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Religious Leaders in Kosovo and Commander KFOR talked about Common Issues

The leaders of the three largest traditional communities in Kosovo, Grand Mufti Naim Ternava of the Muslim Community, Bishop of Raska and Prizren Teodsije of the Serb Orthodox Church, Bishop Dode Gjergji of the Roman Catholic Church and Commander KFOR, General Erhard Bühler, came together in the Gorenje Hotel in Pristina on Saturday, 16th of July 2011, to talk informally about issues of common interest.

The leaders discussed how to maintain and to further improve religious values, mutual respect of the religious communities and a culture of tolerance and peace. General Bühler expressed his pleasure about the talks which mirror the spirit of reconciliation in the Kosovan society.

Although informal he assessed the meeting as historical and as a gateway to a future in which all ethnic and religious differences will be overcome. He hopes and is optimistic that further talks might be arranged.

The Commander offered his help for such important events which are in the interest of KFOR and its mission for peace. There was a friendly atmosphere of mutual sympathy and tolerance between the participants of the meeting.

Attached you find a photo with the Religious Leaders and General Bühler for your article/broadcast. From left to right General Erhard Bühler, Bishop Teodsije, Grand Mufti Naim Ternava, and Bishop Dode Gjergji.