of the parade, the lectures start from 08:30-15:45, when the last class for that day ends. After each lesson we have a 10 or 15 minute break, while at noon we have a lunch break (12:00-13:00).

It's a good feeling to be in a cadet's uniform, learning about police duties and powers. For me, the firearms module is also a special feeling,

where many of us for the first time tried to hold a weapon in our hands, the weapon that will be given to us after graduation as a police officer's equipment to protect the life and property of citizens.

After 16:00h, when the lectures come to an end, the instructors are on standby for any cadet who wants additional training-explanations for the lessons, the instructors are always ready to help us and we are very thankful for this.

Tell about the training you are attending, the rules, the conditions and the advantages you consider this school has!

The training process is at a high quality level, the instructors give their best so that we learn these trainings as good as possible. The conditions are better compared to the education or training that we attended before, which enable teaching and learning to be effective. The advantage that this school has, I can say with full conviction, is the professionalism and high level shown by the instructors and superiors at the academy. Their preparation and willingness to address any of our questions and uncertainties means that we are free for conversation and communication, and in any case, the knowledge we are receiving prepares us well for the police profession.

Do you think you will come out fully prepared from the lessons and training at school for the job that awaits you?

Yes, because all trainings, both theoretical and practical, are very effective and understandable, thanking the instructors once again for their dedication. However, my commitment, seriousness and dedication will make me professionally fulfilled.

As a young policeman, with your contribution do you think you will change the negative phenomena in society?

As a young police officer, together with my colleagues, we will try to fight the



negative phenomena in our society and, together with the community, we will try to prevent these phenomena. I will strive to have ethical behavior and unshakable integrity to be a good example to the community I live in and to the society in general, and even make my family proud - the source of my upbringing.

What are some of your dreams and wishes that you intend to achieve in this profession?

My desire is to help the citizens, to give my best to prevent criminals from committing criminal offenses, so that there is no crime in our society. My dream is to reach as high as possible in the Kosovo Police.

Message to young people in Kosovo?

My message to the youth is to listen and respect their parents as our most reliable guides, read as much as possible and get educated so that they are ready to serve the country in the best possible way. To work hard and put their heart in the profession they have chosen. I would also appeal to young people that joining the big family of the Kosovo Police is golden opportunity for them to serve the country.

The Kosovo Police continues to be proud of the country's boys and girls, as they are our shield, strength, integrity and great hope. We are lucky that in our country there is enthusiasm and hope among young people. You are welcome to the police family.

Interviewed by: Merita Canolli-Gashi





First visit of the General Director of Kosovo Police within the organization was at the police stations in the north of the country

The general director of Kosovo Police, Mr. Gazmend Hoxha, together with the deputy director, Mr. Dejan Jankovic, and his associates visited the north of the country, respectively four police stations of the Regional Directorate of Mitrovia North. During the visit of the police stations in Leposavič, Zvečan, Zubin Potok and the Mitrovia North police station, the general director Mr. Hoxha closely met the management of the Mitrovia North regional directorate, the stations commanders on duty and the police officers operating in the areas of their responsibility. The purpose of this visit was to see closely the work, commitment and dedication of the police officers as well as the results achieved despite the challenges, sacrifices and difficulties that the police officers have gone through in this period of time. On this occasion, Director Hoxha affirmed that the achievement of objectives and the fulfillment of legal and constitutional obligations was achieved thanks to the teamwork, cooperation, courage and continuous dedication in maintaining order and public safety, as well as serving citizens without distinction. The focus of this meeting was the further development of community policing activities, the encouragement of citizens and communities without distinction for further cooperation and reporting of cases for even greater security. The police management was informed that during this time period (01 January, 2023 to 15 March, 2023) (109) cases of various natures were reported and recorded, which were successfully managed by the police stations in the north of the country. Inter-institutional cooperation and cooperation with citizen remains one of the main objectives for managing security, preventing crimes and smuggling, as well as providing a calmer and safer environment for all citizens. Among other things, the senior management of the KP thanked the police officers for their tireless work and unsparing commitment in the interest of national security, offered their full support to the police officers, and encouraged them to continue with professional work in law enforcement, providing security as well as maintaining public order and peace.

Prepared by: Arlinda Rexhepi - Gërxhaliu





KP General Director hosted the Mayor of Prishtina in an official meeting

In this meeting, which was of an informative and congratulatory nature, among other things, very important topics in the interest of both institutions were discussed, resulting directly in the interest of general security and service to the citizens of the capital.

Kosovo Police General Director Mr. Gazmend Hoxha, associated by the deputy general director Mr. Fehmi Hoti and the regional director of Pristina Mr. Fehmi Xhata, hosted the Mayor of the Municipality of Pristina Mr. Perparim Rama with his associates.

In this meeting, which was of an informative and congratulatory nature, among other things, very important topics in the interest of both institutions were discussed, resulting directly in the interest of general security and service to the citizens of the capital.

Director Hoxha, informed the mayor Mr. Rama, that in order to advance cooperation and service to the needs of citizens and the capital itself, Kosovo Police, within the new organizational structure established the Capital Police Directorate, which is within the Regional Directorate of Pristina.

The establishing of this directorate, will support and advance further inter-institutional cooperation and will serve the needs of the citizens of the capital.

Among other things, it was discussed about general security, the installation of cameras in the capital, road traffic safety, all of this in the interest of providing the best and most efficient services to the residents of the capital.

Both representatives pledged to intensify cooperation in various areas of common interest.





Prishtina participated in the 43rd conference of European capital police

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In this conference together with the police chiefs of the European capitals, representatives from the Kosovo Police, respectively the Regional Police Directorate of Pristina have attended, led by the Deputy Regional Director Lieutenant Colonel Bashkim Spahiu.

The subjects of discussion at this conference were police cooperation and the exchange of police experiences with European capitals in order to find tools and methods as well as the undertaking of measures which would be in function of coordination and raising the quality of cooperation between the police in European capitals in preventing and combating negative phenomena with a special emphasis on cyber crimes.

The 43rd conference of the police directors of the European capitals concluded its proceedings with the approval of the joint declaration by the participating states, of several points drawn from the subjects covered and the discussions held throughout the conference.



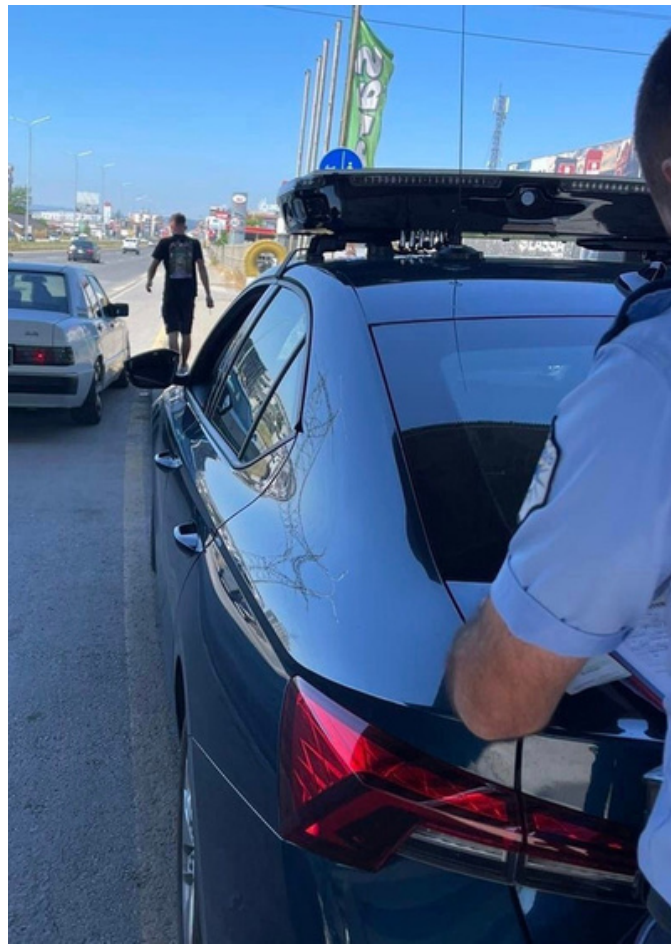


INTELLIGENT VEHICLES

Traffic safety and prevention of accidents remains one of the priorities of the Kosovo Police

Kosovo Police (KP), within the strategic objectives and planning, aiming to increase the efficiency in maintaining public security, based on the needs of citizens in the field of general security, especially in the road traffic safety, implemented the project of intelligent vehicles for Kosovo Police. This project impacts further development of technology in the Kosovo Police.

Through the engagement of intelligent vehicles, the aim is to increase traffic safety and prevent accidents in general and in particular those with fatality, including the identification of traffic offenses.





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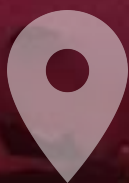
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Kosovo Police, from 8th to 14th of May 2023, implemented the Operational Plan 'Stuhia 2023', throughout the country, in cooperation with the market inspectors from MINT, the Tax Administration and the labor inspectors. 262 officers from the KP and the above-mentioned institutions were involved in the operation, where the following actions were taken on the ground:

- Operations in streets, squares and shopping centers for the identification of children in street situations;
- Inspection/search of "Live Music" premises
- Inspection/search of "Massage Centers"
- Increased control at all border crossing points

From the actions taken, the following results were achieved:

- Identification of 3 victims of trafficking and 11 alleged victims of trafficking, who were referred for services and treatment according to procedures,
- The arrest of 14 persons suspected of the offense of trafficking and other offenses related to human trafficking,
- Referral of 6 cases to police stations for illegal possession of weapons, damage to official seals and illegal opening of closed premises,
- Inspection/searches of 55 "Live Music" bars, in which 377 workers have been legitimized, of which 275 are female, 188 are foreign nationals. From the searched premises, 15 were closed by the relevant institution for administrative violations,
- Inspection of 51 "Massage Centers", in which a total of 153 workers have been legitimized, of which 129 are female and 33 are foreign nationals. From these "Massage Centers", 17 have been closed by the relevant institution for administrative violations.

The police will continue in the future to be part of international cooperation and initiatives/operations as well as operations organized at the country level, since the fight against human trafficking is an international and local challenge that must be fought in international cooperation and coordination with local institutions and citizens.

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Equipment for the production of cryptocurrencies have been identified in a house in the north of the country, it is suspected that citizens' household electrical equipment were damaged as a result of problems with electricity

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According to the information, resulted that in the neighborhood of the above-mentioned village, there are problems with electricity from time to time, and citizens' household electrical appliances are being damaged, noise is being caused, and the help of the Police is requested in this matter.

Kosovo Police, from Zubin Potok police station, supported by the Fast Reaction Unit (FRU), based on their duties and legal authorizations, took immediate action and identified the location (house) of the suspect and found eleven (11) equipment for the production of cryptocurrencies (Bitcoin).

Related to the case, the competent unit from the Kosovo Customs was informed and went to the scene. The equipment were confiscated and according to the verifications, the suspect was not found at home, as he occasionally travels from Belgrade, Serbia and visits the aforementioned house.

Attached are some photos of the scene and the confiscated equipment.



Six suspects arrested and harmful food is confiscated



The investigation sector from the Border Police Department in cooperation with Kosovo Customs, trade inspectors and AUVK, on 08.06.2023, in several regions of the country have carried out an extensive operation where five locations were searched (two in Graçanica, one in Ferizaj, one in Pristina and one in Prevalle).

During the police operation, the following suspects were arrested: K.Gj., (Kosovar male, year of birth 1964), E.Gj., (Kosovar male, year of birth 1992), M.Sh., (Kosovar male), year of birth 1968), H. Sh., (Kosovar male, year of birth 1994) and E.I., (Kosovar male, year of birth 2001). During the control at the above-mentioned locations, a considerable amount of food items with suspicious contents were found, which were seized as material evidence. A weapon was also confiscated in one of the locations.

Cases have been initiated against the suspects: 'smuggling of goods', 'production and distribution of harmful food items', 'deceiving buyers' and 'unauthorized ownership, control or possession of weapons'. By decision of the prosecutor, five of the six arrested are taken to custody for up to 48 hours.

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Training

In cooperation with the OSCE and United Kingdom, the training on Mentoring and Supervision was held for Kosovo Police officers

Mentoring and supervision for Kosovo police officers

On 14th of July 2023, Kosovo Police in cooperation with the OSCE Mission in Kosovo, and the Police College in the United Kingdom, from July 10 to 13, organized the training on the subject: "Mentoring and supervision for Kosovo Police officers". The training aimed at benefiting from international experiences in raising the skills of the management staff within the KP, which skills enable the advancement of the professional potential of cadets, young police officers and the taking of responsibilities at all levels in the organization's organizational structure.

20 police officers who participated, apart from the theoretical part, had the opportunity through exercises based on scenarios to gain knowledge about the importance of individual and team mentoring or the impact that mentoring has on the performance of the entire organization. The activity was in accordance with the strategic objectives of the Agenda for Gender Equality and the Action Plan 2021-2023, a document which aims to strengthen gender equality, comprehensively within the organization.

The Kosovo Police uses the opportunity to thank the OSCE Mission and the United Kingdom for the continuous support in building the capacities of the KP members.



EXCEPT THE PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT, KOSOVO POLICE IS GROWING IN NUMBER AS WELL – NEW POLICE OFFICERS ON DUTY



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This solemn ceremony was also honored with their presence by the highest state personalities: the president of the Republic of Kosovo, Her Excellency Mrs. Vjosa Osmani-Sadriu, His Excellency, the Prime Minister of the RKS, Mr. Albin Kurti, Minister of Internal Affairs Mr. Xhelal Sveçla, General Director of Kosovo Police, Mr. Gazmend Hoxha, deputy ministers, representatives of local and international institutions, superiors and officials of the Kosovo Police, as well as family members of police cadets who graduated today. In this ceremony, the certificates for the new position were distributed, as well as the oath was taken by all the graduates of this generation. High state personalities and the General Director of Kosovo Police, Mr. Hoxha addressed those present with a speech, congratulating the police cadets on their graduation and wishing them welcome to the big police family.

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KOSOVO POLICIE STRATEGY 2023



INTELLIGENCE LED COMMUNITY POLICING STRATEGY

On 30th of June 2023, Kosovo Police in cooperation with the OSCE, through a workshop, disclosed the achievements of the activities and objectives in the periodic reporting of the action plan according to the Policing Strategy Led by the Policing Intelligence in the Community.

The General Director of Kosovo Police, Mr. Gazmend Hoxha participated in this workshop, associated by the senior management of the KP, the Directors of the Regional Directorates, representatives from the OSCE, ICITAP and IPK.

Director Hoxha described this strategy as one of the most important strategies of the KP, through which it is aimed to continuously increase the partnership and cooperation with the community, the most effective and efficient service to the citizens for an even greater security in the country. The General Director of KP thanked the local partners as well as the international ones for the continuous support and, in particular, thanked the police officers for their unsparing work and commitment.

During this workshop, it was reported on the achievements of this action plan, which consists of 5 objectives, 27 sub-objectives and 99 activities, in which case it was reported by all regional directorates, departments and directorates at the central level. Kosovo Police, in order to increase the level of professionalism and achieve the most positive results, will go on with the application of methods which are practically expected to be as effective as possible, and at the same time thanks all its supporters who support the KP in various forms, in order to fulfill its objectives as an institution.

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Police Activities

On 14th of June, on the International Day of Blood Donors, the Directorate of Health Services at Kosovo Police organized the voluntary donation of blood by members of the Kosovo Police (KP). The blood donation by members of the special units of the KP was carried out today at noon in the "Mother Teresa" square in Pristina.

The Kosovo Police, same as in the past, positively responded to the initiative of marking this day, by donating blood, convinced that donating blood is a humane example and can also be an act of saving life.

The police will continue, in addition to activities to ensure and maintain public order and peace and the functioning of the country's state system, with other activities like this one, always in the benefit of the citizens of the country.



On 5th of June 2023, Kosovo Police, respectively the Directorate of Community Policing and Prevention, in cooperation with other authorities and the OSCE, in the Prishtina region started activities within the framework of the "Community Safety Week" with the main goal to promote the Police-citizen partnership and the role of Security Forums. The 'Community Safety Week' project has continued in other regions of the country until 14th of June 2023. During this organization, where participants were representatives of the KLSP, (Local Committees for Public Safety), police officers, students and representatives of the youth organization-ROR, the interest of the citizens was encouraging and various questions related to security were asked to the Police.

Also, among the aforementioned activities, a knowledge quiz was organized with an emphasis on knowledge in the fields of community policing, traffic safety, bullying and other negative phenomena.

The Regional Directorate of Police in Ferizaj, in coordination with the municipality of Ferizaj, carried out the "International Children's Day" project, which was held at "Adem Jashari" square in Ferizaj. On this occasion, the police presented all regional police units to the children and exhibited the equipment they work with. Meanwhile, the members of the KSF, the Fire Brigade and the Emergency of Ferizaj also join this activity.

The children had the opportunity to talk with the members of the police and other members, to take photos with everyone. This activity was aimed at increasing the trust of children and their parents in their security institutions. The Regional Directorate of Police in Ferizaj congratulates all the children on their day, with the best wishes that they grow up healthy, happy and joyful!





Kosovo Police with activities for 1st of June, Children's Day with the motto 'Children are the future, let's protect this treasure'

With the motto "Children are the future, let's protect this treasure", Kosovo Police, respectively the Division of Community Policing, joins the celebrations to mark the International Children's Day. This year's celebration is particularly important, as the Project is focused on strengthening the partnership between the Police, children and young people with the aim of creating a comfortable and safe environment for everyone, especially for children.

The vision of the Kosovo Police is to support the next generation in developing a positive impression for the image of being a police officer, where children temporarily had the opportunity to feel like police officers in official uniforms. This is very important as the police can play an important role in the promotion and protection of human rights and of children in particular.

Listening to the voices of children and young people is more than just the motto of the police and this project – it is also a step towards supporting children of all communities to grow up in a healthy and safe environment. During the celebration, children and young people in uniform marched from "Skënderbeu Square" to the "Cathedral" of Prishtina, where after the end of the march, the "new commander" of the children's platoon reported the end of the activity to the Police Superiors and representatives of MIA.

Led by the Kosovo Police, the uniformed children's march was joined by the Young KP Volunteers with the motto "We are the Future" who side by side with the Community Police and other Specialized Units took care of the thrift of this magnificent celebration. The project was developed in partnership with the Municipality of Pristina and with the support of the OSCE, and gathered hundreds of children, young people and parents from schools in the region.

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**"Policia është populli dhe
populli është Policia" !**

