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## HERO OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO

# The heroism and commitment of the Police in maintaining constitutional order

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## *Editorial*



Recent events in the north of the country, such as the terrorist attack that occurred in the village of Banjska, Zvečan, in September 2023, where Sergeant Afrim Bunjaku heroically fell in defense of the constitutional order, remind us of the sacrifice and daily dedication of Kosovo Police officers. This terrorist attack, directed against the very foundations of public security, displayed once again that challenges to peace and stability are very present. However, thanks to the readiness and dedication of the Police, the selflessness of the hero Bunjaku and police officers, it was possible to expel the terrorists, arrest and neutralize several, restoring order and peace in the community, as well as preventing the annexation of that area in the north of the country.

This heroic act was not just a coincidence, but an expression of the high values that police officers carry: courage, determination and a high sense of duty towards citizens. The sacrifice of the hero Bunjaku who gave his life in this unequal battle deserves the respect and gratitude of the colleagues and the entire society. He did not only protect order and security, but he protected the country and the principle that no one should be above the law and that public security and constitutional order is a fundamental right for all citizens, without distinction.

The Police showed professionalism and determination in enforcing the law and punishing those who seek to undermine the stability of the Republic of Kosovo. The arrest, neutralization and expulsion of terrorists were a clear message that the state will not tolerate terrorist acts that undermine national security and security of citizens. The action was an inspiring example of cooperation, courage and professionalism that should continue to characterize the work of Police.

In times of challenges, the Police remains committed to protecting constitutional order and public security, to protecting public and private property, despite the risks and sacrifices, police officers continue to be on the front lines of the fight against terrorism, crime and elements that seek to destabilize the country. Their duty is not just a profession, but a sacred mission to protect the freedom, country, life and property of our citizens.

As we remember the hero Bunjaku who fell in the line of duty, we should all reflect on the vital role that the Police play in our society. Let us support the work of police officers and appreciate the sacrifices that each officer makes for a safer and more peaceful future. Only by standing united and fulfilling our duties can we protect the constitutional order and the values of our shared democracy.

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# KOSOVO POLICE ACTIVITIES

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AS PART OF PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION, THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN KOSOVO MAKES A DONATION TO THE KOSOVO POLICE



The Deputy Director of the Police of the Republic of Kosovo, Mr. Fehmi Hoti, and the British Ambassador to Kosovo, Mr. Jonathan Hargreaves, signed the agreement for the acceptance and delivery of four drones, an important donation for the Kosovo Police.

Drones will assist police units in identifying, tracking and monitoring suspicious vehicles and persons, using imaging and thermal capabilities. These devices will increase the efficiency and professionalism of the Kosovo Police, especially in border units for the prevention of cross-border crime, smuggling and illegal migration.

The Kosovo Police thanks the British Embassy for its continued support and encouragement, putting this donation to work for security and public order.



## CIA DIRECTOR MEETS THE DIRECTOR OF KOSOVO POLICE

On 22nd of August 2024, the General Director of Kosovo Police, Colonel Gazmend HOXHA, together with his associates, received in a meeting the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) of the United States of America, Mr. William Burns, accompanied by representatives of the US Embassy in Kosovo, at the Kosovo Police Headquarters. During this meeting, Director Hoxha informed the attendees about the security situation in the Republic of Kosovo, as well as the efforts and activities of the Kosovo Police in maintaining constitutional order and public security in the country. The meeting ended with Mr. Burns expressing gratitude for the work, dedication and professionalism of the Kosovo Police, and both parties expressed their commitment to mutual cooperation in the field of security and international cooperation, including support in providing training to the Kosovo Police.



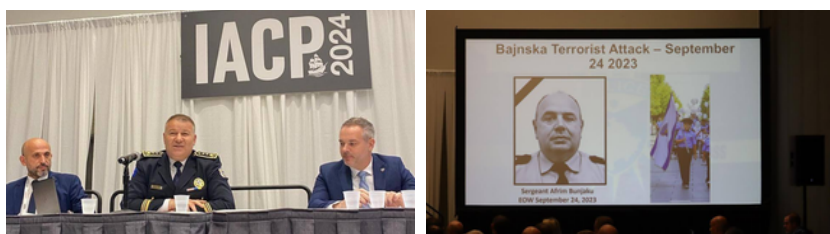
## THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF KOSOVO POLICE, GAZMEND HOXHA, AND THE EXECUTIVE STAFF EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO AMBASSADOR JEFFREY HOVENIER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

The General Director handed to the Ambassador a folded Kosovo Police flag, a certificate of appreciation, and a Kosovo Police badge engraved with "Jeffrey Hovenier 007" for his years of contribution and support to the Police. The message of the certificate: "In deep respect and gratitude for your continued support and assistance to Kosovo Police, for your extraordinary dedication to developing and advancing the skills of the Kosovo Police, and for your advocacy for the rule of law and democratic principles, which we consider essential to a successful police agency. The Kosovo Police is committed to our shared vision of a multi-ethnic, fully integrated police force that represents all citizens of Kosovo. Your physical presence will be missed, but your legacy will remain forever."





## International Conference of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Participation of the General Director of Kosovo Police



As part of international commitments to strengthen cooperation, the General Director of Kosovo Police, Colonel Gazmend Hoxha, participated in the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference (IACP) in San Diego, California. This conference is one of the most important global events in the field of security, bringing together senior representatives from police forces from different countries around the world.

The participation of Kosovo Police delegation in this high-level forum, led by Colonel Hoxha, was an exceptional opportunity to exchange experiences and best practices in the field of public security. The meetings and discussions focused on the global challenges faced by security institutions, as well as on identifying solutions to new phenomena, including the fight against organized crime, terrorism and violent radicalism. During his agenda within the conference, General Director Hoxha held meetings with various personalities from the world of security, where important issues were discussed such as: combating transnational crime, strengthening cooperation mechanisms for the detection and prevention of cybercrimes, implementing strategies for strengthening international and regional security, etc.

The participation of Kosovo Police in this conference represents the commitment to follow the highest standards of professionalism and to strengthen cooperation with international police and security organizations. These commitments help increase the effectiveness of the Kosovo Police in the fight against crime and in ensuring a safer environment for citizens.

This conference has served the Kosovo Police to create new connections, share experiences, and develop joint strategies and training in facing global challenges in the field of security in general.

At this conference, the General Director, Colonel Gazmend Hoxha, was honored with the presentation of a large seal of the US Department of Justice (DOJ) for his partnership and valuable contribution, which led to the recognition of ICITAP in Kosovo as having the largest number of "reports" submitted to headquarters, verifying the dedicated and joint work, as well as the assistance provided in the field of security. This prestigious DOJ seal was presented by ICITAP Director, Gregory Ducot, during the ICITAP-DD high-level meeting, attended by representatives from most of the DD-ICITAP global programs at the annual IACP conference.



The Director General of the Kosovo Police, Colonel Gazmend Hoxha, was honored with the DOJ seal.







## Kosovo Police receives next donation from German Embassy

The Kosovo Police, namely the Border Department, today, 17.12.2024, in an organized ceremony, received a donation from Germany, a donation made through the German Embassy in the Republic of Kosovo.

To mark this donation, a handover ceremony was held, where the handover of the equipment was made by the German Ambassador to our country, Mr. Joern ROHDE, while the equipment was received by the General Director of Kosovo Police, Colonel Gazmend HOXHA. Also present at the ceremony were the Minister of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Mr. Xhelal SVEÇLA, the Director of the Border Department, Mr. Fehmi XHATA, etc.

Regarding the cooperation and support offered by Germany, the attendees each gave a speech, where we thanked the German state for its continuous support for the Kosovo Police, both in training and in providing equipment for the KP.

In this donation, Kosovo Police received:

- 10 Dacia cars, value €19,880.00
- 10 Document scanner, value €23,000.00
- 1 set of 3 Smart-dec security cameras , value €40,500.00 and
- 12 Thermal Cameras, value €36,600.00.

The total value of the equipment received is 298,900.00 euros.



## Kosovo Police gets reinforced with armored vehicles and new technologies

Kosovo Police (KP), within the framework of long-term planning and strategic objectives, for the continuous increase of human, logistical and technological resources, envisages that through the implementation of police training, the supply of logistical and technological equipment for various police units, the performance of police duties and authorizations will be enabled in the most efficient and effective manner in the interest of citizens and the country.

Kosovo Police, since its establishment until this period, in accordance with police developments and needs, has also planned the supply of police equipment, including the supply of vehicles, which serve as basic means for fulfilling the KP mission.

In addition to the supply of regular patrol vehicles, Kosovo Police, in accordance with the legal procedures, has now also been supplied with several armored police vehicles and several armored cars, which serve the needs of the Kosovo Police.

The Kosovo Police is constantly working to increase the capacities of human, logistical and technological resources, in order to successfully fulfill its mission and vision in providing security and maintaining constitutional order in the most professional manner possible.





# 25 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH HONOR AND DIGNITY



On 6th of September 2024, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of its establishment, the Kosovo Police organized a solemn ceremony, which was attended by high-ranking state figures and representatives of security agencies from the region and beyond, as well as representatives of local and international institutions.

Part of this ceremony were also senior KP superiors and family members of Kosovo Police heroes who have fallen in the line of duty. This ceremony, in addition to the participation of guests, who honored the KP institution with their participation, was also characterized by the march and anthem of the Kosovo Police, which were exclusively published for the first time on this historic date of the 25th anniversary.

The President of the Republic of Kosovo, Mrs. Vjosa Osmani, Prime Minister Mr. Albin Kurti, Minister of Internal Affairs Mr. Xhelal Sfeqja and Director General of the KP Colonel Gazmend Hoxha addressed the attendees with a special speech during this ceremony, who during their speeches appreciated the commitment of Kosovo Police and all its members throughout this period of time in maintaining public order and the Constitutional order, providing security to citizens, continuing its primacy as the most reliable and transparent institution in the Republic of Kosovo.

This ceremony was also graced by a musical troupe organized by the Kosovo Police, who performed live the KP anthem, the national anthem, and the KP march, including the performance of two musical artistic pieces.

During this ceremony, the documentary "25 Years of Police" was also presented, which was prepared especially for this 25th anniversary.

After this ceremony, at Camp Vrella, the elite special units of the KP, through an exercise, demonstrated their professional skills to the participants on the occasion of this 25th anniversary, in which senior state figures also participated.

The Kosovo Police congratulates all citizens of the Republic of Kosovo and its members on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the KP with the slogan "25 years of service with honor and dignity".







The Kosovo Police, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of its establishment, organized a series of activities that included educational projects, sports competitions and commemorative ceremonies, demonstrating its commitment to public safety and cooperation with the country's citizens.

At the "Zahir Pajaziti" Square in Pristina, the central ceremony gathered high-ranking state figures and leaders of the Kosovo Police. Present were Prime Minister Albin Kurti, Minister of Internal Affairs Xhelal Sveçla and the Director General of the Police, Colonel Gazmend Hoxha. The event was accompanied by meetings between the children of fallen police officers and specialized units such as the K-9 Unit and the Anti-Drone Unit, creating a connection between the younger generations and the legacy of the institution.

A special initiative was the project "Today I am a Kosovo Police Officer", which was implemented in several regions, including Gjakova and Mitrovica North. As part of this project, children dressed in police uniforms collaborated with police officers, carrying out symbolic vehicle stops and distributing educational materials. This activity gave young people the opportunity to experience firsthand the role and responsibilities of a police officer, raising awareness of traffic safety and respect for the law.

As part of the organized activities, tactical exercises were also held at Camp Vrella by the most elite units of the Kosovo Police. These exercises demonstrated the high level of professionalism and operational readiness of these units, focusing on complex security and emergency response scenarios.

In this anniversary, Kosovo Police organized sports competitions that included disciplines such as football, volleyball, athletics and shooting. The final matches were held in stadiums and sports halls across the country, where participants competed with enthusiasm. In particular, the involvement of female police officers in sports activities such as football and basketball highlighted the Police's commitment to gender equality and women's empowerment in the institution.

These activities culminated with a friendly match at the "Ramiz Sadiku" stadium in Pristina, where the teams of the Kosovo Police and the Kosovo Security Force faced each other, symbolizing the unity and cooperation between the country's two main institutions.

Through these activities, the Kosovo Police not only celebrated its history and successes, but also reaffirmed its commitment to serve with professionalism and dedication to its citizens and the nation. The solemn ceremony planned for September 6th will culminate this historic anniversary, remaining as a testament to the Police's dedication and vision for the future.

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## The official march and anthem of the Kosovo Police, symbol of values and dedication to serving the country

Kosovo Police this year, in addition to other achievements in the field of law enforcement, has reached another important achievement with the official approval of its march and anthem with music and lyrics of the police anthem. This anthem, as an artistic and significant creation, reflects the main values of this institution: discipline, sensitivity and professionalism in the service of citizens and the protection of public order and security.

The official anthem of the Kosovo Police will be another important element of the institutional identity and will be used in numerous activities, including official ceremonies, parades, important state events and special activities involving Kosovo Police. Through its melody and words, the anthem aims to evoke a sense of pride, dedication and solidarity, not only among members of the Kosovo Police, but also in the wider community.

This anthem is the fruit of a long and careful creative process, which has involved renowned artists and professionals, as well as a detailed assessment to ensure that the lyrics and music authentically reflect the mission and vision of the Kosovo Police.

The anthem not only honors the work and sacrifices of the Police members, but also sends a clear message of commitment to law and security to all citizens of the Republic of Kosovo. It represents a powerful symbol of unity, dedication and courage, strengthening the role of the Kosovo Police as a guarantor of peace and stability.

Echoing a common purpose, the anthem reinforces the bond between the Kosovo Police and its citizens, reminding them that the mission of order and justice is a shared mission for the good of the country.

This anthem was presented for the first time at the ceremony of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Kosovo Police and proudly represents the spirit of service and dedication to the country, and will carry the State Police through generations as a symbol that will inspire entire generations in the service of the homeland.

**This is the official anthem of the Police of the Republic of Kosovo, a symbol of pride, dedication and solidarity that represents the values and mission of the institution in service of the state and citizens.**



Light shines around the crown  
In every palm of my country  
Kosovo Police  
Day and night at service

Courageously and wholeheartedly  
I protect dreams, property, and ideals  
Head held-high with this name  
I give breath, to flourish the life

Refrain:  
Life, hope and safety  
Honour and law are an oath  
Because I am the police  
I am the emblem of my country.



## GENERAL DIRECTOR OF KOSOVO POLICE MR. HOXHA, MEETS THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE JAPANESE EMBASSY MR. KEISUKE YAMANAKA

The General Director of Kosovo Police, Colonel Gazmend HOXHA, and his associates received in a welcoming meeting the Chargé d'Affaires at the Japanese Embassy, Mr. Keisuke YAMANAKA. During the meeting, the security situation in the country, cooperation and mutual relations in the function of general security, as well as the possibility of support and assistance from the Japanese state were discussed. Director Hoxha expressed his gratitude for the support that Japan provides to Kosovo Police, on this occasion it was confirmed that this cooperation is proof of bilateral commitment and will continue in the future.

## ON SEPTEMBER 6TH, THE DIRECTOR OF DD-ICITAP, GREGORY E. DUCOT, VISITED KOSOVO, WHERE HE WAS RECEIVED BY THE GENERAL DIRECTOR, HOXHA

On September 6, DD-ICITAP Director Gregory E. Ducot visited Kosovo, where he was hosted by the General Director, Colonel Hoxha, and participated in the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Kosovo Police (KP) in Pristina.

The General Director of Kosovo Police, Colonel Hoxha, presented the Director of ICITAP, Gregory Ducot, with a plaque with the inscription: "For your partnership and cooperation on our common path."

Mr. Hoxha thanked Director Ducot for his continued support and assistance over the decades, while Director Ducot praised the agency's advancement.



## THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE KOSOVO POLICE, COLONEL GAZMEND HOXHA, RECEIVES IN A MEETING THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE POLICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA

The General Director of Kosovo Police, Colonel Gazmend Hoxha, accompanied by his senior staff, today received in a friendly meeting the Director General of the Albanian Police, Mr. Ilir Proda, also accompanied by senior state police officials. At the meeting, which took place at the premises of the General Directorate of the KP, Director Hoxha initially thanked Director Proda for his visit and at the same time congratulated him on his assignment as head of the State Police. Director Hoxha informed those present about the commitments, activities and objectives of the Kosovo Police, as well as the continued commitment to fulfilling its legal duties and obligations for the benefit of security and constitutional order in the Republic of Kosovo.

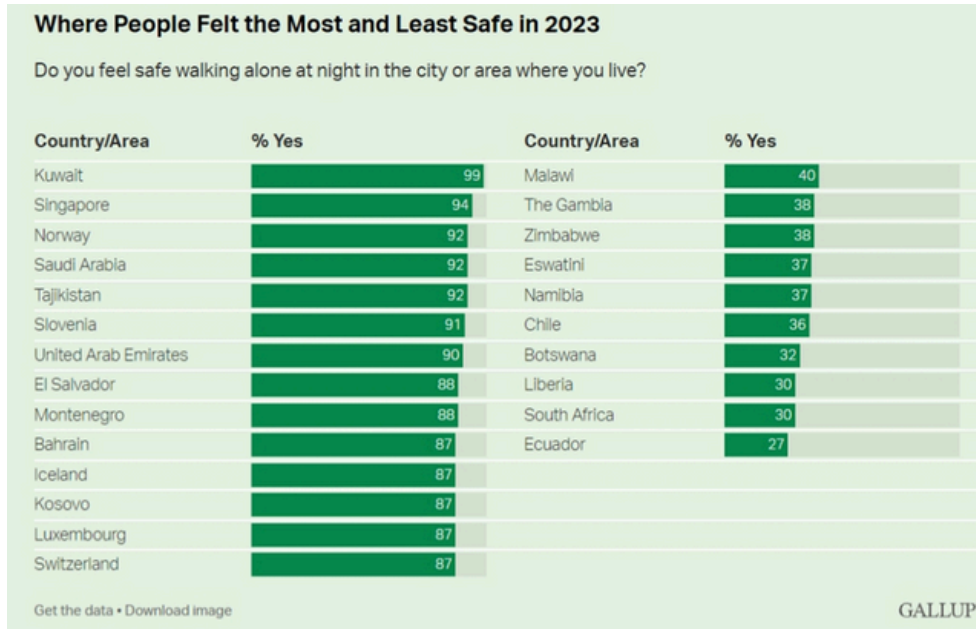
Among other things, the attendees were informed that the Kosovo Police has professional capacities and is prepared to provide security, fight against organized crime, and cooperate closely with police organizations, with the aim of further advancing mutual cooperation in the field of security and preventing terrorism and violent extremism. It was also highlighted that the Kosovo Police has excellent cooperation with the Albanian police authorities, a cooperation that has shown positive results in various fields, including successes in joint police patrols and the fight against negative phenomena.

On the other hand, Director Proda thanked Director Hoxha for the hospitality and at the same time emphasized that the Albanian Police will always be ready to achieve the goals of both police forces, both in the field of training and the fight against crime, including cross-border crime. The meeting concluded with the commitment of the two main representatives of the two like-sister institutions to further increase cooperation in the future, expanding into new areas of common interest.





# KOSOVO IN THE TOP 15 SAFEST COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD: THE SUCCESS OF THE KOSOVO POLICE IN ENSURING PUBLIC SAFETY



**Kosovo's ranking as the 12th safest country in the world is a testament to the commitment of Kosovo Police and strong cooperation with citizens to build a safe and stable society.**

**Kosovo has been ranked as the 12th safest country in the world according to the Gallup report for 2023, an important achievement that reflects the work of the Kosovo Police and the cooperation with citizens and state institutions. This success shows progress in security and citizens' trust in state institutions.**

Thanks to the tireless work and professional commitment of the Kosovo Police, as well as close cooperation with citizens and other state institutions, the Republic of Kosovo has achieved significant successes in the field of public safety. One of the most prominent achievements in this regard is Kosovo's ranking as the 12th safest country in the world, according to Gallup's global safety report for last year (2023).

According to this report, Kosovo citizens feel safe walking alone on the streets at night. This is a clear indicator of progress in the security sector, which, in addition to the police, also reflects citizens' trust in state institutions and the strength of inter-institutional cooperation. Kosovo ranks alongside countries such as Norway, Switzerland and Singapore, showing that public safety in the country has reached levels comparable to those of economically developed countries with a strong rule of law.

Kosovo Police has played a crucial role in achieving these positive results. Through well-planned strategies, continuous patrols, and the professional engagement of its staff, Kosovo Police has strengthened security as well as prevented criminal activities. This has resulted in decreasing crime and the creation of a peaceful environment for all citizens. Another aspect that has contributed to the success of Kosovo Police is the close cooperation with citizens. Awareness campaigns, opened communication, and services provided with professionalism have helped create mutual trust, encouraging citizens to report criminal cases and cooperate in their prevention. Kosovo Police has not achieved these results alone.

An essential role in its success has been played by cooperation with state institutions, as well as strategic partners at the local and international levels. This cooperation has enabled the coordination of actions and the strengthening of security measures. Kosovo Police remains committed to continuing its work with professionalism and full dedication. Through investments in advanced technology, continuous training and strengthening cooperation with citizens, Police aims to maintain and further improve the level of security in the country. The success achieved in the field of security would not have been possible without the support and cooperation of citizens. Kosovo Police expresses its gratitude to citizens, who have been key partners in creating a safer and peaceful environment.

The Gallup report is a powerful evidence to the great progresses that Kosovo has made in the area of public safety. These achievements are the result of tireless work of Kosovo Police, inter-institutional cooperation, and the continued support of citizens. The future of security in Kosovo looks promising, and the continued commitment of Kosovo Police and its professional management ensures that this positive trend will continue in the future.



# JOINT EXERCISE AT THE SPECIAL UNITS CENTER IN VRELLA



On 25 November 2024, Kosovo Police, EULEX and KFOR conducted a joint training at the Special Units Camp in Vrelle. This training aimed to strengthen cooperation, interaction and operational readiness to face security and emergency challenges.

In this activity, the participants demonstrated high professionalism and unwavering commitment to guaranteeing security and stability in the Republic of Kosovo.

To closely follow this exercise at Camp Vrella, present were: the General Director of Kosovo Police, Colonel Gazmend Hoxha, the Head of EULEX, Giovanni Pietro Barbano, and the Commander of KFOR, General Enrico Barduani.

This ongoing cooperation between local and international institutions is an evidence to our joint commitment to a safer future for all citizens of the country.







# THE NEW POLICE STATION FACILITY IN MAMUSHA IS INAUGURATED

On December 11, 2024, a solemn ceremony for inauguration of the new Police Station building in the Municipality of Mamusha, was held. This investment is an important step towards strengthening the capacities of Kosovo Police and improving security for the residents of this municipality.

This important event was attended by high-ranking personalities, including the Minister of Regional Development, Mr. Damka, the General Director of Kosovo Police, Colonel Hoxha, the Mayor of Mamusha, Mr. Krasniq, heads of the Prizren Regional Police Directorate, superiors and other police officials, as well as representatives from local and international institutions.

The inauguration ceremony was led by Minister Damka, General Director Colonel Hoxha, the Director of the Prizren Regional Directorate, and the Mayor of Mamusha, who underlined the importance of this project for the local community.

In recognition of their commitment and support during the implementation of the project, Colonel Hoxha awarded appreciation letters to the Mayor, Mr. Krasniq, the Commander of the Mamusha Police Station, Lieutenant Orqusha, and the project supervisor, Ms. Latifi.

The new facility has been designed and built to provide better working conditions for police officers, thus strengthening the ability of Kosovo Police to ensure order and security in this region. Furthermore, this investment guarantees a faster, more efficient service tailored to the needs of the residents of Mamusha.

This inauguration not only represents an achievement for t Kosovo Police, but also is an indicator of the commitment of institutions to invest in the well-being and security of citizens.



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FOR CITIZENS.**





# THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL OF THE HERO AFRIM BUNJAKU IS MARKED



On September 24, 2024, on the occasion of the one-year anniversary of the fall of Sergeant Afrim BUNJAKU in the line of duty, the newest hero of the Republic of Kosovo, senior state representatives and the management of Kosovo Police organized a series of commemorative activities in his honor.

The activities began with a visit to the hero's family, where representatives of institutions and Kosovo Police expressed their eternal gratitude for the sacrifice and extraordinary contribution of Sergeant Bunjaku. Afterwards, homage was paid at his grave, where high-ranking country representative, police management, ambassadors and representatives of local and international institutions laid wreaths, honoring him for his heroic deed.

Afterwards, the place of his fall in the village of Banjska, Zveçan, was visited, where the street sign that now will bear his name, "Afrim Bunjaku", was unveiled, as a symbol of the perpetuation of his sacrifice for the preservation of sovereignty and constitutional order of the Republic of Kosovo.

The anniversary culminated with a commemorative academy held in Pristina, where the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo, Mr. Albin Kurti, the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr. Xhelal Sveçla, the General Director of Kosovo Police, Colonel Gazmend Hoxha, as well as the hero's family and colleagues delivered emotional speeches, expressing deep sorrow, pride and respect for the life and work of Sergeant Bunjaku.



**Each of the present personalities expressed their pain, pride and highest consideration for the sacrifice of the hero Bunjaku, in defense of the sovereignty and constitutional order of the Republic of Kosovo.**





## Hero Afrim Bunjaku

Sergeant Afrim (Ramadan) BUNJAKU, born on April 15, 1973 in the village of Samadrexha, Vushtrri, was an example of dedication and professionalism in Kosovo Police. After completing secondary education and professional specializations, on March 12, 2001 he joined Kosovo Police, becoming part of the 15th generation of police. With unwavering dedication, he served in various police units, leaving an indelible mark.

His career was filled with successes and continued contributions:

In 2005–2007 he served as an instructor at the Police Academy.

In May 2007, he was promoted to sergeant, leading various units in the Mitrovica region with exceptional professionalism and dedication.

In January 2023, he was assigned to the Mitrovica North Regional Directorate, where he worked until his heroic fall on September 24, 2023.

During his career, Sergeant Bunjaku was awarded a series of recognitions, medals and commendations for his professionalism and devotion. His dedication was recognized with prestigious awards, such as the "Medal for Loyal Service" for 10 and 20 years of devoted service in the Kosovo Police, as well as numerous recognitions from the General Directorate of Police and other institutions.

Afrim Bunjaku remains an example of unparalleled courage and sacrifice, inspiring future generations of Kosovo Police and all citizens of the country for their dedication to the homeland and its defense until the end.

Eternal glory to the hero of Kosovo, Afrim Bunjaku!





# THE CHALLENGES AND COMMITMENT OF KOSOVO POLICE TO THE SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO

In recent times, the Republic of Kosovo and its citizens have faced serious security challenges posed by criminal and terrorist individuals and groups. These groups, through violent actions and the use of explosive devices, especially in the north of the country, have aimed to threaten security, destabilize the legal order and impede the normal functioning of the country's legitimate institutions.

In the second half of 2024, 10 cases of explosive device attacks were recorded in Serb-majority municipalities in the north of the country. The targets of these attacks were citizens of the Republic of Kosovo, regardless of ethnicity, their property, legitimate institutions and critical infrastructure of the Republic of Kosovo. These acts constitute not only a physical and material threat, but also an attempt to undermine peace and security between communities, which is one of the important pillars of the stability of our country.

Kosovo Police, as protectors of law and order, has intensified its efforts to confront and neutralize these threats. Police Units of the Public Order and other relevant teams have increased their presence on the field, reinforcing preventive and protective measures and taking action to apprehend the perpetrators of these attacks. Meanwhile, cooperation with international organizations and other strategic partners remains a primary element in this effort.

In line with the mission of Kosovo Police, supporting all communities and maintaining peace between them remains a particular priority. Through regular meetings with local representatives and civil society organizations, Kosovo Police aims to build strong bridges of cooperation and ensure that every citizen feels protected and safe. In cooperation with state institutions, measures have been continuously taken to strengthen the protection of critical infrastructure, active actions and surveillance systems are being applied to prevent further attacks and to guarantee a faster and more efficient response. The Police commitment to maintaining security and legal order is unwavering. Kosovo Police will continue to serve its citizens and will take all necessary measures to guarantee a safe future for all.

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## STRENGTHENING COOPERATION BETWEEN KOSOVO POLICE AND RADIO TELEVISION OF KOSOVO, MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IS SIGNED

As part of efforts to strengthen transparency and communication with the public, Kosovo Police and Radio Television of Kosovo (RTK) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for mutual cooperation. This agreement aims to establish and strengthen the partnership between the two institutions, aiming to provide objective, accurate and professional information to citizens through public media.

Providing clear, timely and verified information to the public regarding the activities and operations of Kosovo Police is done to increase transparency. In addition, informing and educating citizens through content related to order, security and other issues is of great importance. Building sustainable communication mechanisms between Kosovo Police and the media for managing information in ordinary and emergency situations, constitutes an immediate need to strengthen communication.

This cooperation with RTK represents a mutual commitment to improve public information and raise citizens' awareness of the ongoing efforts of Kosovo Police to ensure security and public order. Through RTK, the public will have access to reliable and detailed information, including reports on police operations and community safety campaigns.



*Kosovo Police and RTK see this agreement as an important step towards building trust and increasing institutional accountability, thus contributing to strengthening the connection with citizens.*

*Let this initiative serve as a good model of inter-institutional cooperation and we remain open to such initiatives being followed by other institutions in the continuation of our efforts to build a more informed and safer society.*

## KOSOVO POLICE ESTABLISHES SPORTS ASSOCIATION WITH CLUBS IN VARIOUS DISCIPLINES



With the initiative of the General Director of Kosovo Police, Colonel Gazmend Hoxha, and with the approval of the Minister of Interior, Kosovo Police Sports Association (SHSPK) was established, which will include sports clubs in various disciplines.

At the founding assembly of the SHSPK, in collaboration with the head of the SHSPK, duties and responsibilities for all sports disciplines were shared.

This is a concrete example of the efforts of Kosovo Police to advance not only the professional aspect, in maintaining law and order, but also in efforts to strengthen the connection between the physical and mental health of its members, as well as in the social, human and sporting aspects.



In these efforts, as of 12.11.2024, a total of eight (8) sports clubs have been established in the following disciplines:

1. Football /futsal, registered in the Municipality of Pristina,
2. Karate, registered in the Municipality of Pristina and in the Kosovo Karate Federation,
3. Volleyball, registered in the Municipality of Ferizaj,
4. Judo, in the process of registering with the MIA,
5. Chess, registered in the Municipality of Mitrovica/South,
6. Shooting, registered in the Municipality of Vushtrri,
7. Athletics, in the process of registration in the Municipality of Pristina and
8. Basketball, in the process of registration in the Municipality of Pristina.

Based on the statute of the aforementioned clubs, all members of KP, civilian staff employed in the KP and their family members have the right of representation in these clubs.



# THE IMPORTANCE OF TRANSPARENCY OF INSTITUTIONS IN RELATION TO THE PUBLIC AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION BY KOSOVO POLICE

**In a democratic society, citizens need opened and accountable institutions. Therefore, Kosovo Police remains committed to implementing policies and practices that promote transparency and to maintain close cooperation with citizens, media and other relevant organizations.**

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Transparency is one of the main principles that greatly influences the growth of citizens' trust in public institutions. In this context, Kosovo Police, as one of the most important institutions for maintaining public order and security, has an irreplaceable role in ensuring access to information and respecting citizens' right to be informed.

In accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo and Law No. 06/L-081 on Access to Public Documents, Kosovo Police is committed to providing clear, accurate and timely information to citizens, respecting the standards of transparency and accountability. This commitment constitutes not only a legal obligation, but also a moral responsibility to strengthen mutual trust between citizens and the Police.

**Access to public information and documents**

The right to access public documents is a fundamental human right, which ensures the active participation of citizens in democratic processes. Kosovo Police, relying on legal provisions, has built clear procedures and mechanisms for handling requests for information and access to public documents.

In this regard, every citizen, without discrimination, has the right to request information related to police activities and services. Through the competent officer for access to public documents, Kosovo Police guarantees that requests for information are handled efficiently and responsibly, respecting legal restrictions related to the protection of personal data, state secrecy and public security.

To facilitate this process, Kosovo Police has developed digital platforms and other modern mechanisms that enable citizens and media to have faster and easier access to information, including through the internet. Furthermore, periodic reports, strategic documents, guidelines and other documents are proactively published on the Police's digital platforms, namely on the official website and social media, as important tools used to keep citizens informed about various police developments and activities.

Ensuring transparency is not only a daily task for Kosovo Police, but an essential element that strengthens the connection between institutions and citizens. By providing accurate and accessible information, Kosovo Police not only contributes to improving police services, but also to raising democratic standards of governance in the country.

In a democratic society, citizens need open and accountable institutions. Therefore, Kosovo Police remains committed to implementing policies and practices that promote transparency and to maintaining close cooperation with citizens, media and other relevant organizations.

In line with its vision to be a professional and transparent institution, Kosovo Police continues to be a good example of commitment to transparency and access to information. This approach not only contributes to strengthening public trust, but also helps advance its mission to ensure security and justice for all citizens of the Republic of Kosovo.





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### **TERRORIST ATTACKS IN NORTH OF KOSOVO: WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES SEIZED BY POLICE**

In the last six months, Kosovo's institutions have been challenged by terrorist attacks, which have seriously jeopardized security and order in the country. In the period June - November 2024, 10 attacks with explosive devices were recorded, mainly in Serb-majority municipalities, including attacks to Kosovo's citizens, institutions and critical infrastructure.

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### **KOSOVO POLICE, FOLLOWING REPORTS FROM FINANCIAL MONITORING INSTITUTIONS...**

Kosovo Police, following reports from financial monitoring institutions, such as the Financial Intelligence Unit and the Central Bank of Kosovo, together with the Kosovo Tax Administration, based on the authorization of the competent prosecutor



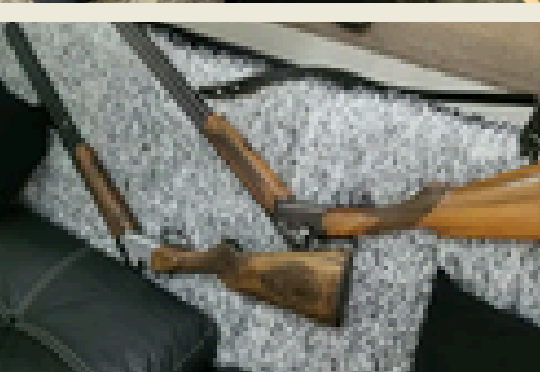
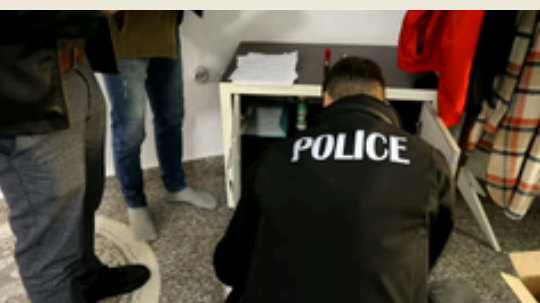


Kosovo Police on 03.11.2024 conducted a police operation named "Kalaja" which was carried out in a shopping center in the Peja-Deçan Highway, which resulted in the arrest of two suspects of the RKS. After the arrests were made, it was continued with a raid, where about 100 kilograms of narcotics suspected to be marijuana were found, the amount in various state, some ready-made and the other part in the form of plants, dried, and it was seized. The plants were cultivated near a house and the quantity was 213 plants, the police operation also continued with a raid in the village of Barilevë in Pristina, where a small amount of suspected narcotics was found. The competent prosecutor, as well as Forensics, arrived at the scene and the case remains to be investigated by the competent anti-drug units and the competent prosecution office.

### **Terrorist attacks in north of Kosovo: Weapons and explosives seized by Police**

In the last six months, Kosovo's institutions have been challenged by terrorist attacks, which have seriously jeopardized security and order in the country. In the period June - November 2024, 10 attacks with explosive devices were recorded, mainly in Serb-majority municipalities, including attacks to Kosovo's citizens, institutions and critical infrastructure.

One of the most serious attacks occurred on 29.11.2024, when a terrorist attack hit the water and energy supply infrastructure in the village of Varage, Zubin Potok, causing considerable damage and endangering the water and energy supply to many areas. Kosovo Police, in cooperation with the Special Prosecution Office, undertook massive operations to arrest suspects, conducting searches in 10 locations and arresting eight suspects for committing terrorist attacks. As a result, hazardous weapons, such as hand-held rocket launchers, grenades, automatic weapons, ammunition, and other evidence related to these acts of violence have been seized. The Police invites citizens to cooperate in providing information for crime prevention and keeping order in the Republic of Kosovo.



Kosovo Police, in fighting against criminal activities, in coordination with the Basic Prosecution Office of Prizren, on 31.10.2024, carried out a large-scale police operation in Prizren and Suhareka, which was spread over 6 different locations, where 6 suspects for involvement in the criminal offenses of 'usury' and 'coercion' were arrested. During the implementation of the police operation, a court order was carried out, where in the residences of the suspects there were seized: 20 residential and business units, 5 vehicles, 5 weapons and ammunition of different calibers, documentation, such as: contracts, pre-contracts, cash, digital evidence, and bank accounts of the suspects were blocked. The suspects have managed to illegally benefit from the victim, large amounts of money as well as immovable and movable property as a form of interest from the usury activity, the value of which exceeds 1 million euros. Regarding the case, the suspects have been detained for 48 hours by a prosecutor's decision.



Kosovo Police, following reports from financial monitoring institutions, such as the Financial Intelligence Unit and the Central Bank of Kosovo, together with the Kosovo Tax Administration, based on the authorization of the competent prosecutor, conducted a police operation in six locations in four municipalities in north part Kosovo, namely: the so-called Treasury of the Postal Savings Bank (Banka Postanske Stedionice) and five of its other branches, which have been operating illegally in this area of Republic of Kosovo.

The purpose of the police operation was to establish order and legality, where with the authorization of the competent prosecutor six units of the so-called illegal postal savings bank in the north of the country were closed. During this police operation, various material evidences were confiscated, such as: money, approximately 1,600,000 euros, 74,700,000 dinars, 19,500 francs, 13,800 US dollars, 40 Australian dollars, as well as other relevant documentation and evidence related to the case



### **A person arrested after attacking and threatening police officers and KEDS officials**



On 18.11.2024, police units from the Regional Police Directorate – Mitrovica North, as part of their regular duties, while assisting officials of the Kosovo Electricity Distribution Company (KEDS) in the installation of electricity meters in the Kroi i Vitakut neighborhood, were threatened by a resident (R.R) born in 1986.

After continuous threats and the attack on police officers, the suspect has been arrested. A police officer received medical treatment after being hit with a hard object. Based on reasonable suspicion, police units raided the person's home and found a significant amount of cryptocurrency production equipment (RIGA) which have been seized and sent to the customs terminal. All actions taken have been reported to the Prosecutor of the case, where after the interview, by decision of the prosecutor, the suspect is sent to detention for 48 hours. The police remains committed to providing services to the entire community without discrimination and will bring all persons who violate the law before the justice system.

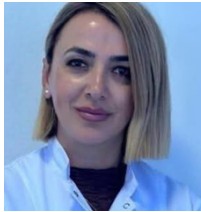
### **Several packs of cigarettes seized at the airport**

On 14.12.2024 at about 10:35 after a police operation, in the hall of the Pristina International Airport “Adem Jashari”, three male passengers, citizens of the United Kingdom, were observed, who on 13.12.2024 came from London and the same were observed by police officers until they left the airport. As a result of the police work, today the police officers have observed these persons/passengers who had backpacks and other suitcases and the control staff (X -ray) on departure and the customs officers at the airport were informed about it. These three passengers were checked in (X-ray), in the presence of the police and the customs officer, where based on the control device in (X-ray), it was detected that there is a considerable amount of cigarette packs in these suitcases. The same were sent to the Customs offices for further procedures and checks, where after a detailed check of the suitcases it resulted that there were 190 (boxes) of Marlboro cigarettes, which were seized by Kosovo Customs, who were also handed over the case for further action.

**By: Arlinda Rexhepi – Gërxhaliu**



# A fruitful cooperation between Hospital and University Clinical Service of Kosovo (HUCSK) and Kosovo Police (KP)



*By Dr. Lindita Kajtazi  
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The Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Hospital and University Clinical Service of Kosovo (HUCSK) and Kosovo Police (KP), for providing medical and psychological services to police personnel and recruits, began to be implemented since November last year, where the implementation of this memorandum resulted to be extremely successful.

On 03.12.2024, the General Director of Kosovo Police, Colonel Gazmend Hoxha, and the Director of HUCSK, Mr. Ph. Elvir Azizi, signed its continuation, based on the high success of implementation and cooperation.

This success consists in the fact that medical/psychological checks for new KP recruits and systematic checks of KP employees and recruits have been carried out at the Kosovo University Clinical Center (KUKC) and in the regional general hospitals of the Hospital and University Clinical Service of Kosovo (HUCSK), according to the medical criteria determined by the Directorate of Health Services of the General Directorate of Kosovo Police.

The implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between HUCSK and Kosovo Police has been of immense importance for the police personnel. This memorandum provided health and well-being in the psycho-physical aspect, including:

- Early detection of various diseases,
- Preventing complications of chronic diseases,
- Carrying out professional medical examinations by specialist doctors in various fields,
- Determining and prescribing adequate therapies,
- Performing advanced diagnostic examinations based on relevant indications, such as: magnetic resonance imaging, CT, Echo of the heart and other organ systems, ergometry, etc., coronarography, stents, bypass, etc.

Also, this memorandum has played a key role in the selection of new Kosovo Police recruits, through medical and psychological checks in accordance with medical standards for new KP applicants.

We express our deep gratitude for the commitment and support of all the medical and support staff of the KUKC and the regional hospitals of the HUCSK for their continuous professionalism and dedication shown.



The contribution of KUKC specialist doctors:

cardiologists, invasive cardiologists, endocrinologists, neurologists, psychiatrists, psychologists, biochemists, dermatologists, ophthalmologists, orthopedists, ENT doctors, radiologists, has been exceptional in systematic medical check-ups of KP employees, medical/psychological check-ups of new KP recruits, periodic medical/psychological testing for members of KP Specialized Units.

We also express our gratitude for the hard work of other specialists in the fields of surgery, oncology, physiatry, nuclear medicine, etc., showing an important role in providing quality medical services to Kosovo Police employees.

During the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding, the liaison office between the HUCSK and Kosovo Police was operationalized, which contributed to the increase in inter-institutional cooperation and providing specialist medical services on time for the needs of police personnel and recruits, based on existing capacities.

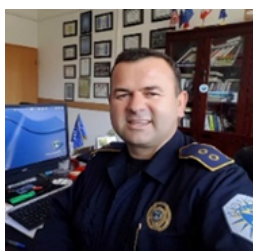
Taking into account the work specifics of police officers, which includes high psycho-physical stress, the importance of their role in providing general security in the country, the living conditions and standard of living, as well as the fact that a significant number among them are elderly, maintaining the health of all police personnel and preventing diseases or complications through specialist medical services from the KUKC and regional hospitals of the HUCSK has been and is essential. This directly affects the increase in their efficiency in fulfilling official duties in serving citizens and the Republic of Kosovo.

On 03.12.2024, the General Director of the Kosovo Police, Colonel Gazmend Hoxha, and the Director HUCSK Mr. Ph. Elvir Azizi, signed the extension of the cooperation agreement concluded between Police of the Republic of Kosovo and the Hospital Service of the University Clinic of Kosovo for medical and psychological services for police personnel and recruits, unlimited, taking into account the results achieved from the highly successful implementation of the existing agreement from November 2023 - November 2024.





## USE OF SNOWMOBILE BY KOSOVO POLICE



By;  
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This topic presents the role and importance of snowmobiles in border police patrol operations, including aspects of security, border control, and prevention of illegal activities in winter conditions. It focuses on the importance of the use of snowmobiles by border police to ensure control and security at borders difficult-to-reach, highlighting the benefits that it offers in difficult winter and mountain conditions. This makes it clear that snowmobile patrol is a key in border protection, especially in remote and isolated regions. Snowmobiles are a very efficient and necessary mean for border police, as they offer high mobility and the ability to operate in difficult winter and mountain conditions. They have a multiple role: from border patrol and prevention of illegal activities to emergency assistance and rescue. Their use can significantly contribute to strengthening security and border protection, ensuring that isolated or difficult areas are monitored and controlled at all times. In general, snowmobiles are usable by any unit that needs to operate in extreme winter and mountain conditions. Their use is very important to ensure speed and mobility in difficult terrain, where transportation by other vehicles is impossible. Snowmobile police patrol is a special form of police patrol that uses special vehicles such as motorcycles of various types, which are equipped to cope with difficult conditions such as snow or other extreme conditions. This type of patrol is common in mountainous areas, in regions with harsh winter conditions, where ordinary vehicles may have difficulty moving due to snow, frost and difficult terrain. Snowmobiles for patrol in snow conditions are designed with special tires and can be equipped with accessories such as tow to pull vehicles or assist in emergency operations, as well as rear lights and sirens for signaling.



*The snow avalanche in the village of Restellicë-Dragash, 2012.*

They are often used by law enforcement forces to carry out patrols and surveillance of specific areas, often offering greater mobility than conventional vehicles. In addition, the motorcycles are also useful for rescue and assistance in cases of accidents or emergency situations in areas where first aid is vital. In some countries, such as in the winter regions of Northern Europe or in Canada, snowmobile patrols are used to ensure order and security in isolated areas. While in Kosovo, mainly the border police use them for patrols in mountainous-hilly areas and in important places where there are ski centers such as in Brezovice, Boge, Brod and other places, knowing that the border of the Republic of Kosovo with neighboring countries is almost entirely mountainous-hilly. Snowmobile patrols can focus on several important aspects of this activity, such as its importance in public safety, the challenges encountered and the technologies used. This article can examine how snowmobile patrols contribute to maintaining order and security in areas that are isolated during the winter, where vehicles cannot move. Concrete examples of the use of snowmobiles to prevent accidents, to help rescue people in emergencies and to monitor areas where illegal activities occur, among the most important was the case of the village of Restelice on February 11, 2012, when a snow avalanche, 10 meters deep and 500 meters wide, hit 15 houses, causing the loss of lives of 10 persons. The role of the Kosovo Border Police was very crucial as it aided all Kosovo institutions by transporting victims, transporting adequate equipment and rescue officials to the scene. In the police press release issued on 23.03.2021 it says: "On 22.03.2021, at about 11:40, Kosovo Police received information that in the Zhurë Mountains several people were encountering difficulties as a result of the snow, they were rescued by snowmobile by the Kosovo Border Police."



# — The Union

## HONORING POLICE OFFICERS FALLEN IN THE LINE OF DUTY THROUGH TRADITIONAL SPORTS GAMES



At the "Sezai Surroi" Sports Center in Prizren, the Kosovo Police Union successfully organized the Traditional Games 2024, an event that brought together representatives of state institutions, regional and international unions, as well as the families of fallen officers in the line of duty. This tournament symbolizes the honor of the 23 heroes of Kosovo Police, who sacrificed their lives for the security of the country.

The event included competitions in football, chess and shooting, underlining not only the sport commitment of the participants, but also the deep respect for those who are no longer with us. In football, the team of the SOU Prishtina were awarded with the first price, while in chess and shooting the teams of the SOU Mitrovica triumphed. The winners were honored with medals and cups, conveying the message of unity and dedication in the memory of our heroes.

In their speeches, the representatives of the Union, including Mrs. Edita Azemi and Mr. Avdi Hoti, emphasized the importance of solidarity between institutions and the community to honor the sacrifices of our police officers. The presence of representatives from neighboring countries and from the European Council of Police Unions (CESP) demonstrated the commitment to cooperation and exchange of best practices. This activity successfully concluded an event full of emotion and dedication, becoming a significant tradition for honoring the courage and dedication of the heroes of Kosovo Police. Eternal glory and honor to them.

By: Çajup KAJTAZI

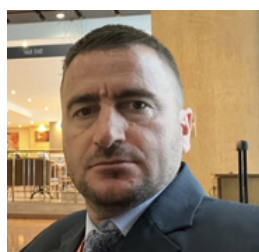






Photo presentation at the conference, May 15 – 17, 2024 in Radenc/Maribor

# CENTRAL POLICE ARCHIVE PRESENTED AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN SLOVENIA



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Chief of the Central Archive Sector*

The Central Archive of Kosovo Police, within the close cooperation with the State Agency of Archives of Kosovo, continuous cooperation with other archives in the region at the professional level, such as: the General Directorate of Archives of Albania, the Directorate of Archives of Turkey, the Directorate of Archives of North Macedonia, etc. From this cooperation, our representatives participate every year in national and international conferences related to cultural heritage, archives, document processing, relevant legislation, international standards, preservation and protection of archival funds, access to archival funds, electronic archives, etc., as during 2023 with participation and presentation of a statement on the Police Archive at the conference organized in North Macedonia in the city of Manastir. The next conference during this year (2024) was organized and held in Slovenia. Kosovo Police, namely the Central Archive, received an official invitation from the Maribor Archive of the State of Slovenia to participate in the annual conference.

In this international conference organized by the Organizing Committee "PAM-Pokrajinski arhiv Maribor" we applied with the topic: "Principles of protection of classified information according to Law no. 08/1-175, and Police Archives". After the professional commission reviewed and approved the topic for presentation of the Central Police Archive, with the support and of DHR and with the approval of the General Director, we participated and represented in this conference held from 15 to 17 May 2024 in Radenc/Maribor. There participated many representatives from the countries of the region and beyond, while from Kosovo, respectively, Kosovo Police in the relevant field of archives there presented by MA. Sami Sallahu, Chief of the Central Archive Sector and Kreshnik Xhemaili, Senior Officer in the Classified Information Unit, General Directorate of Police. The topic in question focused on the presentation and handling of classified information, categories, protection under applicable law, and the Central Archive of the KP.

This presentation was highly appreciated by the organizer and aroused interest among all the participants present from different countries. In addition to the presented topic, what made it special was the fact that the poster was also displayed at all times in the premises where the conference was held. For our organization, we consider that it was of great interest to participate, exchange experiences in gaining new knowledge in the field, based on international standards and changes in legislation that address the problems of archives, electronic archives, their contemporary development, storage of classified information, protection of secret and archival documents, access to information, official documents, etc.



The Law on the Protection of Classified Information No. 08/L-175 defines the basic principles and minimum security standards as a unique system for the protection of classified information related to security interests in the Republic of Kosovo. This law is in line with EU legislation and the Council Decision on the security rules for the protection of EU classified information and is implemented by all (public) institutions exercising executive, legislative and judicial powers, for natural and legal persons. Therefore, classified information in Kosovo is protected by law, while the authorities for the classification of information are the senior heads of state and security and justice institutions. Information classification levels: Information based on content, value and state interest is classified into four levels, the classification retention periods are: “top secret” is stored for 50 years, “secret” for 15 years, “confidential” for 5 years and “restricted” for 1 year.

Information is declassified only when there is no need for further protection, when its disclosure no longer poses a threat to the security of the Republic of Kosovo. Information that must be submitted to the archives is not destroyed, but declassified.

### Central Archives at the General Directorate of Kosovo Police

Based on the organizational structure, which operates within the Department of Human Resources/GPD, there are two organizational units: the Archive Unit and the Document Administration Unit, which provide professional and efficient services in the field of document management, recording, protocoling, selection, evaluation, archiving, storage, destruction of (deprecated) documents, as well as the possibility of using or accessing the archival fund in physical and electronic form, in Kosovo Police.

For the functioning of this sector and the provision of necessary services, a legal basis has been created, internal regulations, according to the legislation on archives, such as: Law on Archives No. 08/L-111, Law on Office Work Administration No. 04/L-184 and by-laws, also based on international standards of modern archives. The Archives Sector operates by implementing internal regulations, instructions, Standard Operating Procedures, the list of categories of documents with retention periods, the decision with the “Administrative Codes for the Classification of Official Documents”, etc. In addition to the legal infrastructure, appropriate conditions have been created for the storage of documents in a secure environment with modern inventory, mobile metal (special) shelves, monitoring cameras in the Archive/GPD warehouse, which make the archive functional in achieving its objectives. The archival fund and official documentation created and administered in Kosovo Police are protected by law and by-laws. Valuable long-term storage materials are submitted to the Archive Depot as an important part of preserving the written treasure and history of the organization since its establishment, over the years until now. Police archival materials are treated and protected in adequate conditions for the preservation of archival material according to contemporary standards of modern archives.







**The K9 Unit, part of Kosovo Police, is specialized in the use of trained dogs to detect drugs, explosives and assist in search and rescue operations. With professionalism and dedication, this unit contributes to providing safety and public order in the country.**



**The Regional Fast Response Unit (RFRU) of Kosovo Police is a specialized force for managing emergency situations. Equipped with advanced technology, the RFRU provides public order and safety, minimizing risks and consequences.**





**Kosovo Police Intelligent Vehicle Unit is a modern specialized structure, equipped with advanced technology for monitoring and controlling road traffic. It uses intelligent tools to identify traffic violators, improve road safety and respond quickly in emergencies, providing traffic order and safety.**



**Kosovo Police Special Intervention Unit is an elite team trained for hazardous operations, including the capture of dangerous criminals, terrorists and hostage rescue. It uses advanced weapons and technology to provide order and protection in emergency situations.**