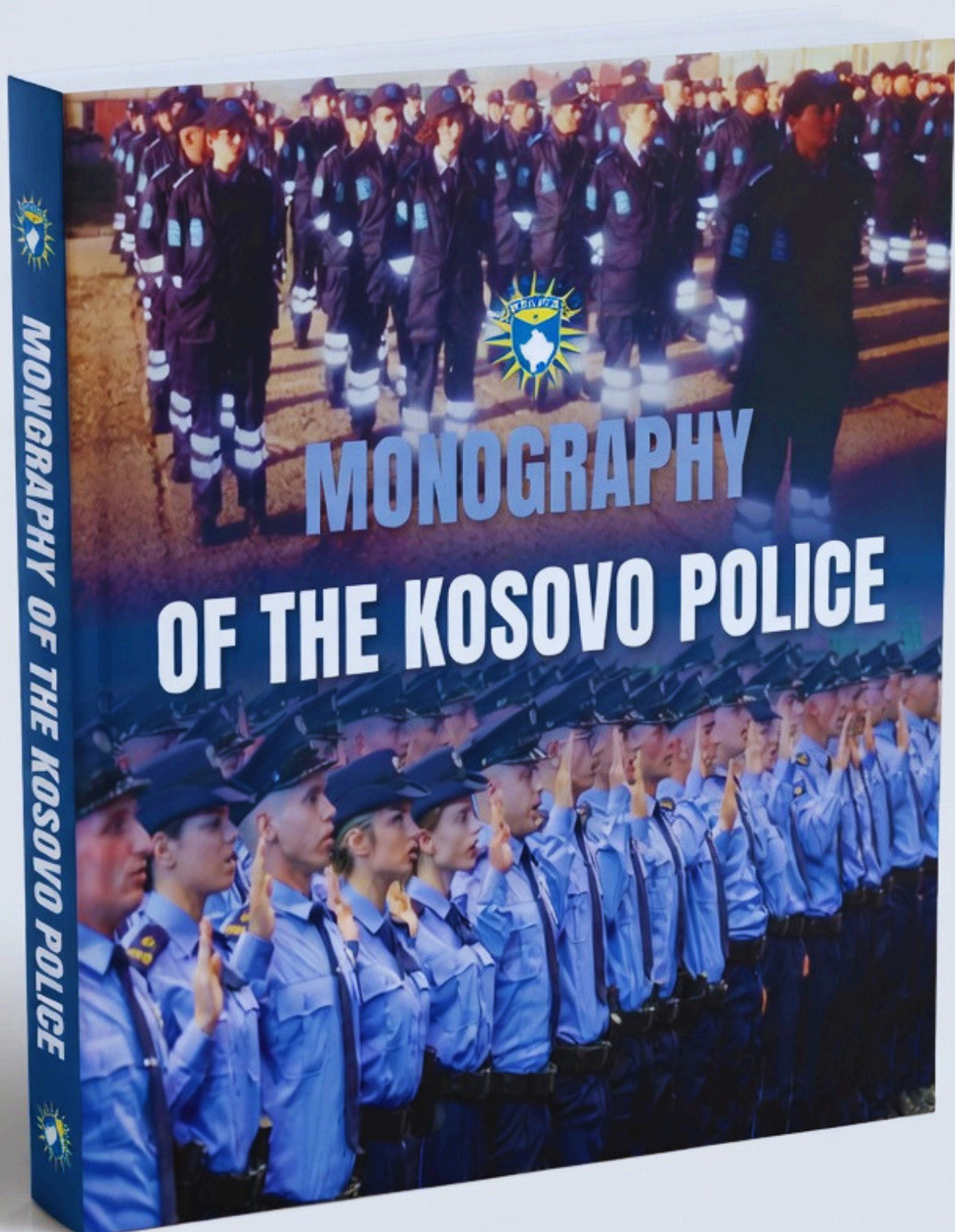


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**MONOGRAPHY OF THE KOSOVO POLICE,
HISTORY, IDENTITY AND INSTITUTIONAL VISION**

Editorial



The first publication of the official monograph of the Kosovo Police, on the occasion of the 26th anniversary of its establishment, constitutes the most important institutional event of this year and a historic moment in the consolidation of the professional identity of the Kosovo Police. This monograph is not only an archival document, but a comprehensive, documentary and analytical work, reflecting the journey of a key institution of the state of Kosovo, from the exceptional circumstances of the post-war period to contemporary standards of democratic policing.

The monograph serves as an archive of institutional memory and as an academic reflection on the construction of a modern, multiethnic and citizen-oriented police force. It documents the key stages of the development of the Kosovo Police, the establishment of the Kosovo Police Service on 6 September 1999 with the support of the OSCE, the gradual transition of competencies from UNMIK, the renaming and consolidation after the declaration of Kosovo's Independence, as well as the construction of professional and organizational structures that characterize the Kosovo Police today as a constitutional and credible institution.

A special value of the monograph is the treatment of community policing as a working philosophy and a sustainable model of building security through partnership with citizens. The monograph also honors the sacrifice of police officers who have fallen in the line of duty and the human commitment of the institution in challenging times, placing the human dimension at the center of the institutional identity. As such, this work represents a reference document of particular importance for researchers, security professionals and the general public, proving that the Kosovo Police has evolved in parallel with the state of Kosovo.

In this context of institutional consolidation, the year we are leaving behind was also marked by extraordinary achievements in the field of public safety, confirmed by high international assessments. According to the Gallup Global Law and Order Index 2024–2025 and the Gallup Global Safety Report 2025, Kosovo ranks third globally and first in Europe for citizens' sense of safety and trust in law enforcement institutions. With 94 points out of 100 in the Law and Order Index, Kosovo is positioned alongside the safest countries in the world, leaving behind countries with a long democratic tradition. These results are direct evidence of the professional work, strategic planning and commitment of the Kosovo Police in building law and order.

In parallel, the Global Organized Crime Index for the years 2023–2025 assesses Kosovo as the country with the lowest level of organized crime in the Western Balkans. This assessment, based on in-depth analyses of criminal markets, actors and institutional response capacities, confirms the effectiveness of the Kosovo Police in combating organized crime and strengthening the rule of law, through inter-institutional and international cooperation.

Another important dimension of public safety, that of road traffic safety, marked significant improvements. The Transport Community report for 2024 highlights a decrease in victims in fatal accidents and Kosovo's better positioning than most Western Balkan countries. These results are a reflection of the continuous commitment of the Kosovo Police through operational plans, awareness-raising campaigns and rigorous enforcement of traffic laws.

The year was also characterized by the deepening of international strategic partnerships, especially the Kosovo-US cooperation. The joint crisis response exercise, with the participation of about 800 police officers and emergency services, demonstrated the operational readiness, professionalism and interoperability of the Kosovo Police. This cooperation strengthens the capacities to respond to complex situations and positions the Kosovo Police as a reliable partner in the international security architecture.

In the same spirit, the project "Meet Your Neighborhood Police" represents the concrete implementation of the principles of community policing, bringing the Kosovo Police closer to citizens and increasing trust, cooperation and crime prevention at the local level. Professional training, investments in logistics and the dedication of police officers demonstrate the institution's continued orientation towards quality service to citizens.

In conclusion, the events and achievements of this year, crowned with the publication of the official monograph, prove that the Kosovo Police today is a consolidated, professional and modern institution. The Kosovo Police remains committed to its fundamental mission, the protection of life, constitutional order and the security of citizens, in accordance with the highest democratic standards.

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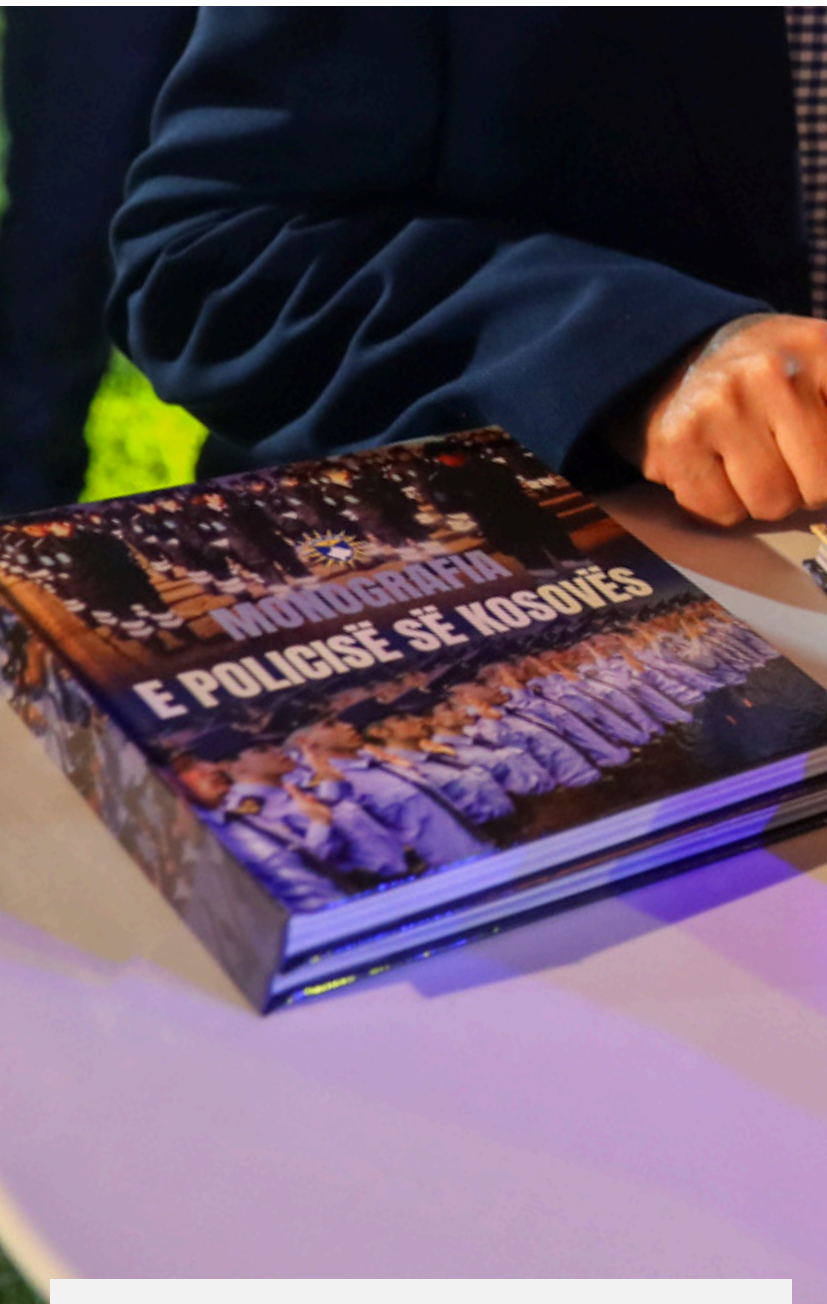
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The heads of two institutions from Kosovo and Albania meet



On 01.10.2025, the General Director of the Kosovo Police, Colonel Gazmend Hoxha, with his associates, received in an official meeting the Chief Prosecutor of the Special Structure Against Corruption and Organized Crime (SPAK) Mr. Altin Dumani, from the Republic of Albania.

Director Hoxha initially welcomed Mr. Dumani and at the same time informed him about the work, professional commitments of the KP against organized crime and corruption, as well as about the cooperation that the KP has with the Albanian authorities.

On the other hand, Mr. Dumani thanked for the warm hospitality and highly appreciated the willingness to share valuable experiences and ideas of common interest.

Strong partnership and lasting friendship between the Kosovo Police and the FBI.



The General Director of KP, Colonel Gazmend HOXHA, hosted in a meeting the KFOR commander, General Ozkan ULUTAS

On November 13, 2025, the General Director of Kosovo Police, Colonel Gazmend HOXHA with his associates, hosted in a meeting the KFOR commander, General Ozkan ULUTAS accompanied by his staff. In this meeting, various topics were discussed, especially those at the interest of safety situation in the Republic of Kosovo.

At this meeting, the continuation of further cooperation and the advancement of information exchange in order to maintain a more peaceful and secure environment for all citizens regardless, were confirmed. Another point of discussion was the joint activities between the KP and KFOR, which reflect on the security situation throughout the country, including the north part of Kosovo.



The Director Hoxha meets the chief of EULEX Mission, Mr. Barbano

On 09.10.2025, the General Director of Kosovo Police, Colonel Gazmend Hoxha with his associates, hosted in a meeting the chief of EULEX in the Republic of Kosovo, Mr. Giovanni Pietro Barbano.

In this meeting, the current safety situation in the country was discussed, as well as the further increase of cooperation between both institutions, in order to have a more peaceful and safe environment for all the citizens, regardless.

Amongst the discussed topics was the planning and engagement of police officers in the election proces, where Kosova Police has already undertaken all the necessary police measures in terms of safety.



The EU ambassador in Kosovo, Mr. Avio ORAV met the General Director of Kosovo Police, Colonel Gazmend HOXHA

Today, the Ambassador of the European Union to Kosovo, Mr. Aivo Orav, was hosted in a meeting by the General Director of Kosovo Police, Colonel Gazmend Hoxha, at the premises of the General Directorate of Police in Pristina.

During this meeting, Director HOXHA informed the ambassador ORAV about the engagement and priorities of Kosovo Police in the field of safety and public order. The parties also discussed various issues of security, current challenges and overall developments in our country.

Amongst others, they highlighted the importance of continuing and advancing the inter-institutional cooperation, with the aim of further strengthening of the overall safety in the country.



Strong partnership and lasting friendship between Kosovo Police and FBI

The General Director of Kosovo Police, Colonel Gazmend Hoxha, hosted today in a meeting the new FBI Legal Attaché, Mr. Brendan Collins, who covers Kosovo with headquarters in Sofia, Bulgaria.

During this visit, Mr. Collins was accompanied by FBI colleagues from Sofia and representatives of the US Embassy in Kosovo.

The General Director thanked Mr. Collins for his visit at Kosovo Police and wished him success in his new position as FBI Legal Attaché.

During the meeting, the continuation and deepening of cooperation between Kosovo Police and the FBI were discussed.

The General Director stated that this cooperation has always been excellent and has produced tangible results in the field of safety. He expressed his readiness to further strengthen this partnership in the future.

Special emphasis was placed on cooperation in the fight against organized crime and other phenomena of the common interest.

General Director of Kosovo Police hosted a meeting with officials from the special-elite units

The senior staff of Kosovo Police hosted in a meeting officials of the special-elite units, who were part of the 'King Abdullah Special Operations Training Center' competition in Jordan, which was an international competition of elite police/military units, where 38 teams from different countries of the world participated, which competed in several disciplines with a high degree of difficulty and tactics, such as: shooting with different types of weapons, marching with heavy weights, including exercises of the nature of this field of police/military operations.

Director Hoxha and the management staff congratulated the elite units of the KP, who with their participation in these competitions showed high professionalism, achieving positive results in various fields against the police of different countries. The KP team has managed to enter the final part of the 'King Challenge' competitions, achieving positive results against participating teams from different countries of the world.



26 YEARS IN THE SERVICE OF SECURITY AND CITIZENS

Kosovo Police – a history of dedication, trust and professionalism

On the marking of 26th anniversary of the Kosovo Police Day, we proudly commemorate the journey of this institution, which since its establishment has been a symbol of security, hope and trust for citizens. This anniversary reflects the history of courage and sacrifice of men and women who have served the country with dedication, proving that the mission of being a police officer is more than a duty – it is a call to serve the people and the homeland.

As part of the activities to mark this day, the Kosovo Police organized a series of police, sports and cultural events. Demonstrations of various units in front of children, competitions between police officers and joint activities with partner police forces from the region reflected the professionalism, dedication and spirit of cooperation that characterizes our institution.

In the same spirit, the “open door” days were also held, where citizens had the opportunity to visit police stations and get to know the work and facilities of the police service, further strengthening the bond of trust between the police and the community.

The solemn anniversary ceremony was characterized by respect and gratitude for all those who have contributed to the establishment and development of the Kosovo Police over the years. With special honor, the police officers who have fallen in the line of duty were remembered, who with their supreme sacrifice sealed the foundations of security and order in the Republic of Kosovo.

The Kosovo Police Monograph was also promoted on this jubilee, a publication that summarizes the history, development and successes of the institution in the service of the country and its citizens.

In these 26 years, the Kosovo Police has demonstrated high operational results, professional progress and transparency in action, becoming one of the strongest pillars of the rule of law.

On this significant day, the Kosovo Police expresses deep gratitude for the support and trust of citizens, reaffirming its commitment to always be at their service and that of the Republic of Kosovo – with honesty, professionalism and integrity.



MONOGRAPHY OF THE KOSOVO POLICE, HISTORY, IDENTITY AND INSTITUTIONAL VISION

On the occasion of the 26th anniversary of the Kosovo Police Foundation Day, 6 September 1999, the Kosovo Police presents for the first time its official monograph – a comprehensive, documentary and analytical publication, which aims to shed light on the historical, institutional and professional journey of this key institution of the state of Kosovo, from its foundation to modern developments.

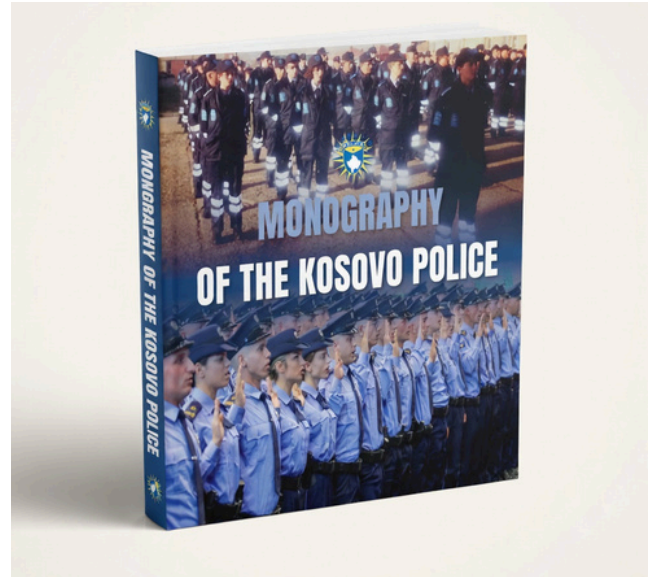
This monograph presents not only an archive of institutional memory, but also a deep academic reflection on the process of building a modern, democratic and multiethnic police force, in exceptional political, social and security conditions. It testifies to the gradual transformation of the Kosovo Police from a new service emerging from the post-war period, into a constitutional, professional and reliable institution, which today enjoys the trust of citizens and local and international partners.

The central part of the monograph is dedicated to the period after the end of the war, a phase characterized by deep insecurity and an urgent need for law and order. After 12 June 1999, responsibility for public safety initially passed to KFOR and UNMIK Police. With the support of the OSCE, on 6 September 1999, the Kosovo Police Service (KPS) was established, based on the principles of democratic policing, professionalism and respect for human rights.

The establishment of the Police Academy in Vushtrri and the graduation of the first generation of 176 cadets in October 1999 mark a historic moment not only for the Kosovo Police, but also for the state-building process itself. The multi-ethnic composition and the inclusion of women in the early stages testify to the early orientation of this institution towards equality, diversity and inclusive representation.

The monograph deals in detail with the complex process of transition of powers from UNMIK Police to KPS, which began on 15 June 2002 and developed gradually, in line with the building of professional, managerial and infrastructural capacities. This process culminated after the declaration of Kosovo's Independence on 17 February 2008, when, with the entry into force of the Law on Police, KPS was officially renamed Kosovo Police, reflecting its consolidation as a constitutional institution of a sovereign state.

A particular value of the monograph is the treatment of the development of the concept of community policing, as a working philosophy and as a model of cooperation with citizens and local institutions. The establishment of Municipal Councils for Community Safety, Local Committees for Public Safety and other coordination mechanisms is presented as an advanced practice of building security through partnership and mutual trust.



The monograph provides a complete and structured overview of the organization of the Kosovo Police at central and local levels, analytically addressing the role and function of key departments: Public Order, Special Units, Border, Investigations, Intelligence and Analysis, Human Resources and Support Services. This description testifies to the construction of a modern structure, with a clear chain of command and specialized capacities to deal with modern forms of crime and safety challenges.

A special chapter is dedicated to local and international cooperation, including the role of ILECU and the integration of the Kosovo Police into international law enforcement mechanisms.

The monograph also honors the sublime sacrifice of 24 police officers who fell in the line of duty, as well as 25 employees who lost their lives during the COVID-19 pandemic, placing humanity and dedication at the center of the institutional identity.

In its entirety, the Kosovo Police monograph represents a referential document of high historical, institutional and academic value. It is not just a summary of facts, but a living testimony of the journey of an institution that has evolved in parallel with the state of Kosovo. This publication serves as an important source for researchers, safety professionals, the media and the general public, confirming that the Kosovo Police today is a professional, modern institution committed to its fundamental mission: the protection of life, constitutional order and the safety of citizens, in accordance with the highest democratic and European standards.

Prepared by: Çajup Kajtazi

MEMORIAL DAY – HONORING THE HEROES OF THE KOSOVO POLICE

Remembrance, respect and gratitude for those who gave their lives in the service of the country

On the Memorial Day dedicated to police officers who have fallen in the line of duty, the Kosovo Police commemorated the sacrifice of its heroes, those who gave their lives in defense of constitutional order and safety in the Republic of Kosovo. This day marks not only the commemoration of their sacrifice, but also the eternal honour of the work and contribution they have left behind.

The tributes at the memorial of the fallen police officers were held with the participation of the highest leadership of state institutions and the management of the Kosovo Police. With humility and deep respect, wreaths of flowers were laid in memory of all those who sacrificed their lives in the service of citizens and the country.

On this special day, the Kosovo Police stood by the families of the fallen police officers, expressing gratitude for their strength and resilience. Pride in the sacrifice of their loved ones remains part of the identity of the institution and the collective memory of our society.

In addition to the tributes, the Memorial Day was also marked with a series of sports and commemorative activities, such as walking, cycling, motorcycle riding and other competitions. These activities symbolized the unity and dedication of police officers in honour of their colleagues, following itineraries that included different areas of the country, as a sign of the permanent connection between memory and the mission of service.

At the end of the activities, thanks were expressed to all participants and contributors in marking this day, as an evidence to respect and institutional solidarity for those who gave everything for the safety of citizens and the protection of the integrity of the Republic of Kosovo.

The officers who have fallen in the line of duty remain forever part of the history and pride of the Kosovo Police and our state. Their sacrifice is an inspiration for generations to come and a continuous reminder of the noble mission of protecting peace, order and the lives of citizens.



Prepared by: Arlinda Rexhepi – Gërxfhaliu

JOINT CRISIS RESPONSE EXERCISE – STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS IN ACTION

This shared success reaffirms the parties' commitment to deepened cooperation, efficient response to crises, and sustainable security, in the service of citizens and public order

The joint crisis response exercise, conducted this year in close cooperation between the Kosovo Police and the Embassy of the United States of America, proved to be a significant operational and strategic success. This activity reflects the high level of inter-institutional coordination and the strength of the partnership built over the years. The exercise involved around 800 Kosovo Police officers, together with emergency services, as well as a wide range of specialized units, including Public Relations. The comprehensive engagement of these capacities demonstrated the readiness of the Kosovo Police to manage complex safety situations.

This broad cooperation is evidence of mutual trust and shared commitment to safety and stability.

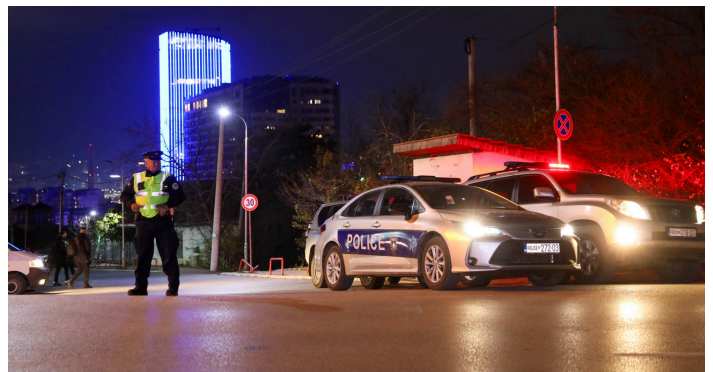
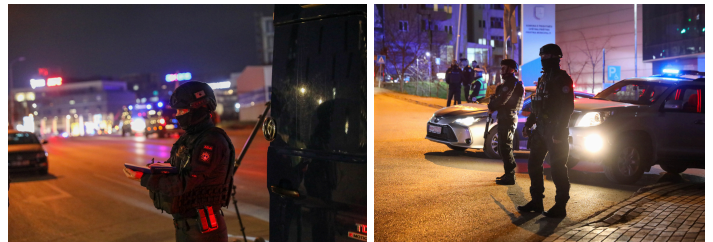
The exercise scenarios included the use of tactical assets and emergency teams, strengthening interoperability and common response procedures. The exercise served as a valuable platform for the exchange of experiences and the advancement of professional standards.

For the Kosovo Police, this exercise represents an important step towards strengthening operational capacities and continuous alignment with international best practices.

The partnership with the US Embassy remains a strategic pillar in building a modern, professional and reliable police force.

This joint success reaffirms the commitment of the parties to deepened cooperation, efficient response to crises and sustainable security, in the service of citizens and public order.

Prepared by: Daut Hoxha



KOSOVO POLICE MAJOR GRADUATES FROM FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY



On December 11, 2025, Major Luljeta Mehmeti - Quigley successfully graduated as a member of the 296-th Session of the FBI National Academy. The graduation ceremony was held at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, United States of America.

Major Mehmeti - Quigley was among a selected group of senior law enforcement officers to complete this prestigious program and is one of the few officers in the history of the Kosovo Police to graduate from the FBI National Academy. In the United States level and internationally, less than one percent of law enforcement officers have the opportunity to attend this elite executive-level training.

Internationally recognized for academic perfection, the FBI National Academy offers 11 weeks of advanced training in leadership, communications, behavioral sciences, physical fitness, and modern law enforcement practices. Participants are selected based on proven professional performance and leadership potential. On average, graduating officers have over 20 years of law enforcement experience and return to their agencies to serve in senior leadership and strategic positions.

The 296-th session consisted of 254 law enforcement officials representing 47 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, as well as officials from 24 countries around the world, four military organizations, and two federal civilian agencies, highlighting the Academy's strong international and interinstitutional dimension.

Major Mehmeti-Quigley graduation from the FBI National Academy reflects her professionalism, leadership, and dedication to her work in the Kosovo Police. This success strengthens the institutional capacity of the Kosovo Police and reinforces its commitment to modern, democratic, and internationally harmonized standards of policing.

Her participation in the FBI National Academy further enhances the ability of the Kosovo Police to implement international best practices, strengthen partnerships, and contribute to public safety for all communities in Kosovo.

Prepared by: Blerinë Ejupi-Tahiri



KOSOVO, FIRST PLACE IN THE REGION SAFETY WISE AND THIRD IN THE WORLD

Public safety

Based on international researches and sources, non-governmental organizations and regional reports, with the aim of analyzing the situation of public safety and especially road traffic safety in Kosovo for the period 2023–2025, Kosovo is ranked among the safest countries in the world, according to the Gallup Global Law and Order Index (2024–2025), an index that measures citizens' perceptions of their sense of safety, trust in law enforcement and direct experiences with crime. The latest international report Gallup Global Safety Report 2025, published in early September, has ranked Kosovo among the safest countries in the world, positioning it third globally and first in Europe for citizens' sense of safety and trust in law enforcement institutions.

According to this report, Kosovo has achieved a score of 94 points out of 100 in the Law and Order Index, ranking immediately after Tajikistan (97 points) and Singapore (95 points), as the three safest countries in the world. This result makes Kosovo the safest country in Europe, leaving behind developed countries such as Iceland, Norway, Austria and Switzerland.

The report also highlights that 89% of Kosovo citizens feel safe walking alone at night in the area where they live, a percentage that places Kosovo among the countries with the highest level of perceived safety in the world and in Europe.

Meanwhile, the Global Organized Crime Index, published by the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC), assesses the level of organized crime and the institutional capacity of states to confront it through governance, law enforcement, and international cooperation. This index also includes criminal activities such as drug trafficking, human trafficking, and cybercrime.

In the 2023–2025 reports, Kosovo is assessed with a relatively low level of organized crime compared to the Western Balkan countries.

According to the results of this index for 2025, which measures 15 criminal markets, 5 types of criminal actors and 12 blocks of resilience, published by the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime, Kosovo is rated with the lowest level of crime in the Western Balkans, with an average of 4.85 points on a scale of 1 to 10. A key and special contributor to achieving these positive results is the Kosovo Police with its leadership and officers, which through strategic development plans and specific objectives in combating all forms of crime, has achieved significant results over the years, which makes Kosovo the country with the lowest crime rate in the Western Balkans.

2024 Law and Order Index Scores: Europe

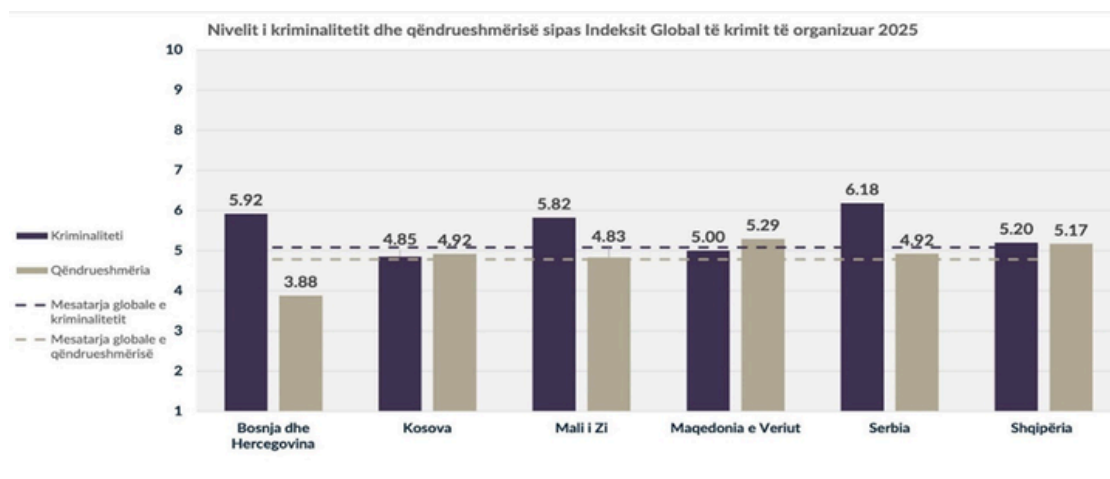
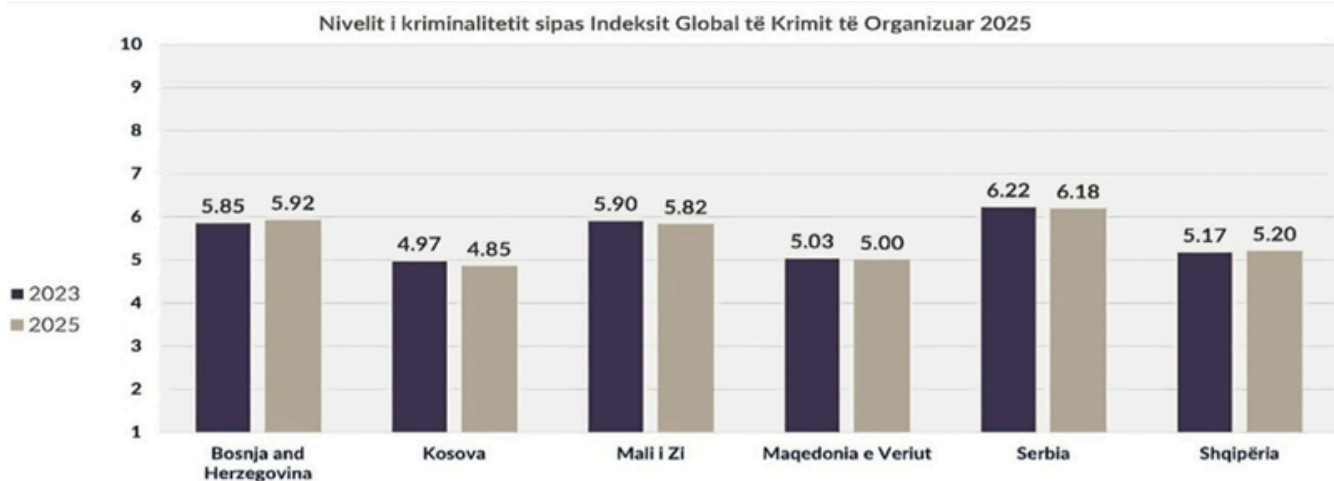
The Law and Order Index measures security levels that respondents report for themselves and their families. Two elements make up this index: one composed of respondents' reported confidence in local police and feeling safe walking alone at night, and the other of two questions about respondents' experiences with crime.

Country / Territory	Index Score
 Kosovo	94
 Iceland	93
 Norway	92
 Austria	91
 Switzerland	91
 Denmark	90
 Finland	90
 Montenegro	90
 Estonia	88
 Germany	88
 Portugal	88
 Sweden	88
 Czech Republic	87
 Netherlands	87

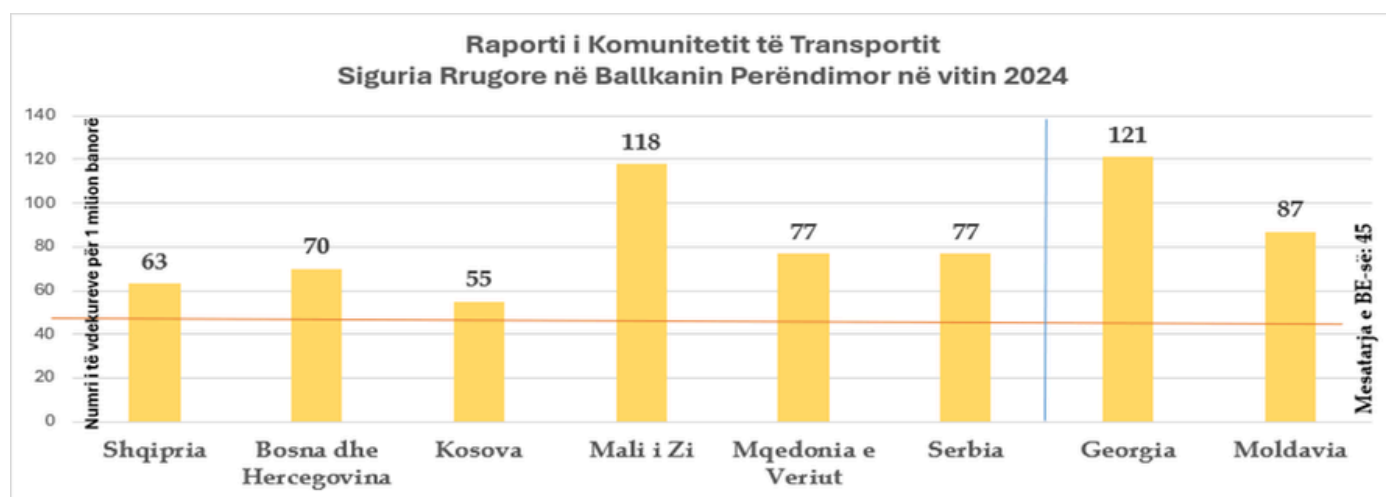
Law and Order Index

Countries/Territories With Highest Law and Order Index Scores

Country	Index Score
 Tajikistan	97
 Singapore	95
 Kosovo	94
 China	93
 Iceland	93
 Vietnam	93
 Norway	92
 Austria	91
 Bahrain	91
 Oman	91
 Saudi Arabia	91
 Switzerland	91
 Uzbekistan	91



Road traffic safety remains one of the main public safety challenges in Kosovo. The following analysis combines police statistics with international data and assessments from the Transport Community and other regional organizations. According to the Transport Community report, published on 12 November 2025, with data from 2024, Kosovo has also achieved positive results in road safety, having the lowest number of victims per one million inhabitants in fatal accidents, compared to the Western Balkan countries.



The Transport Community, a regional organization supported by the European Union, reports that in 2024, road accident victims in Kosovo fell by about 8.5% compared to 2023. The data show that 2024 marked a significant improvement in the reduction of traffic fatalities, which is consistent with the Transport Community's regional assessments for the Western Balkans, where Kosovo performs better than some countries in the region. The Kosovo Police, through the implementation of operational plans, awareness campaigns and various police activities in the field of traffic, will continue with dedication with the best results compared to the Western Balkan countries.

Prepared by: Luljeta Mehmeti-Quigley

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD POLICE OFFICER!



The Kosovo Police, in order to provide safety and to be as close as possible to the citizen, has created the project "Meet your police officer". On the occasion of the promotion of this project, which is based on the strategy of Community Policing and Intelligence-Led Policing, a meeting and media conference was held on October 14, 2022 to promote the project in question.

The Kosovo Police, through the implementation of this project, aims to further increase cooperation and partnership with citizens, creating the opportunity for interested citizens to get to know the police officers in their neighborhood. This project, which was initially implemented in two regional police directorates, Pristina and Mitrovice North, and then continued in all regions and police stations, will further influence the increase of fair cooperation with citizens and the increase of the level of security in the country.

In the framework of the further development and perfection of the work of the neighborhood police officers, continuous trainings are held in various fields. During the trainings, the most important details of the work that the police officers of the sectors will perform are presented and discussed, referring to the legal basis, the Action Plan of the Intelligence-Led Policing and Community Policing Strategy, as well as the Standard Operating Procedures for Community Policing.

A total of 42 members of the Police were trained as trainers from all regional directorates and police stations. At the end of the training, trainers certificates were distributed and training materials were provided.

During the training, the importance of partnership with citizens in preventing crime, creating good relationships and advancing public trust, addressing citizens' requests and addressing concerns about security issues was also reiterated. The advancement of communication with citizens and how to create and maintain good relationships in order to ensure the security of all citizens were discussed with the police officers.

The Kosovo Police has continuously aimed to increase the efficiency of the work of neighborhood police officers, in order for them to be as close as possible to the community and the needs of citizens. To facilitate the coverage of the area of responsibility and to reward the commitment of the police officers, the General Director of the Kosovo Police, Colonel Gazmend Hoxha, allocated about 19 new hybrid vehicles.



This once again proves the commitment of the Police management to an increasingly proactive approach towards the community, to strengthening cooperation and communication with citizens, as well as to further increasing institutional credibility and transparency.

The Police are the people and the people are the Police!

INTERVIEW WITH COLONEL NESHAT FLUGAJ

Through this interview for 'PROTECTOR', we will travel through the years, revealing the professionalism and dedication you have given to the Police, serving honestly and convincingly.

We thank you for taking the time to answer us!

Since which year have you been a police officer, describe a little the beginning, the emotions of being a police officer in the Police?

Before I was a police officer, I was a soldier in the Helicopter Squadron, but over time, I realized that my contribution to the service of citizens would be greater and more necessary as a member of the Police and I decided to continue my career since 2003 as a member of the Kosovo Police Service.

The beginning was quite challenging, because the country was still facing suffering and various problems experienced during the war. Being part of the country's police after a devastating war was not just a job, but also a spiritual mission. The emotions were deep, complex and often mixed with pride, pain and responsibility. The feeling of establishing law and order and providing security for citizens and not allowing the violence of the past to be repeated, the belief that through discipline, honesty and dedication, the country can rise and move towards a safer future, were the motivation for tireless commitment as a member of the Police.

It took patience, honesty and exemplary behavior, to build bridges between the Police and the people, between the law and justice, in a word, being a police officer after the war means wearing the uniform with honour, not to demonstrate strength, but with heart and soul to serve all citizens of the country, dedication to peace, security and justice.

How do you see the development of the Police from its beginnings to today?

Then, when more than our uniforms, we were united by the desire to serve our country, our unreserved will and commitment allowed us to quickly become skilled in fulfilling police duties and to serve our citizens with dedication without discrimination, and with pride and professionalism, to provide order and safety throughout the country.

Very quickly, the Kosovo Police, through internal and international training, was consolidated, trained and professionalized to face and fight all types of legal violations, up to organized crimes and the management of critical situations, throughout the territory of the country.

Today, the Kosovo Police has become a respected and professional police force, at the level of regional police forces and beyond. The Kosovo Police has advanced and invested in technology, advanced and specialized training, has cooperation with international counterparts and is equipped with the most advanced equipment for fighting crime and protecting law and order throughout the territory of the country.

With the professionalism achieved, the Kosovo Police is today considered one of the most trusted institutions in the country, but also a respected police force at the international level.



What were the main stages in your professional career?

Police work and service to citizens and the country in general completes the complete picture of a police officer's career from the beginning until the day of retirement.

My professional progress through the stages would initially be admission to the Police Academy, which I would describe as a challenging phase with a lot of emotion wrapped in pride, then being assigned to the position of instructor at the Police Academy, where my academic preparation and previous experience helped me offer my professional contribution to the preparation of future police officers. At the Police Academy, I served with great dedication, initially in the General Police Sector and then in the Specialized and Advanced Training Sector, and finally in the Management Training Sector.

The promotion stage was a competitive stage where education, experience, dedication and the desire to accept additional obligations from the position of manager, have made it possible for me to pass the promotion tests during my career, achieving the rank of colonel.

Then I was appointed to the position of Director of the Specialized Units, which was also a phase full of challenges and moments of pride. My previous education (Police High School, Military Academy, Law Faculty and again a course at the Police Academy) and my professional experience helped me to quickly understand the nature of the work of these units and to identify the needs for these units to be established as professional units for fighting crime as well as Operational unit for the protection of state sovereignty. My commitment was focused on increasing the performance of all members of this division and adapting training to the problems of the time, centralizing the Special Operations Units, as well as equipping these units with the necessary equipment to fulfill the mission, and we completed the profiling of these units within the Division itself.

Today, these units are among the most prepared and professional units in the region and beyond. A special commitment was the preparation of the supervisory cadre, and today the superiors who came out of this division lead the most important police departments and stations in the country.

How would you describe the feeling of being in uniform (describe the value, advantages and difficulties of being in uniform)?

Being a member of the Police in uniform is a feeling mixed between pride, trust, professionalism and responsibility. The uniform is a reflection of service, discipline, trust, respect and cooperation.

The uniform makes you proud and important. It gives you authority and respect, making others trust you and a person who provides security.

The uniform also brings challenges and difficulties. Every step you take, every decision you make when you are in uniform, puts you under pressure to act correctly, but also the expectation to always be professional, puts you under pressure and sometimes brings stress. Long working hours, risks and responsibility often affect family life as well. Any criticism, bad behavior in uniform, or even a mistake made will affect not only the police officer, but also the reputation of the entire organization.

“The uniform is not a privilege; it is a symbol of faith, courage, sacrifice and respect for citizens”

Can you talk about your personal life (education, family, any previous profession, any hobby-sports, art or anything worth to tell us)?

I was born in the village of Kapre, Dragash municipality. Married, father of two children, and now a grandfather. I completed primary school in my hometown. I completed the High School of Internal Affairs in Vushtrri. After finishing high school, I worked as a police officer in the former Special Unit in Pristina. I graduated from the Military Aviation Academy (former Yugoslavia) in Zadar and Mostar. After graduating from the Academy, I worked as a pilot in the Helicopter Unit of the former Provincial Secretariat of Internal Affairs until 1990, when we were dismissed from our jobs by the then Serbian government. As a pilot, I achieved the highest professional qualification in aviation and received the title of flight instructor and expert in the investigation of air incidents and accidents.

After being dismissed from work, I was involved in police union engagements until the start of the war.

In 1995, I also graduated from the Faculty of Law.

After the war, I continued as a member of the KPC Air Unit.

My hobby or passion is reading. I like all sports, but especially football.

How would you describe the Kosovo Police in a few words from the perspective of a retiree, mentioning the capabilities and skills of its officers?

From the perspective of a retiree, I would describe the KP as a professional institution dedicated to serving citizens and protecting law and order throughout the country. Police officers are distinguished by professionalism, discipline, courage and willingness to serve citizens as best they can.

Through their daily work, police officers demonstrate ability, reliability and dedication in protecting life, property and the legal order of the country.

Rightly, citizens consider the Kosovo Police considered the most trustworthy institution in the country.

Could you please give a message to all employees and young people who take the step towards this institution?

My message to all employees and young people who join the Kosovo Police would be:

Being part of the KP is more than a job, it is a responsibility, honor and service to the country and its citizens.

The uniform you wear is not a privilege; it is a symbol of trust, courage, sacrifice and respect for citizens!

We thank you sincerely for your tireless contribution to the Police over the years. We also thank you for responding to our invitation for this interview!

We wish you good health and a comfortable retirement life!

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MISSION OF HEALTH, DISCIPLINE AND REPRESENTATION WITH DIGNITY

The Kosovo Police since its establishment has included sport as an integral part of its culture and internal organizational development. Sport has not been seen simply as a physical activity, but as a powerful instrument for building discipline, strengthening as well as physically and psychologically preparing police members, as well as promoting cooperation between them and creating healthy connections with the community.



The sport, part of organizational identity

Kosovo Police organizes sports activities, especially for institutional anniversaries, national and international holidays, and also does activities in cooperation with other security institutions. Participation in local and international competitions has become a tradition that reinforces the professional image and healthy culture of the Police of the Republic of Kosovo.

Some of the most represented disciplines in KP sports are: football, basketball (women and men), volleyball, athletics, judo, karate, marksmanship (shooting) chess, etc. which are the best way to maintain physical fitness, personal development, motivation and team building spirit, which directly translates into higher performance in the service.

The Kosovo Police appreciates every member who wholeheartedly engages in sports activities, starting with the personal dedication that lies behind every sporting success.

Kosovo Police sportspersons, who through voluntary and professional work have built teams, trained colleagues and represented the Kosovo Police with dignity at home and abroad, are the pride of the Kosovo Police and at the same time an inspiration to others.

Over the years, sports in the KP have achieved results that have been a motivation for further commitment. Medals, trophies and championship titles are proof of the dedication and passion existing within the police structures for sports and for the values, it represents.

Sports Association, a new era for police sports

With the initiative and support of the General Director of the Kosovo Police, Colonel Gazmend Hoxha, as well as the leading structures, the Kosovo Police Sports Association was founded in 2024.

The Kosovo Police Association comes as a new and modern form of organization, which marks a positive turn in the way sports are structured and function within the Kosovo Police.

Within this association, eight official sports clubs have been established and registered with the relevant federations, such as:

1. Marksmanship Club (Shooting)
2. Chess Club
3. Judo Club
4. Karate Club
5. Athletics Club
6. Basketball Club (women and men)
7. Volleyball Club
8. Football Club

These clubs are already active in professional competitions and are achieving concrete successes, raising the profile of the Police as an institution that promotes sport and social values through it.





Sport, a means of communication and closeness to the community

Sport is a bridge between the Police and the community. Through participation in competitions, youth activities and public events, the Kosovo Police strengthens trust, respect and cooperation with citizens.

Police officers are not only seen as law enforcement officers, but also as an active part of social and cultural life, as athletes, collaborators, and inspirers of the younger generation.

This dimension promotes a more human and long-term approach to public relations, where sport becomes a platform for building partnerships and reporting negative phenomena in a more natural and effective way.

Gender equality in sports, a fundamental value in Kosovo Police

The Kosovo Police is an example of an inclusive approach and the promotion of gender equality in sports. Female police officers are active participants in most sports disciplines, often as club leaders, coaches or medal bearers and representatives of the country in local and international competitions.

Their inclusion is not just symbolic, it is vital to building stronger and more balanced teams. This approach conveys a powerful message that sports within the Police are open to all, regardless of gender or position.

Kosovo Police, a model for other public institutions

Through the establishment of the Sports Association and the professional organization of its clubs, the Kosovo Police has set a new standard for institutional sports. This model is now being followed by other security organizations and public institutions that want to develop sports as part of their internal organizational culture.



Sport, part of the professional journey!

Being part of the Kosovo Police means more than serving. It means being part of a community that supports the physical, cultural and personal development of its officers. Sports in the Kosovo Police are not just recreation; it is a mission, a responsibility and an opportunity for representation with dignity within and outside the country's borders.

"Being part of the Kosovo Police is not just service, it is a journey towards discipline, success and representation with dignity, in sports, in culture and in service to the country."

The Kosovo Police continues to be an example for young people, for institutions and for society, not only as a guarantor of security, but also as a promoter of health, equality and sustainable development through sports.

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KOSOVO POLICE TEAM REACHES FINALS OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION IN JORDAN

The elite KP unit, among the most successful among 38 world teams

The elite units of the Kosovo Police have scored another significant success in the international arena, representing with dignity and professionalism the institution and state of Kosovo in the prestigious Special Units competition “King Abdullah II Special Operations Training Centre (KASOTC)”, which took place during October 2025 in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

This year, the competition brought together 38 elite police and military teams from different countries around the world. It is known for its high level difficulty, with proves that test the operational, physical and tactical skills of the participants – from shooting with various weapons, marching with heavy weights, to complex tactical exercises that require coordination, endurance and quick decision-making under pressure.

Among this strong international competition, the Kosovo Police team managed to qualify for the final stage, where only the 15 most successful teams with the highest results are selected. This ranking honours the institution and the country, showing the high professional standards and preparation possessed by the special units of the KP.

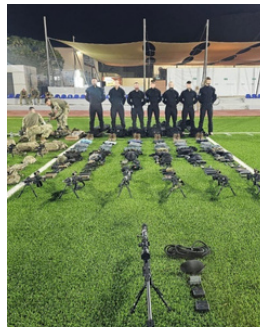
As a sign of respect for this valuable achievement, the General Director of the Kosovo Police, Colonel Gazmend Hoxha, together with the senior staff of the KP, hosted an official meeting with the members of the elite unit who participated in the competition.

During this meeting, Director Hoxha congratulated the officers for the dignified representation, emphasizing that such successes are a source of inspiration and motivation for the entire Kosovo Police. “The results achieved in such international competitions reflect not only the professionalism of our officers, but also the positive image and growing reputation of the Kosovo Police in the international arena”, said Colonel Hoxha.

The participation of the Kosovo Police in the KASOTC competition and reaching among the best in the world reinforces its role as a modern institution, committed to training, discipline and the highest security standards.



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The police operation, carried out in four regions of Kosovo, put an end to illegal institutions

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Kosovo Police uncovered a large document forgery laboratory

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During a more detailed inspection of this vehicle, the Forged Documents Investigation Unit from the Directorate for the Investigation of Economic Crimes and Corruption found 16 suitcases filled with various (blank) documents such as: passports, identity cards, driver's licenses, as well as various materials used for document forgery, holograms, etc.

Kosovo Police, regarding this case, has undertaken intensive actions in the investigation and discovery of the location where these forged documents were produced, and after intensive investigations, it was possible to obtain information that in a house in Prishtina, there may be equipment used to produce forged documents.

During the inspection, it was found that we are dealing with a laboratory with equipment that serves to produce forged documents, such as passports, identity cards, residence permits, driver's licenses, etc.

The equipment included various laser machines, printers and many other devices as well as blank documents of various countries.

Kosovo police handcuffs a suspect who compromised over 300,000 bankcards in an EU country

Kosovo Police has conducted a successful investigative operation in Prishtina and Ferizaj, which followed several-months investigation, where a person suspected of unauthorized computer access to a bank in an EU country, was arrested.

This action resulted in the compromise of the data of over 300,000 bankcards, causing considerable damage. During the search operation, four computers, three phones, a USB and important documents, have been seized.

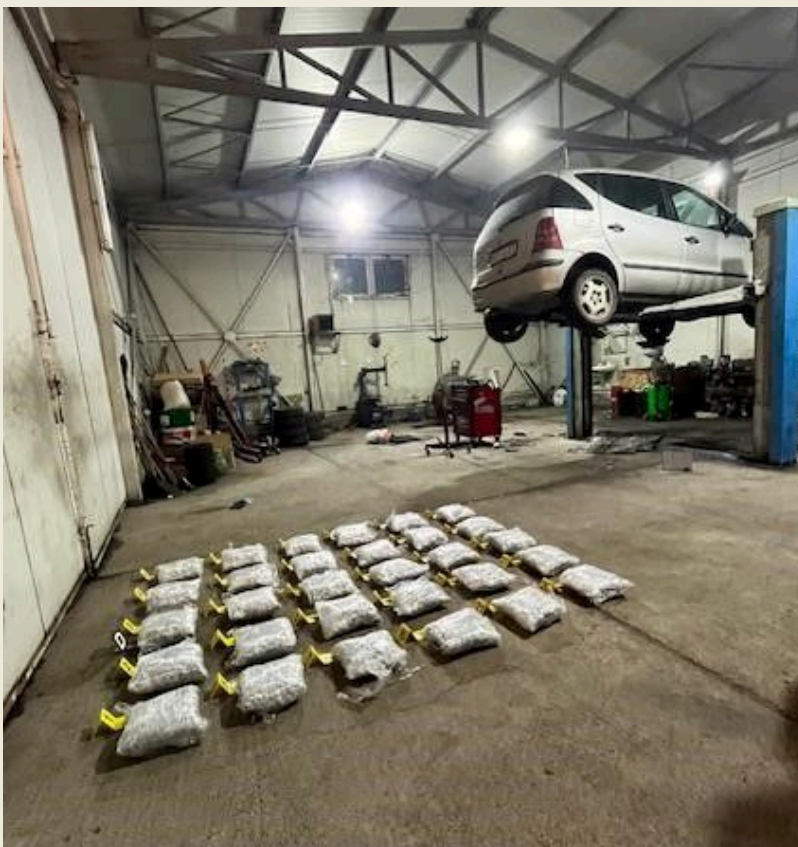
The close international cooperation and the high professionalism of Kosovo Police have been key in this police operation. Kosovo Police remains committed to combating cybercrime, also at the level of advancing international cooperation and strengthening public safety.

Kosovo Police seized over 32 kg of drugs hidden in a vehicle with Serbian licence plates

The Directorate for Investigation of Trafficking in Narcotics (DITN) of Kosovo Police has carried out a successful police operation in the North Mitrovica region, where it has prevented the transportation of a significant amount of narcotics. On March 24, 2023, Kosovo Police carried out an operation at the border of the Republic of Kosovo-Serbia, namely in the Border Crossing Point in Jarinje, where a suspected vehicle with Serbian license plates was selected for inspection and after being sent for a more detailed inspection, an additional metal tank was found in its lower part, after opening, a total of 30 packages wrapped in transparent foil were found, containing suspected narcotics of the marijuana type. The total weight of the confiscated quantity is 32.4 kilograms. In accordance with legal procedures, two mobile phones were confiscated and the suspected vehicle was seized for further investigations, while the suspect was arrested and sent to police detention for 48 hours. Kosovo Police remains committed to ensuring security and order, committed in fighting every form of crime, including drug trafficking and illegal activities that endanger the health and safety of citizens.



Two persons arrested by Kosovo Police suspected for migrant smuggling, one of whom is the leader of the criminal group



Kosovo Police (Investigations Sector of the Border Department), in cooperation with the KIA, after several months of monitoring, arrested on December 23, 2025 a Jordanian citizen and a Turkish citizen, suspected of the criminal offense of "Smuggling of migrants". The Jordanian is suspected of having organized the entry of migrants mainly from the Middle East and Asia into Kosovo, to then smuggle them to EU countries, leading an organized criminal group that is suspected of having benefited large revenues. During the search, 53 passports of Jordanian citizens were seized.

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KOSOVO POLICE MUSEUM AS AN IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE FOR PRESERVING AND PROMOTING INSTITUTIONAL HERITAGE



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The history of Kosovo Police represents not only a professional journey, but also a mosaic of sacrifice, dedication and institutional vision. Every uniform, document and exhibit carries the story of those who built the foundations of public security in the country. Preserving collective memory is not only a historical obligation, but also a tribute to the fallen heroes and all those who contributed to the development of the institution.

Kosovo Police Museum aims to create a space where history meets the public, where the past illuminates the future and institutional identity is presented with professionalism. This project, supported by the General Director, Colonel Gazmend Hoxha, is formalized by Decision no. 01/0526 dated June 16, 2025, authorizing a working group to draft the museum concept document. The group is composed of representatives of all Police departments, the Office of the General Director, the Directorate for Information and Public Relations and the Central Archives, acting in accordance with laws and institutional strategies.

The museum will document and preserve the police heritage from 1999 to the present, through the identification, collection, restoration and conservation of historical materials such as documents, photographs, files, cartography, decisions, uniforms, operational equipment and historical vehicles, including those of fallen heroes. The materials will serve to build a chronological calendar and digital database for educational and research approaches.



The project includes the construction of a modern museum infrastructure, with exhibition spaces, interactive technology, multimedia galleries, restoration facilities and spaces for scientific and cultural activities. Institutional and international cooperation will facilitate the exchange of experiences and the professional promotion of the Kosovo Police. Special attention will be paid to the role of women, the inclusion of ethnic communities and diversity, reflecting the inclusive character of the institution.

The organization and functioning of the museum will be integrated into the institutional structure with professional staff and standardized museum activities. Through thematic exhibitions, educational programs and interactive activities, the museum will increase transparency and public awareness of the Police work.

In conclusion, the establishment of the Kosovo Police Museum represents a strategic step in preserving the institutional identity and strengthening the relationship with citizens. With modern infrastructure, educational vision and contemporary approach, the museum will document police history, promote professional values and serve as a bridge between the institution and society.



CONVERSATION WITH A PSYCHOLOGIST

A meaningful conversation with Arton Ademi, clinical psychologist at the Directorate of Health Services of the Kosovo Police, through which we will learn more about the role and importance of psychological treatment



In an institution where dealing with risk, stress and extraordinary situations is part of everyday life, the role of the psychologist is vital. The psychologist is not just a mental health professional, he is a constant support for police officers, a guide in facing emotional challenges and a key factor in maintaining efficiency and humanity in the service.

- Description of your professional duty

One of the duties of the psychologist within the institution is to provide psychological services related to psychological trauma for KP employees, where he assists in the management of critical incidents through counseling and psychological support, also provides counseling and support services for police officers who are dealing with post-traumatic stress and participates in meetings after critical incidents, as well as reports on all mental health issues of KP employees, cooperates and coordinates activities with institutions that deal with mental health issues for KP employees, and also conducts awareness and prevention campaigns to maintain mental health.

- What are the psychological challenges that personnel in the Kosovo Police most often face?

Police officers face a number of challenges that directly affect their mental health, such as: constant exposure to dangerous and unpredictable situations, trauma from violent events, accidents or human losses, institutional pressure and high expectations from the public and hierarchy, difficulty in maintaining a balance between professional and personal life, feelings of isolation and lack of emotional support in certain situations.

- What are the advantages, facilitations and obligations of police staff when treated internally by a mental health professional?

Treatment by mental health professionals within the institution brings several important advantages such as: direct and rapid access to psychological help at all times, a deeper understanding of the nature of police work that helps in adapting interventions, continuous support, not only in cases of crisis but also for personal and professional development.

- Please give us some general advices that are essential to be calm with mental health while handling various cases in police work

Police work is one of the most challenging and stressful professions, so maintaining mental health is essential to face pressure and make the right decisions in difficult situations. Here are some essential tips to maintain mental peace while handling various cases:

- Take care of yourself every day,
- Get enough and regular sleep,
- Eat healthy and stay hydrated,
- Exercise regularly, even a short walk helps reduce stress,
- Talk openly about feelings,
- Don't keep emotions inside, share experiences with colleagues, friends or a mental health professional,
- Use the support offered by the institution (psychologists, counselors, stress management training)
- It is okay to feel tired, overwhelmed or unsure, it does not make you any less professional.
- Seeking help is a sign of strength, not weakness!

- What is your message/call to police and administrative officers in the Police to trust a mental health professional?

Seeking help is not a sign of weakness, but of maturity and responsibility. I invite you to see the psychologist as a partner in maintaining your mental strength. Taking care of your mental health is as important as the physical and professional preparation. Only a calm and emotionally balanced officer can provide security and justice with integrity.

Some messages:

Taking care of the mental health of the staff is not a luxury, it is an institutional responsibility.

Investing in mental well-being is an investment in safety, efficiency and humanity.

Create spaces where officers feel heard, not judged.

Psychological support should be part of everyday life, not just after crises.

Don't wait until you feel bad to seek help, prevention is key.

Talking to a psychologist is like cleaning a gun, take care of the most important tool - the mind.

Mental health is not a taboo - it is part of professionalism

We hope that this conversation will be effective and will have a positive impact on all employees.

Thank you for your contribution!

Interviewed by: Merita Canolli-Gashi

‘THE PROTECTOR’, HERITAGE ASSET OF THE KOSOVO POLICE

‘The Protector’ has kept memories alive and strengthened the bond between the Police and society, proving that Kosovo Police is not just an institution, but a shelter that stands to provide security and build peace.

This article may seem strange but it is very authentic because precisely in ‘The Protector’, we will talk about ‘The Protector’ itself.

The police magazine is not named ‘The Protector’ by chance, because this name represents the noble and humane mission of every police officer in protecting life, property, order and security of all citizens without distinction. Over time and with the process of institutional transition, the magazine was transferred entirely under the competences of the Kosovo Police Information Directorate, where it continues to be published today, maintaining the standard, professional ethics, analytical approach and objectivity in the coverage of police work.

For more than two decades, ‘The Protector’ has documented the most important stages of the development of the Kosovo Police, operational challenges, professional advancements, cooperation with local and international partners, as well as achievements in the field of public safety. The magazine has played an important role in strengthening institutional culture, promoting professional values, disseminating reliable information and exchanging experiences between different police units. Through its pages, analyses, studies, educational writings and training materials have been published, contributing to the consolidation of a modern, professional police force at the service of citizens.

‘The Protector’ has kept memories alive and strengthened the connection between the Police and society, showing that the Kosovo Police is not simply an institution, but a shelter that stands to provide security and build peace. Despite the advancement of technology, ‘The Protector’ will continue to remain the written history of the Police, a legacy in time for many generations.

Below you will find some of the ‘The Protector’ magazines from the first issues to the present day.

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The first issue of the official magazine “The Protector” was published in April 2005, at the request of Kai Vittrup, the then UNMIK Police Commissioner. This publication was conceived as an internal informative and professional police organ, which was published in three languages – Albanian, English and Serbian – once a month, aiming at informing, professional education and increasing the transparency of work within police structures for all employees of the Kosovo Police.

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SINDIKATA E POLICISË SË KOSOVËS: NDERIMI I HERONJVE DHE FORCIMI I BASHKËPUNIMIT NDËRKOMBËTAR

Events this year demonstrate the commitment of the Kosovo Police Union to preserving the memory of heroes, strengthening solidarity and advancing police professionalism

The Kosovo Police Union continues its tradition of dedication to honoring the 24 police officers fallen in the line of duty, known as the “Heroes of Kosovo”. This year, in addition to commemorative activities, the Union organized a series of events of the union nature, sports and international events, turning it into an activity filled with respect, solidarity and professional cooperation. The events took place in the Peja region, where in addition to sports competitions, meetings were also held with representatives of local and international institutions, including delegations from Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovenia, Lithuania and Cyprus.

The opening ceremony was marked by the words of the President of the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo, the General Director of the Police, the President of the Kosovo Police Union, the Mayor of the Municipality of Peja, as well as representatives of the European Confederation of Police Unions (CESP), who emphasized the importance of remembering the work of police heroes and their role as an inspiring example for future generations. The participants, including the families of the fallen police officers, participated in sports competitions that conveyed messages of unity, respect and eternal care for the contribution made in the service of the country.

As part of the union activities organized in honor and remembrance of the police officers who fell in the line of duty, in addition to sports activities, the Kosovo Police Union, associated by the General Director of Kosovo Police, as well as representatives of friendly unions, paid a visit to the “Adem Jashari” Memorial Complex in Prekaz. The visit was conducted as a sign of honor and respect for the heroic Jashari family and their sublime sacrifice for the freedom of Kosovo. Their memory remains an eternal inspiration for all police officers and citizens of the country.



In addition to honoring the heroes, this year's activities marked an important step in strengthening international cooperation union wise. In this context, important cooperation agreements were signed with the Lithuanian Police Union (LPPS) and the Slovenian Police Union – OPS Podravje, laying the foundations for a sustainable, equal and professional partnership. These agreements aim to strengthen international solidarity, exchange experiences and best practices, develop joint projects in education, sports, culture and social welfare, as well as increase professional and institutional interaction.

All these activities display the commitment of the Kosovo Police Union to preserving the memory of the heroes, supporting their families and advancing the professionalism, dignity and union solidarity of the Police employees. Through these initiatives, the Union affirms itself as a modern and active organization, which acts sustainably to guarantee the professional development and union rights of the Kosovo Police employees.

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UNDER THE BLUE LIGHT - STORIES OF POLICE LIFE



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Being in the police service is more than a profession, it is a calling, a responsibility and a sacrifice. Behind every blue uniform that lights up the city streets, there is a man with feelings, a heart and a story that often remains untold. These stories are a mirror of the daily life of a police officer: tired and with courage, with smile and pain, with difficult decisions, but always with a great goal: to protect life, the law and honor. The police officer is the one who wakes up when others sleep, who stands in the rain and the sun, who goes into danger to provide safety. On every patrol, on every duty, he carries with him not only the emblem of the state, but also the trust of the citizens who find him as a symbol of justice and hope.

Some of these short stories are small windows into the police spirit. They show that the greatest strength does not lie only in weapons or on the law, but in the heart that acts with honesty, love and human courage. In the blue light that illuminates the night, every police officer is a ray of hope for the country, for the family and for those who believe that justice lives every day, in silence and dedication. Below we will bring you some of the stories of the daily life of police work.

Never ending duty!

It was a weekend, the city streets were empty. On night patrol, two police officers stopped a vehicle that was being driven without lights. Instead of the offender, they found a lost man, an old man who was looking for the hospital for his sick son.

In silence, one of the police officers took the wheel, the other held the old man's hand. When they arrived at the hospital, the old man said:

"I thought you stopped me, but you helped me. This is the Police I want!"

At that moment, the police officers realized that duty is not measured by the clock, but by the heart.

Under the rain of patrol!

Rain, darkness, and a call on the radio: "A child is lost in the new neighborhood!"

Two hours of searching, streets covered in water, until a small shadow appeared behind an abandoned car. The child, wet and trembling, threw himself into the policeman's arms.

There were no words, only a strong feeling of safety that cannot be described.

On the way back, the patrol did not speak. Only the blue lights reflecting in the puddles, just like a heart that shines even in the rain.

Speaking uniform!

On the morning of the flag-raising ceremony, a little girl approached the policeman in line.

- "Are you the one who helped me when I fell off my bike?"

He smiled, but did not speak, the rule did not allow him to leave the line.

The girl left, but her voice remained:

- "Mom, he is my policeman!"

At that moment, she realized that the uniform is not only a symbol, but also a reminder of the trust it instills in people.

A word that saves!

In a family incident, a frightened woman was sitting in the corner, while the police officers tried to calm her husband.

One of them went down at her level, spoke to her slowly and gently:

- "You are safe now. No one will touch you!"

She began to cry, but this time from relief.

In the report, he wrote only: "The verbal intervention was successful."

But in reality, it was an intervention of the spirit.

Returning from duty!

When the service is over, the uniform is taken off, but the responsibility remains.

An officer returned home every night quietly, so as not to wake the children. One day, his little daughter said to him:

- "Dad, I want to be a dream policeman too!"

He took her in his arms and realized that his job was not only to maintain order, but also to build trust in the generations who grow up seeing a good example.

The sound of the siren!

In every siren heard in the city, someone prays that it will not stop near their house.

But for the police, the siren is the call of life, the one that wakes him up from sleep and leads him to duty.

Often, after that loud noise, begins a story that is never written. There begins the silent heroism that only those who have experienced it understand it.

Under the blue light!

At the end of each day, the blue light reflects on the asphalt as a permanent reminder that someone maintains order while others sleep. They are the lights that never go out even in the deepest darkness. Because the Police, in essence, is the illumination of humanity in the service of security. As a conclusion, these stories are not just words.

They are memories, experiences and feelings that every police officer carries in silence. They speak of courage, humanity and dedication that cannot be measured by rank, but by conscience. In every story, there is a lesson: The Police are part of our lives, with people who sacrifice every day for a safer, more unbiased and more humane society.

THE POLICE OFFICER WHO PUSHES THE LIMITS IN SERVICE AND RUNNING

The example of Xhevdet Xhemajli demonstrates that service in the police and commitment to sport can go hand in hand, inspiring the community and colleagues at the same time



Xhevdet Xhemajli, from the village of Izbicë - Skenderaj, has been a member of Kosovo Police since 2005. For more than two decades in service, he has demonstrated high professional dedication, contributing to ensuring public order and security. But beyond the uniform, Xhemajli is also known for another special passion, long-distance running.

His engagement in athletics began as a hobby, but quickly turned into a serious commitment to challenging himself. Since 2017, initially as part of the KTRA (Kosova Trail Running Association) group and then individually, the police officer Xhemajli has participated in over 60 official races in Kosovo, Albania and North Macedonia, competing mainly in the 10 km, 15 km, 21 km (half marathon) disciplines, as well as five full marathons (42.195 km). Among the most important races, is the Copenhagen International Marathon in May 2025, where he finished with a time of 4:52:19.

In addition to participating in competitions, since 2022 he has also been a co-organizer of the sporting event "March Run - Izbica 147", a commemorative activity in honor of the fallen martyrs of Izbica, which has gathered runners from many countries for four consecutive editions.

The example of Xhevdet Xhemajli is a great representation of a police officer who, in addition to his professional dedication, cultivates high physical and spiritual values. He proves that police service and sports engagement can go hand in hand, inspiring the community and colleagues at the same time.

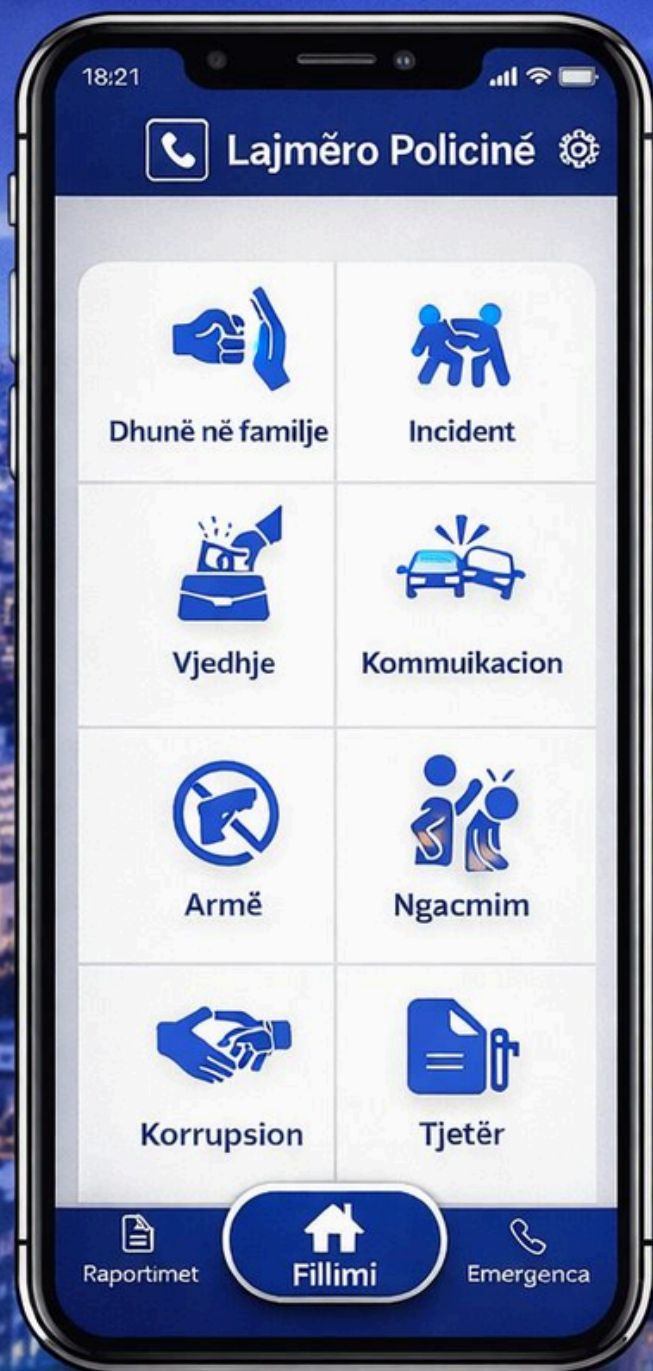


Xhevdet Xhemajli represents a police officer who pushes the limits, showing that discipline, courage, and passion can come together to enhance professionalism and strength of spirit.





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