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ABBREVIATIONS

1. MKSF- Ministry for the Kosovo Security Force
2. KSF- Kosovo Security Force
3. LFC- Land Forces Command
4. CIMIC- Civil – Military Cooperation
5. GCMP- Governmental Commission on Missing Persons
6. KFOR- Kosovo Force
7. NGO- Non-Governmental Organisation
8. KEK (KEC) - Kosovo Energy Corporation
9. RTK- Radio Television of Kosovo
10. AUK- American University in Kosovo
11. ICITAP- International Crime Investigative Training Assistance Program
12. NAT- Advising Team of the NATO
The KSF always ready for the cooperation with citizens

Alongside the development of the numerous activities that the KSF has realized over the years, the Department of the Civil - Military Cooperation in the MKSF, constantly is compiling strategic and operational documents. Harmonization of the strategic objectives to the MKSF, based on the highest western standards, especially those of NATO, is a priority of Ministry for Kosovo Security Force in order that the KSF be transformed into successful model for the strategic integration in the mechanisms of the security. The Civil-Military Cooperation will be promoted more and more by offering more capacities and will of the Force for building a sustainable cooperation and institutional trust and with the population as well. Faith, impartiality and professional approach of the KSF members, operating in CIMIC activities, has made this work to be very highly appreciated and valued by all. The CIMIC has been, is and will be the main opened door of the KSF for the population, institutions and civil society, offering its potentials in the service of all of them.
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The agreements of the cooperation with institutions

Ministry for the Kosovo Security Force has reached Cooperation Agreements with the central institutions, municipalities, agencies, public and private universities, etc.


Local Institutions - municipalities: Prishtina, Prizren, Malisheva, Drenas, Rahovec, Junik, Ferizaj, Lipjan, Gjilan, Hani i Elezit, Vitia, Kllokoti, Suhareka, Peja, Gjakova.

Agency: Agency for the Data Protection, Energy Corporation of Kosovo, the Kosovo Intelligence Agency, the Red Cross of Kosova, Kosovo Railways, Post and Telecom of Kosovo, the company “Arda Rei” Prishtina, municipal public company “Sportmarketing”.

Public education institutions: Public University “Hasan Prishtina” Prishtina, Public University of Prizren.

Private education institutions: Professional High School “TEMPULLI”, University College “VICTORY”, University College of Business, University College “FAMA” University College “AAB-RIINVEST”, University College “UBT”, University College “ILIRIA”, University College “Universum” (AUK), University College “Dardania”, College “Pjetër Budi”, Institute for Political Studies in Europe-ISPE, European Institute for Legal Studies and Public Administration “Juridika”, University College “Humanistika”.

THE KSF IN THE SERVICE OF THE COUNTRY
Excellent cooperation with the foreign partners

The period of stand up of the KSF had its challenges. Civil-Military Cooperation was part of the growing and building of operational and functional capabilities therefore, special attention was paid to this segment from our friends, the security structure as KFOR and other mechanisms of the NATO. Since the beginning, the Advisory Team of the NAT, appointed a senior advisor for the development and promotion of better performance to the CIMIC. Professional works together on their experiences during various missions were used to make marvelous our successful journey. NAT’s officers, advisors for civil - military issues, have given a great contribution in the development and functioning of the Department of Civil - Military Cooperation at the strategia level, operational and tactical one. Therefore, the results of the CIMIC which are results attributable not only to soldiers, officers and civilian leading staff of MKSF, they are also an integral part of the hard work of advisory and support officers of the KFOR and NAT, who were always with us.

The celebration of the Resistance Day - in honor of the glorious past

Under the auspices of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, the KSF on the occasion of falling of legendary heroic Commander of the KLA, Adem Jashari and Jashari family there has organized central event with the motto: We honor the history - build the future. Event will take place every year, in the barracks "Adem Jashari" in which participating state dignitaries as President, Speaker of Assembly, Prime Minister, and representatives of the Jashari family and leaders of political and military institutions of Kosovo.
The KSF with its capabilities has provided assistance and support, not only inside but also outside of the country. This is the best indicator in evaluating the initial capabilities that the KSF has achieved. In the beginning of the month January 2010, starting from the official request of the Republic of Albania, Ministry of the Security Force has deployed search and rescue units during floods in Shkodra to help out Albanian authorities and the civilian population. This step of the KSF, had the support needed by all local and international factors due to that the Albania was facing the biggest flood in its history. Discipline, commitment and professionalism of the members of the KSF, who were involved in this humanitarian mission abroad was a great work, which was highly praised by the highest authorities of the Albanian state and population of Shkodra with the surroundings, and international authorities in Kosovo and abroad. Along with the Emergency Armed Forces of the Albanian Army, the members of the KSF gave a great contribution by evacuating and saving residents of the district of Shkodra, who from the consequences of floodings that occurred remained trapped on the upper floors houses and on the roofs of houses. The situation created by the great flood, created the need for the distribution of humanitarian aid to the residents of those localities. The KSF members managed well with this situation, becoming good example in systematization and sharing of humanitarian aid for displaced residents from their homes.
The cooperation with governmental institutions

The KSF has worked closely with governmental institutions as follows:
- Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development
- Ministry of Infrastructure
- Ministry of Internal Affairs
- Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning
- Ministry of Diaspora
- Governmental Commission on Missing Persons
- Municipalities of the Republic of Kosovo

The cooperation with non-governmental institutions

The KSF for the realization of its projects has also cooperated with non-governmental institutions as:
- ICITAP
- EULEX
- Village SOS
- Sindrom Down Kosova
- Let's do it Kosova
- Muscular Dystrophy
- International Red Cross
- Red Cross of Kosovo

The supporting of the KSF from governmental and non-governmental institutions for the realization of these projects is the best indicator of transparency and trust that the KSF has built in relation to the citizens and institutions of the Republic of Kosovo.
Harsh winter, with heavy snowfall that used to be past few years caused closing of of many roads and consequently many different villages and mountain and non-mountain locations remained isolated. Seeing this emergency situation, the KSF lifted the state of readiness to provide concrete help in unblocking these villages' roads. For many families and villages trapped by heavy snow, machinery of the KSF and its members were their hope and salvation. The noisy of bulldozers, excavators and trucks for removal of snow along with the soldier's shovels who demonstrated a commitment to the country and citizens was the key leitmotif of those difficult days.
Due to heavy snowfall and avalanches subsidence, which fell in the village of Restelica, some people found death in this village. The KSF, immediately, have been committed in the operation for providing assistance to the citizens of this area, the search and rescue operation for the persons covered by deadly avalanche. As a result of the work of members of the KSF, the local community, the Kosovo Police and other actors involved in this operation, it was possible to get out a living, Amsera Reka, 5 years old, the only daughter of the family Reka, who survived the alive by avalanche snow.
The teams of the Search and Rescue of the KSF during the floods

After major floodings as a result of the melting snow and continuously heavy rain there used to have major floodings of a considerable number of homes in the Municipality of Klina, Gjakova, Peja and Skenderaj. In the rescue of citizens immediately intervened specialized teams of the KSF, with motorboat, who were close to and with citizens affected by the floods. Their evacuation to safe places, like the distribution of aid, or medical care to them, was made through the help of generous teams to the KSF.

The teams of the search and rescue seeking for the missing persons in waters

There are numerous cases of activation of the Search and Rescue Unit in water. Investigation and search for people at risk or lost in big waters, rain or calm, is a task that only a few can performed in Kosovo therefore frequently activation of this unit into real operations is the first and the last opportunity for these kind of events. The successes of the KSF in this field are impressive. The Search and rescue operations are also risks to the members of the force itself. They are exposed to very complex situations, but their success in all operations shows the best about discipline, dedication and willingness in performing its tasks by them.
Firefighting operations

The Unit of the Firefighting of the KSF, structured at the Civil Protection Regiment in Pomozotin is always ready depending emergency requirements arising under the supports for fire crews in municipalities, reacts timely and in professionally manner. This unit has operated in many locations in Kosovo, preventing and extinguishing fires in the mountains and many other places which were often at national scale. The mobilization of this unit for extinguishing fires in Sharr Mountains in the Municipality of Dragash is the biggest operation that is more complex and realized with the support of the Emergency Management Agency.
The opening and construction of the roads

Kosovo Security Force (KSF), since its establishment, especially after the declaration of initial operational capabilities, through the Department for the Civil-Military Relations (CIMIC) has paid attention to implementation and support requirements of the citizens in Kosovo, governmental and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), local and international agencies, in order to respond to the various crises in the Republic of Kosovo and cooperation with all its municipalities. The KSF’s mission is to be always close to the needs of citizens, especially in emergency situations, and to better fulfill its mission; it needs the willingness of citizens to cooperate. The KSF has implemented many projects in the service of all citizens in Kosovo, regardless of ethnic, religious and regional background. Opening, construction and repairing of the roads, there were more numerous demands of citizens throughout the territory of the Republic of Kosovo, especially in mountainous areas, where there are lacking the basic conditions for the living. That was our focus. Building of the mutual trust, prompted the KSF, in cooperation with citizens and municipalities in Kosovo, establish, build and refit 17 different rural roads (over 70 kilometers) in different parts of the country. Commitment, discipline and greater professionalization of the engineers of the KSF has made that our work is highly valued by all. The “opening-paving, filling and repairing of the road in Junik” was conducted in cooperation with the Municipality of Junik and community. This was a fairly large project with a high cost and extraordinary commitment, but also benefits of the community and the municipality of this project are also great, as residents of this area (zone), except that it will have an easier access to homes and their properties, for them is opened a good opportunity to promote the development of mountain tourism. This project is realized by the date: 06.06.2012 until 05.12.2012. The rehabilitation of the road in the village Turuqicë in the Municipality of Podujeva. This project has been carried out since 11.04 up to 25.05.2012. Project has been realized by the engineering team of the KSF in cooperation with the American ICITAP.
The projects of the KSF for the opening, construction and repairing of the roads that do not end with these presented above, because they are numerous. We are counting only some of them. Starting from 2010, the KSF together with the Municipality of Peja, the USA Embassy and the community, has built the sidewalk for the students and passersby in the village of Raushiq. Whereas with the project of construction and repairing of the road in Zallq, Municipality of Istog have benefited citizens of the Serbian community. The project of the opening and fixing of the road Burrrnik-Kashtanjove-Stanet of Greme, the Municipality of Ferizaj etc. This project was carried out in cooperation with the Italian KFOR and community. Initially this project was started to be realized by KFOR, but in the absence of the engineering tools, KFOR has sought the help of the KSF for the completion of this project.

The KSF has adjusted, expanded with the gravel 18 roads with total of 70.5 km, as in:

- Stanet e Gremës-Ferizaj
- Junik
- Hani i Elezit
- Turuqicë
- Zallq
- Drenas
- Buricë
The construction of the mounting bridge in Kramovik

The specialised teams of the KSF's engineers, for the construction of the bridges are demonstrating that they are capable, to be faced with real emergency situations. This was demonstrated in the case of the construction of the mounting bridge, the River Drin i Bardhë in Kramovik to the Municipality of Gjakova.

The engineers of the KSF, in cooperation with KFOR's engineering, successfully built the bridge before the time limit. Free movement of the vehicles on the bridge, demonstrates professionalism, willingness and commitment of the KSF towards the citizens. This bridge has a length of 55 meters, width 5 meters, and holds weight up to 30 tons.
The lifting up (building) of the bridge to the Monastery of Deçan

The construction of the bridge at the Monastery of Deçan proves that the merge of the will and good opportunities for the cooperation, not only connecting two coastlines on the river, but the concepts of the social contrasting mentalities views. Admission kindness and hospitality with members of the KSF, by religious leaders to the Monastery of Deçan, testified (evidenced) that the physical bridge built in cooperation with the KSF and KFOR and donors from the Swedish government, was more than the bridge. The effects of the professional and tireless work of the engineers, the KSF enable a free and safe passage of the personnel of Monastery, across the river, and increase mutual trust, serving to all regardless religion or ethnicity.

- The mounting of the mobile bridge in Kramovik
- The construction of the bridge in Vërbovc of Drenas
- The construction of the pedestrian bridge to the Monastery of Deçan
The construction and refurbishing of the houses for the poor families

Persons in need, the homeless and those with difficult material conditions, have addressed their requests for assistance in the KSF. The KSF in cooperation with other donors has built houses and roofs for some families in need. The gladness and thanksgiving of the citizens who benefited from these construction's projects, was great, thus expressing a special admiration and respect for the Kosovo Security Force and its members.

- The construction of the Mouse in the village Dragolevc of Istog
- The construction of the house's roof in Javor of Suhareka
- The reconstruction of the nursery in Prishtina
Medical assistance for the communities

Bee, symbol-emblem that these boys, men, girls and women hold on arm shows the hard work and the value that they do. Since the establishment, the KSF has conducted health examinations, providing essential drugs for the medical assistance for the Serb community in the villages of the Municipality of Istog and Klina. Their professional work is appreciated by Serb local residents, who for a long time accept free various health services. The presence of the medical personnel of the KSF (every week), encourage Serbs for a comfortable stay in their places and to facilitate their integration possibility with the Albanian majority in those areas.
Voluntary blood donation for the National Center of the Blood Transfusion

A dose of blood, save a life! The project of the voluntary blood donation has become a routine activity for the members of the KSF. Hundreds of thousands doses of blood have been collected by members of the KSF, during these years, there are the best evidence of sense, not only human, but also a rare solidarity with people in need. “With the KSF, we have a reserve of gold,” say the leaders of the National Blood Transfusion.

The actions of the regular blood donation by the KSF have been organized at the top of the summer, when the institution considers that mostly needs blood. The other actions of the blood donation (which are not few) ever organized according to the requirements of the National Center for the Blood Transfusion.

To the voluntary action of the blood donation, there are responded always in large numbers, from the privates to the general, even civil and political staff of the MKSF and the KSF never got separated.
Environmental projects

Department of the Civil-Military Cooperation, in cooperation with other ministries, such as Ministry of Environmental Protection and Spatial Planning, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, and in cooperation with the municipalities of Kosovo, organizes various activities for the celebration of the environmental days such as “Earth Day”, “Environment Day”, “Water Day” etc. The participation of the KSF in these activities, projects, participation was not symbolic, but with commitment of our units in these activities, we conveyed not only the message of awareness for the environment around us, but the performance of concrete works too much valuable for our citizens.
**Afforestation**

The KSF in cooperation with the Agency of the Forestry, municipalities, students and citizens, on the occasion of the celebration of the “Earth Day”, have made afforestation of several dozen acres wooded land bare and degraded environments. The afforestation is done in harmony with the needs of the citizens and based on planning from the Agency of the Forestry and municipalities. The KSF along with students and citizens has planted thousands of trees, such as pine, etc.
**Humanitarian project for the opening of the ditch in Plemetin**

The demand from the community for this project, concerned with the need of opening and cleaning of this ditch closed, which pervaded vicinity of the village always causing flooding and extensive damages to the residents of this locality.

The KSF opened the ditch, which now provides water flow smoothly and avoided the possibility of flooding during autumn, winter and early spring.

The beneficiaries of this project are the residents of the village Plemetin, where the majority of them belong to the Serb community.

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**The cleaning of the rivers, lakes and other ditches**

The degradation of the rivers and filling with garbage of the lakes and other places attractive for the citizens has been the cause that KSF has carried out various projects for cleaning and its running. The KSF was there giving a great contribution in cleaning of the Lake Batllava, where has collected and removed tons of garbage from the whole lake and its surroundings. For these activities, the KSF has committed hundreds of personnel and machinery necessary for the collection and transport of such waste. Also, the KSF always responded to other initiatives by institutions and environmental NGOs, providing a major contribution to the preservation and cultivation of a clean environment around us.

- River Janjevka in Lipjan
- River Sitnica in Obiliq (Kastriot)
- The cleaning of the Camp in Plemetin
- Lake of Batllava in Podujevë (Besianë)

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Governmental project for the missing persons

The commitment of the KSF in the project of Zhilivoda in Vushtrri in search of the mortal remains, a project of the Government of Kosovo and EULEX, testified the professionalism of the Engineering unit and institutional seriousness that the KSF has achieved. The work of the KSF was rated very high marks from all relevant stakeholders involved in this project. The complexity and sensitivity of the project increased the KSF image as a professional and credible force. Besides this project, which lasted three years (2010-2013), the KSF has supported the Government Commission for the Missing Persons and EULEX, in some other projects.

The KSF has supported these projects with engineering tools, in the exploration for the mortal remains as in:
- Zhilivodë – Vushtrri
- Pejë
- Lubizhdë – Prizren
- Livoq – Gjilan

The KSF in the supporting of the governmental projects

The nature of some projects at the national level, such as demining operations, atomic-biological-chemical protection, urban, mountain, water search and rescue, etc., make specific the commitments of the KSF as well. Inspection, maintenance and removal or elimination of various chemical substances is task performed by members of the Company for the Atomic-Biological-Chemical Protection. The benefits that citizens and institutions ranging from local to central level are very large. Apart from routine inspections, this unit also intervenes on the basis of requests from institutions and citizens.
The supporting of the KSF for the educational and pre-educational institutions

Most enjoyable, however, there are the numerous visits of students, children and teachers in barracks and facilities to the KSF. Throughout the year KSF kindly accepts numerous requests for visits by students and teachers of the schools throughout Kosovo. Showing love to the students and other visitors to the premises of the KSF, makes us feel good, motivated us to continue our work with the zeal and devotion. Visits are organized and implemented in all KSF barracks, depending on the interest and demand of schools and other educational institutions and civil society.

The lectures on the awareness for the students from the risk of mines and other unexploded ordnance

The lectures on the awareness of the students from the risk of mines and other unexploded ordnance, there were kept on schedule with education departments in municipalities. In addition to lectures according to the planning of the CIMIC, EOD teams also responded to occasional requests to schools and other educational institutions. The KSF also uses open days listed as to the facilities as well as to the barracks of the KSF and outside buildings, in order to teach its members to provide for the citizens with knowledge concerning the form of the explosives and the risk that these means bear. During the year of 2011, in the cooperation with the Office of the Communities at the MKSF, the lecturers of the KSF held the lectures on the awareness of the students about the risk of mines and unexploded ordnance in schools of the Bosnian and Serb community.
The lectures for the pyrotechnics tools

This project was carried out in cooperation with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and American ICITAP. The need of the lecture, especially for the students from lower secondary schools, is a very important project, because the pyrotechnics are more and more present in our environment, especially in the year-end holiday season. These lectures are welcomed by all students, teachers and parents, because students are having the opportunity to be informed in detail about the risks and consequences that can have the use of these tools.
The Rehabilitation of the “House of the Mother and Child Care” in Prishtina

The rehabilitation and painting of the House for the Maternal and Child Care has been carried out in cooperation with the Office of Defense Cooperation at the US Embassy in Prishtina, which provided finances for the material that was used in the refurbishing, while engineers of the KSF performs professional work.

The requirements of the different schools and kindergartens that have reached to the Department of the CIMIC, have been a priority in the evaluation and processing, always based on the objectives and recommendations of the top leadership of the MKSF and the KSF. These requirements mainly dealt with landscaping and sports fields, which enables to pupils and teachers a normal performing of the educational activities.
The Supporting for the various governmental and non-governmental institutions

We have supported the governmental and non-governmental organizations in total realised 51 activities, in cooperation with various local and international personnel, equipment, transportation, tents, medical teams, etc. In the following, we will mention some of them.

The supporting for the persons with disabilities

Sensitivity and respect for this category of society has made the KSF to be positively responding to all requests that are addressed to our institution. There are dozens of different support that the KSF has provided to persons and organizations with disability skills.
The distribution of the gifts for the children of martyrs, invalids and veterans of the KLA, as well as to the poor children

On the occasion of the holiday season, the Kosovo Security Force thinks about all those children who are not able to rejoice this holiday somehow. Gifts distributed on the occasion of the New Year's holiday, though few in number, are of special value to all children who look forward to this holiday. Thanks to the collection of money in voluntarily by officials of the Ministry of the KSF and all members of the KSF, symbolic gifts were purchased in order that for a few moments at least to make these children feel happy.

Sports activities

The Kosovo Security Force organizes sports competitions within its units, including running, gymnastics, football game, basketball etc. In this area the KSF has close cooperation with KFOR, EULEX, and Kosovo Police etc. In the frame of these sports activities the KSF has won the first place in the match developed in the big football that was held in Prishtina Stadium.