



# PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

## Media Advisory

### **Closure of bypass DOG 16** **KFOR contributes to a Safe and Secure Environment** **Update 16 JUN 2012 1230B**

KFOR this morning successfully completed its operation physically closing the bypass DOG 16 in the vicinity of BRNJAK. This operation was conducted in order to contribute towards a safe and secure environment by preventing unauthorized movements across the Administrative Boundary Line.

KFOR efforts are currently focused on engaging in dialogue with representatives of the local inhabitants, while at the same time appealing for any protests, to remain calm and peaceful without hindering freedom of movement.

The closure of the bypass permits KFOR troops to concentrate on the conduct of tasks central to their core mission of contributing towards a safe and secure environment. Furthermore, KFOR combats the unacceptable intimidation of the local people who have been pressurized financially against the use of the authorized crossing point, whose use now achieves a normalization of the situation for them.

KFOR cannot confirm reports discussing injuries received by a civilian when KFOR troops fired three (3) rubber bullets into the air, to discourage protestors from climbing onto KFOR vehicles at TERMOHI, but can state that the overall the situation remains calm.

We urge all parties to avoid unilateral moves, inflammatory statements or violent acts.