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KFOR removes three road blocks between Zupce and Zubin Potok

On order of Commander KFOR, General Erhard Bühler, KFOR units today, 1st of August 2011, in the early morning hours, removed three road blocks on the main road between Mitrovica and Zubin Potok in the area of Zupce.

The operation was conducted swiftly and successfully. There was no resistance at the road blocks of which one consisted of gravel, stones and sand and two of trunks and poles.

As there was the threat of criminal snipers and armed resistance by radical elements equipped with rifles, pistols or explosives a sufficient force of armoured infantry was in the area, ready to adequately answer any challenge which might have occurred.

Together with yesterdays (31st of July 2011) operation to clear the secondary road in the area Prelaz/Cabra the measures taken today further improved the Freedom of Movement in the Zubin Potok area. Now there is access to the Boundary Crossing Point at Bernjak/Brnjak (DOG 31) re-established.

KFOR calls on all peaceful citizens in Zubin Potok to resist radical and criminal elements and to give up the last two road blocks which still hinder the traffic in the town. These useless road blocks isolate the honest people from the outside. Because of the radical's action local municipality authorities and radicals prevent food and medicament supplies to be transported into the town. They will be made responsible for any casualties.

The present situation in the North of Kosovo is calm but tense. KFOR soldiers are still deployed at the main gates where cars and buses are allowed to pass after thorough identity and security checks. Heavy vehicles are still blocked because of security measures. There is still the threat that radicals attack the Crossing Points like they did at Gate 1 last week.

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Commander KFOR expects that citizens in all parts of Kosovo stay calm and peaceful and rely on the measures taken by KFOR and EULEX and on political solutions of the present situation.

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