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Transfer of Toxic Industrial Material Sites Inspection Capabilities from KFOR to MESP and MKSF

On Friday the 5th of August 2011, the signing ceremony for the official transfer of competencies for the inspection of Toxic Industrial Material (TIM) Sites, from KFOR to the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning and Ministry for Kosovo Security Force, will take place at the Pristina Regional Water Company in the vicinity of **Maticane**.

Until now, the inspection of industrial toxic material throughout Kosovo has been a primary responsibility for KFOR experts, utilizing the experience and knowledge from a number of troop contributing nations. After a prolonged period of training and mentoring of KSF personnel in the handling of hazardous materials, KSF has reached a level of proficiency to allow the Government of Kosovo to take responsibility for the majority of this process. KFOR will still retain responsibility for the 23 most significant sites for the time being.

Commander KFOR, Major General Erhard BÜHLER, will attend the ceremony together with high representatives from the Kosovo Government.

A **press point** will be offered at the **Pristina Regional Water Company** on the **5th of August 2011** starting at **12:00 hours**.



*Transport to the Event-area will be offered to journalists. A bus will wait for you at Newborn Place, downtown PRISTINA, until **11:00 hours** for transfer to the Pristina Regional Water Company.*

Media representatives should confirm their attendance by **sending an email with copies of their ID-cards to KFOR-NATO Media Information Center (NMIC) paonmic@hq.kfor.nato.int, not later than Friday the 5th of August 2011 by 10.00 hours.**