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The 55th Anniversary of the Moroccan Royal Armed Forces

On 14 May 2011, the Moroccan contingent of KFOR celebrated the 55th Anniversary of Moroccan Armed Forces at the camp "Marechal de latter de Tassigny" located in Novo Selo. It was founded by the late King Mohamed V in 1956. The ceremony was attended by distinguished civilian and military guests. Based in Novo Selo since 1999, the Moroccan contingent started not only with a military contribution to KFOR but also with a medical aid operation, located in Mitrovica, in order to address the challenges of the suffering Kosovo population.

The ceremony was presided over by Brigadier General Wilton S. Gorske, Chief of Staff HQ KFOR. After the inspection, Lieutenant Colonel Khalid Lkhiel, the Commander of Moroccan contingent, read the order of the day of the king of Morocco, His Majesty Mohamed VI, Commander in chief and chief of staff of the Royal armed forces.

In his speech Lieutenant Colonel Khalid Lkhiel traced the history of the Royal Armed Forces and focused on its devotion to peace keeping operation all over the world and in accordance with the international law. "In conformity with the directives of His Majesty the King Mohamed VI the Royal Armed Forces participate also in peace keeping missions to bring relief to suffering populations". Brigadier General Gorske thanked the Moroccan soldiers for their devotion and professionalism which have epitomizing their presence within KFOR.

The ceremony was finished by a reception and a lunch, prepared according to the traditional Moroccan –style, in honor of the guests.

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