



# Weekly CIMIC Report



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## Returns

The former tables reflecting only UNHCR verified returnees with numbers and locations of IDPs since March's riots 2004 are not available after end of December 2006 as UNHCR includes these figures in the following overview.

### Number of returns from January 2000 - March 2007

#### Returns Statistics (Jan 2000 – incl. Mar. 2007)

Returns	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Mar. 2007	Tot. 2007	%	Total
Serbs	1826	679	966	1549	818	740	599	23	54	43.94	<b>7233</b>
Roma	20	214	390	287	430	235	295	152	167	12.38	<b>2038</b>
Ashkali/Egypt	0	533	882	1182	593	727	456	27	42	26.82	<b>4415</b>
Bosniak	57	0	149	393	479	250	91	9	10	8.68	<b>1429</b>
Gorani	3	0	73	145	141	125	133	39	54	4.09	<b>674</b>
Albanian	0	27	294	245	8	49	46	0	0	4.06	<b>669</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1906</b>	<b>1453</b>	<b>2754</b>	<b>3801</b>	<b>2469</b>	<b>2126</b>	<b>1620</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16458</b>

## Pillar I: Police and Justice

The following are excerpts from the **Department of Justice Weekly Report (UNMIK)** for the week of 01<sup>st</sup> – 07<sup>th</sup> of May 2007 here edited for KFOR CIMIC. For more detailed information, please refer to the original document. Figures are not verified by KFOR.

### PENAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION (PMD)

NSTR

### VICTIM ADVOCACY AND ASSISTANCE UNIT (VAAU)

NSTR

### OFFICE FOR MISSING PERSONS AND FORENSICS (OMPF)

NSTR

#### *Missing Persons by Ethnicity \**

Albanian	1713
Serbian	500
Other	181
<b>Total</b>	<b>2394</b>

\*Figures are not verified by KFOR

**KPS****&****UNMIK-Police****KPS Personnel (as of 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2007)**

Region	Strength
Priština	1582
Ferizaj / Urosevac	567
Gnjilane	793
Prizren	884
Pec	991
Mitrovica	986
Main HQ	721
MHQ (S.S.D.)	626
Border Police	694
KPS Field Training	393
KPSS Academy	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>8270</b>

**UNMIK Personnel (as of 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2007)**

FPU	499
In Training	9
Commissioner 's Pillar	94
Operations Pillar	331
Crime Pillar	224
Admin Pillar	74
KPS Admin Pillar	60
Detention Centres	0
Pristina	105
Prizren	39
Pec	73
Gnjilane	147
Mitrovica	202
Border/ Boundary Police	129
<b>Total</b>	<b>2026</b>
K9 (dogs)	40

**Department of Civil Administration**

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**Function Democratic Institutions**

In Lipjan/Lipljan, the LDK has lost out to the LDD; the latter in cooperation with the PDK has been able to gain several director posts following the recent selection of members of the Board of Directors (BoD). In Ferizaj/Uroševac, the MA is locked in a struggle over the extension of the contracts of the directors, which expired on 31 March. The earlier session of the MA on 12 April was marred by a fistfight between members of the LDK and LDD, resulting in a request by the LDK Municipal Assembly President (MAP) for the SRSG to expel the LDD member involved, and for the LDD caucus to seek the dismissal of the MAP. The PDK seems to be taking advantage of the controversy between the two by trying to enhance its influence. In Kamenicë/Kamenica, the PDK wanted to gain political power by trying to form a coalition between either the LDK or the LDD, so far it has not been successful. On 27 April, two civil servants in Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje municipal administration were arrested on charges of corruption. Allegedly, they asked for a

bribe to register an individual's property. In Obiliq/ć, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) revealed to the BoD that he had been physically attacked by the Head of the Municipal Emergency Sector on 27 April, following his decision to undertake disciplinary measures by deducting the salary of 10 civil servants for the day they failed to show up for work. The police are investigating the case and the employee has been placed under a 30-day administrative suspension. In Klinë/Klina, the CEO issued verbal warnings to the civil servants who did not attend training courses provided by an NGO financed by the Italian Government. The CEO threatened not to extend the employment contract of civil servants who fail to attend training courses intended to improve their professional skills. The CEO further instructed that the amount in excess of the telephone bill limit set by the BoD be deducted from the salaries of concerned staff.

## **Economic, social and cultural development**

Raising the ante on non-cooperation with the reconstruction effort, a section of the Serbian Orthodox Church (SOC) led by Bishop Artemije along with some members of the Serbian Negotiating Team called a press conference in Belgrade last week and harshly criticised the reconstruction of the Serbian Orthodox sites in Kosovo by the Reconstruction Implementation Commission (RIC). DCA immediately contacted the Council of Europe (CoE) to discuss various options to counter the increasing politicisation of the issue by Belgrade and also spoke to the Serbian Minister of Culture to rally his support. Reacting swiftly, the Secretary-General of the CoE issued a statement affirming that at no time did any Serbian official formally complain to the CoE about the ongoing reconstruction. On the contrary, he noted that during his recent visit to Belgrade the reconstruction effort was greatly appreciated by his Serbian interlocutors. Regretting the "unsubstantiated criticisms", he stated that the RIC is making an important contribution to the reconstruction of Serbian Orthodox monuments in Kosovo. DCA will continue its efforts to mediate an acceptable outcome to the stalemate which is unfortunately being held hostage to the political process on the future status of Kosovo.

## **Functioning Municipal civil service**

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## **Rule of law**

Despite a continuing lack of trust and confidence in the KPS among Kosovo Serbs, the KPS has announced the identity of the individual it suspects to have perpetrated the rocket attack on 30 March on the Visoki Dečani Monastery. The Police are still searching for the suspect and have made a public appeal for information on his whereabouts. In Vushtrri/Vučitrn too, the KPS have apprehended four suspects involved in two cases of burglary in the predominantly Kosovo Serb Village of Gobulë/Gojbulja. In another rule of law issue, the Gjakovë/Đakovica municipal authorities have completed the demolition of an illegal construction on the "Krena" river bank, which is in a protected zone of the Cultural Heritage Institute. The exercise which started on 29 April followed an order from the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning based on

article 79 of the Law on Kosovo Waters (No.2004/24).

## **Minority rights and freedom of movement**

Two events that showed improved freedom of movement took place in Prizren and Zubin Potok. The first occurred on 6 May, when about 400 Serb IDPs from Prizren and other parts of Kosovo, who are currently displaced in Serbia, visited the village Gornjasellë/Gornje Selo for the annual celebration of Djurdjevdan. The celebrations included a mass in the Orthodox Church, a visit to the Serbian cemetery and other traditional activities. The second was the attendance on 7 May by about 280 Kosovo Serb children of the annual children's folklore music festival organised by the Zubin Potok Cultural House with municipal support. Children arrived from different parts of Kosovo as far away as Shtërpçë/Štrpce, Graçanicë/Gračanica and Partesh/Parteš. There have been a few developments that were aimed at promoting the interests of the Ashkali community. The first was the move by the Vushtrri/Vučitrn Municipality to seek funds from the Ministry of Communities and Returns (MCR) for the asphaltting of a segment of a road in the Ashkali neighbourhood. Ten Ashkali houses are also to be constructed this year in the town. In Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje, the project to asphalt the roads in the RAE districts has now been completed. It was funded by the Austrian Government with a contribution from the Municipality. The other event was a workshop in Podujevë/o organised by the Municipality and the OSCE to promote the education of Ashkali children. Inasmuch as the RAE community is at the low end of the social ladder, such efforts are badly needed and need to be expanded.

## **Returns**

There were several meetings of MWGR and taskforces in Lipjan/Lipljan, Pejë/Peć, Ferizaj/Uroševac and Mitrovicë/Mitrovica, where progress on various return projects and activities were reported and concept papers approved. The Mitrovicë/Mitrovica MWGR approved a concept paper by the NGO DRC for the further return and reintegration of 24 families to the Roma Mahala area of the town. The project, costing over €1 million involves the construction of an apartment block and also provides start-up and income generation assistance, as well as basic services. On a negative note, this same MWGR was informed that a few of the returnees to the first

phase of the Roma Mahala project were apparently engaged in the sale of their newly-constructed houses. The Mitrovicë/Mitrovica Municipal Representative and his Deputy have met separately with the Roma representative and the President of the District Court to discuss ways of preventing such buying out in the future. One clear step that must be taken is to tighten the language on re-selling in future contracts. On 7

May, the first GSV to Dashinoc/Dašinovac village in Deçan/Dečane took place. The village is a potential return site that was identified in the concept paper for return to Deçan/Decane Municipality and which has been prioritised by the MCR.

### **Pillar III: Institution Building AND Elections (OSCE)**

#### **General situation**

##### **Kosovo Serb communities unsettled, partly because of status**

Kosovo Serb communities have been unsettled by various recent events, some of which appear linked to the status process. After several thefts and attempted thefts in the returnee village of Osojane (Istok), the residents expressed their fear about crime and a lack of faith in KPS investigations; a vehicle was stolen and a house burglarized. Meanwhile, the Kosovo Serb village leader of Laplje Selo village stated at a Pristina Rural South security meeting that a KFOR weapons search of a house on 1 May had had a negative impact on the community, exacerbating existing tensions caused by the announcement of the PISG leadership that status would be decided upon soon. The status process also appears to be having an impact on Kosovo Serbs in Strpce, at the first Municipal Community Safety Council meeting, the Municipal Assembly President informed participants that the local population was concerned because of statements by some international interlocutors that the security situation could deteriorate if Kosovo was not granted independence.

#### **Democratization**

##### **SRSG and Kosovo President conduct outreach in Istok**

Both individuals, together with the Regional KFOR Commander, visited Istok municipality to inform the local population about the status process, minority protection and returns. The SRSG highlighted, *inter alia*, the virtues of status definition, such as access to loans by the International Monetary Fund and more foreign investment. President Sejdiu emphasized the

importance of protecting minority rights and demonstrating the professionalism of Kosovo's institutions. The inhabitants' concerns focused on the possible partition of Kosovo, on further compromising the interest of Kosovo by weakening the Status proposal, on symbols, Kosovo's representation in the UN, and economic aspects of the proposal.

##### **Public debates by Municipalities engage the population**

There were several instances of Municipalities stepping up their efforts to increase their contact with local inhabitants. In Podujevo, the Communities Committee (CC) organized a public debate (funded by the OSCE) with members of the Ashkali community in Batlava village where the CC learnt about the community's problems, mainly related to unemployment, schooling and lack of social assistance. On another positive note, a constructive public debate (initiated by the OSCE's Municipal Team in Kamenica) supported the finalization and promotion of the Municipal Action Plan on Transparency. Some scepticism on its implementation was obvious among civil society representatives.

##### **German Minister of Defense visits Prizren**

On 3 May, the German Minister of Defence visited the KFOR Multinational Task Force South and cultural heritage sites in Prizren. In a statement to the local media, the Minister emphasized that the EU strongly supported the Status proposal and advised Kosovo's institutions not to hurry in declaring independence, as the issue should be approved by the UN Security Council.

### **One step forward and another step back for municipal functionality**

After a lengthy public debate, Obilic Municipal Assembly (MA) accepted the resignation of the Kosovo Serb MA member, while acknowledging it as politically motivated. The MA decided to forward the case to the Central Election Commission for further consideration. On a positive note, the recently appointed CEO of Dakovica reported that he had submitted his resignation as AAK branch president and MA member, in accordance with applicable legislation. This follows OSCE/DCA advising the CEO that he should do so.

### **Human Rights and Rule of Law**

#### **Municipal action to assist minority communities**

A workshop to promote the education of Ashkali children in Podujevo was organized by the Municipality and OSCE. The event aimed at raising awareness about the importance of formal education for Ashkali children, and targeted both Ashkali children and their parents. The event was attended by numerous Ashkali community members, while the municipal leadership was also represented.

#### **Roma's representative complains**

DCA had to recommend to the Head of the Municipal Community Office in Gračanica that the MCO use funds from the petty cash to clean a Roma cemetery in the area. The local Roma representative had complained that the Kosovo

Serb inhabitants in Novi Badovac were using the cemetery as a rubbish dump.

#### **Striving for ethnic integration in Istok and Decan**

A multi-ethnic football tournament was organized in Istok by the local NGO 'Vision 2' and supported by the MA and KFOR. Eight clubs of different communities were involved, although the Kosovo Serb community did not participate. A social event was held in the city cultural house, which will be followed with an excursion by the heads of the football teams and members of the Istok youth network to the historical and cultural monuments in Prizren town.

### **Elections**

#### **Voter education project**

In co-operation with the Ministry of Education, the Central Election Commission (CEC) Secretariat started the implementation of a voter education project in all high schools in south Mitrovica, Vucitrn, and Srbica municipalities. The CEC Secretariat is aiming to enhance youth awareness of the importance of their vote.

### **Police Education and Development**

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## **EU Pillar: Reconstruction and Economic Development**

### **KOSOVO TRUST AGENCY BOARD**

KTA Board meeting has not brought a decision regarding the appointment of Publicly Owned Enterprises Board in Kosovo. This issue was postponed due to the impossibility to review the many curriculum vitas submitted. "This matter requires great preparation, in particular reviewing the CVs of several candidates. The Chairman of the KTA Board informed that a special meeting to approve the candidacies will be held", stated Minister of Trade and Industry, Bujar Dugolli. The second issue discussed by the KTA Board was about to find a solution for distributing the

20% lists of former Socially Owned Enterprises workers. A solution was not found either. Board members believe that the Labour Union BSPK has not prepared the list with the workers' names. "So far, about 12 million € has been paid for the 20% lists. The KTA cannot pay as long as there are dissents, as long as the Special Chamber does not decide", stated Head of UNMIK Pillar IV Paul Acda. "BSPK should publish the list on its website and the other body should verify them. As Board, we agree that the means should be distributed as quickly as possible", stated Minister Dugolli.

**KOSOVO WATER COMPANIES:**

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**KOSOVO ENERGY CORPORATION (KEK)**

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**POWER SUPPLY**

Current situation:

The actual (07.05.2007) ABC plan as follows:

Cat A: 6:0

Cat B: 5:1

Cat C: 4:2

**KEK Power production in last week:**

Unit	Avail. Capa. (MW/h)	1 May 2007	2 May 2007	3 May 2007	4 May 2007	5 May 2007	6 May 2007	7 May 2007	Total
Kosovo A1	30 - 65								0
Kosovo A 2	40 – 125								0
Kosovo A 3	120 - 200								0
Kosovo A 4	130 - 200		100	100	100	100	100	110	610
Kosovo A 5	120 - 210								0
Kosovo B 1	220 - 300	275	275	260	260	275	260	260	1865
Kosovo B 2	220 - 300	270	270	265	265	270	265	265	1870
Total (power plants)	880 - 1340	545	645	625	625	645	625	635	4345
Ujmani (hydro central)	16 – 32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	224
Total production	896 - 1372	577	677	657	657	677	657	667	4569
IMPORTS									0
EXPORTS			65	65	65	65	65	65	390
<i>Total / 1 hr</i>	896 - 1372	577	677	657	657	677	657	667	4569
Total production for 24 hrs		13848	14688	14208	14208	14688	14208	14448	100296
<i>Total imports for 24 hrs.</i>		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Total exports for 24 hrs.</i>									
Total for 24 hrs.		13848	14688	14208	14208	14688	14208	14448	100296
Total need for 24 hrs.		15600	15600	15360	15360	15600	15360	15360	108240
Balance		-1752	-912	-1152	-1152	-912	-1152	-912	-7944