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### **Constructive meeting in the North**

COMKFOR Major General Erhard Drews has met today the representatives of Mitrovica-North, Zvecan, Zubin Potok and Leposavic to exchange views on the current situation in the north of Kosovo and to find solutions for the removal of the roadblocks that are hampering freedom of movement for everyone, including KFOR.

The meeting has been held in a very constructive atmosphere. Both sides recognized the right of freedom of movement for the population as well as for KFOR, EULEX and others.

However, no concrete results were achieved with regard to the roadblock removal. COMKFOR informed the representatives of the northern municipalities that he intends to start supplying KFOR troops at Gate 1 (Jarinje), Dog 31 (Brnjak) and Camp Nothing by road starting on Monday.

COMKFOR expects unconditional and permanent access to these official installations in accordance with the mandate of KFOR. If the local population has not had the opportunity to open the roadblocks this weekend, KFOR will do so on Monday, in a peaceful manner, to facilitate the passage of the convoy by engineer vehicles.

KFOR's mission is to maintain a safe and secure environment as well as freedom of movement for all the people in Kosovo from all communities. KFOR will continue to do so firmly, carefully and impartially, in full compliance with our United Nations mandate.

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