



## MKSF Newsletter

May, 2018

**Dear all,**

Ministry for Kosovo Security Force as a governmental body keeps developing good relations with counterpart Ministries of regional countries, NATO member countries as well with many other partner states.

We feel good and honored having exchanges and activities, both protocol, training and operational ones.

I can say that in the course of this was the meeting I had with the Commissioner for Official Languages in the state of Canada, Mr. Raymond Theberge, where also the Commander of the KSF, Lieutenant General Rahman Rama attended.

Along with the Commander of the KSF, Lieutenant General Rahman Rama, we also received the Deputy Chief of Staff of United States Army Command Europe Policies and Plans, Brigadier General Michael Turello.

At the Ministry for a visit, I have also, received a senior delegation from the French state headed by Ambassador Didier Chabert.

The search and rescue operation of the Kosovo Security Force in search of two troops of Kosovo Police officers ended with finding of bodies in the Lepenc River, after two weeks of uninterrupted search. During my visit to the operation, I saw a professionalism and dedication of members of the KSF as well as a co-ordination of the institutions and agencies involved in the search and rescue operation, started at the end of April and completed at the beginning of May of this year.

During the month of May has been conducted the international field exercise "Eagle 6", in Kastriot, Batllavë and Koliq. In this international exercise with a coded name "Eagle 6", which lasted for two weeks where took part 1167 militaries with over 147 vehicles of the Kosovo Security Force. Part of the exercise were Albania, IOWA (U.S) , United Kingdom , U.S Army for Europe, Turkey, Croatia , Macedonia, Montenegro, KFOR ,representatives of Security and Emergency of Kosovo, Kosovo Security Council, Kosovo s Police, Emergency Management Agency (EMA) and Kosovo Red Cross . I have paid a visit to the finally operations of the exercise together with COMKSF, U. S Ambassador and Commander of IOWA's National Guard. Whereas Commander of the KSF awarded certificates to representatives of the participating countries and distinguished individuals for their unsaved contribution and commitment for the successful running of this exercise.

Following the incidents in the northern part of Kosovo, where there have been molotov cocktails on property (car burning) from Serb community members - members of the KSF, the Ministry for the KSF and the KSF have reacted by qualifying them as criminal and punishable acts.

At the American University of Kosovo have graduated 15 cadets of the KSF University Study Center among of them 13 belong to the IV year generation "Generation 2018", whereas 2 cadets of III rd year , "Generation 2019" who successfully managed to complete exams –one year earlier. It is important to be mentioned fact that the cadet Premtim Shaqiri "Generation 2018" was decorated with a price "Highest Honors "on high academic achievements.

The Kosovo Security Force, namely the Battalion of Engineers, carried out works on the construction of the road in the village of Budisalc, inhabited mainly by Serb community. The works were conducted in cooperation with the Municipality of Klina, the Ministry of Communities and Returns, the IOM organization and support of the UK Embassy.

Sincerely

Rustem Berisha

**Minister of MKSF**

## Minister of KSF Rustem Berisha visited the KSF teams engaged in the SAR operation at the Lepenc River

Tuesday, 01 May 2018. The Minister of KSF Mr. Rustem Berisha visited the scene of the KSF members of the Rescue Service in Water and Mountains, who were conducting search operations for the two accident victims of the Kosovo Police, along the river Lepenc, from the location of the accident to the border with Macedonia.

On this occasion, the Minister of KSF Mr. Rustem Berisha stopped at three operational spots where KSF search and rescue units were operating. On this occasion, he has talked to them about the engagement and difficulties encountered during the search. On the fourth day of operation of the KSF 28 members from the Rescue Unit were engaged with relevant specialist equipment. In operation, members of the KSF were together with the units of the EMA (Emergency Management Agency),



rescue teams, both in waters and mountains. Search rescue members are doing a great job, our members are doing their best by checking the terrain step by step. We look forward to the results. We will continue to complete the operation successfully as it is foreseen. Indeed, this operation will continue even further. "

the special police unit and those of the Association of Mountaineers. The last unit of the KSF unit was operating in the northern area bordering Macedonia, moving over the course of the river. In front of the media, Mr. Berisha stated: It is a holiday day, the May 1st, our units continue the operation in search of the two police officers of the accident. We have come today to encourage our members to do their best, and we are very grateful for the good work and professional that all the teams are doing in the field. Today we have come up with the largest number of



## KEK donates three destroyed vehicles to the Search and Rescue Training Center

Friday, May 04, 2018. The Kosovo Energy Corporation (KEK) donated three (3) destroyed vehicles to the KSF Training and Rescue Center (QTKSH) in Pomozotin. This donation was assisted by Dr.sc. Adil Januzi, Executive Director of the Coal Production Division at KEK.



The Director of SATC concerning this donation stated: "I cannot emphasize enough the value of this donation. My training team and I are always engaged in looking for new and creative methods to provide the best experience for our students. For some people, these vehicles can be considered as garbage, but for us these kind of destroyed vehicles are very important because they open up the opportunity to develop new scenarios and experiences for our students who are being trained in search - urban, mountainous and water. These scenarios include natural catastrophes such as

earthquakes, floods and destruction by people themselves, such as demolition of buildings, industrial accidents and many other incidents. KEK has always been a strong support to the KSF even before the SATC opened. Concretely, in September 2016, KEK has provided engineering assistance and expertise for the movement of three (3) train wagons, donated by Trainkos, from Fushe Kosova to Pomozatin. This task included a team of KEK employees who had worked throughout the weekend until late evenings. "

The Search- Rescue Training Center is growing every day, becoming a key exercise point not only for the KSF but also for other partner organizations such as KFOR.



## Conference on commencing of "Eagle 6" KSF international field exercise

Friday, 04 May 2018. At the media conference held in the barracks "Adem Jashari" in Pristina, for the field exercise "Eagle 6", which took place from 4 to 11 May, spoke the field director of the field exercise "Eagle 6 "

Brigadier General Naim Haziri, Secretary of the Kosovo Security Council Shpend Tërdeva and representative from the National Guard of Iowa, Colonel Justin Wagner.



The conference aimed at informing citizens and media about joint activities with partners. In these activities, the Kosovo Security Force units will develop tactical field operations (Pristina, Obiliq, Podujeva, Gjilan, Novobërd) with their existing capabilities and testing as well as cooperation and interaction with local security and emergency agencies and partners.

In his speech, Brigadier General Director of Field exercise Naim Haziri said that "it is a great luck that in addition to the security and emergency agencies of the Republic of Kosovo throughout the planning process of this exercise were also present partner countries. The purpose of this activity is to conduct field exercise at the KSF level with the participation of partners, both local and international, and to evaluate responsive capacities in complex emergency and security situations. For this exercise, the situation was designed in order to enable all participating agencies to test their response capacities within their constitutional mission of the Republic of Kosovo and the support of partners in the function of field troops".

Representative of partner countries participating in this exercise, Colonel Justin Wagner of Iowa-US said that "this year is a historic and special year for this exercise and it is the first time the Kosovo Security Force is welcoming a field exercise of this size together with the specialized military teams of 8 partner countries. We have an active role as a National Guard to represent international partners during this exercise. They will serve in the Military Police, medical staff, engineering, civil-military co-operation team, motor units, public affairs, as well as observer / controllers and assessors of the exercise. This is really a special training opportunity for this group to be with the international group working together with our KSF partners and also with other participants from Kosovo's institutional agencies. "

Representatives from Albania, Iowa, United Kingdom, American Army for Europe, Turkey, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro KFOR, Kosovo Security and Emergency Agency Representatives, the Security Council of Kosovo, Kosovo Police, Agency for Emergency Management (AME) and Kosovo Red Cross.

## Minister of KSF, Rrustem Berisha, hosted Raymond Th  berge, Commissioner for Official Languages in Canada

Minister of KSF, Rrustem Berisha escorted by Commander of the KSF ,Lt. Gen.Rahman Rama, hosted Mr. Raymond Th  berge, Commissioner for Official Languages in Canada who was escorted by Canada`s Ambassador for Croatian and Kosovo, Mr. Daniel Maksymiuk.



Due to both parties wish for cooperation, Minister Berisha presented areas of interest for cooperation between two Ministries, MKSF and Ministry of Defense of Canada. In addition to existing areas this cooperation to be much more focused in the training area , community affairs and support to be

integrated to security organizations and peace missions there where the KSF has proven its capabilities

On his side , Mr. Raymond Th  berge, Commissioner on Official Languages in Canada expressed congratulation on the KSF achievements in the area of non- majority community integration due to the



fact that the KSF has started to have support in the north. He mentioned the fact that the KSF represents and reflects scale of diversity of communities who live in Kosovo. He expressed convinced that the Canadian model will be useful even to Kosovo`s reality expressing personally readiness to contribute in this direction. He also highly appreciated the degree of cooperation so far between the Canadian Defense Ministry and MKSF.

## Minister Berisha and Commander Rama visited post-command of the field exercise „Eagle 6”

Monday, 07 May 2018. Minister for Kosovo Security Force (MKSF), Rustem Berisha together with Commander of the Kosovo Security Force (KSF), Lt.Gen. Rahman Rama visited post-command of the international field exercise in the village Koliq of Pristina, where are deployed the KSF members together with members of the partner armies in order to conduct the field exercise „Shqiponja 6”, the first international exercise.

At the forward command placed in village Koliq, where were represented all Units of the field international exercise „Shqiponja 6”, Commander of Rapid Reaction Brigade (RRB), GB. Fadil Hadergjonaj briefed to audience on the exercise and participating Units.

During visit Minister Berisha and General Rama were informed by



Director of the Field exercise, BG.Naim Haziri, with intention, objectives scenario of the field exercise and activities projected to be developed together with partner countries armies, Kosovo Police, Agency for Emergency Management and Kosovo's Red Cross.

At the front Operational Command, today were staying, also Generals and Officers of the KSF, partner countries, generals and officers of the KSF, Accredited Attaché as well senior officials of the Presidency and security agency.

Part of this exercise, for the first time were Units and their representatives of

the countries such as: Albania, IOWA's National Guard, and U.S Army For Europe, United Kingdom, Turkey, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro and KFOR, representatives of Security and Emergency Agency of Kosovo, Kosovo's Security Council, Kosovo's Police Agency for Management of Emergency and Kosovo's Red Cross

The KSF field exercise “Eagle 6” despite exercises projected in village Koliq, is going on activities, also in Pristine, Obiliq, Podujevë, Novobërdë and Gjilan. The field exercise „Shqiponja 6” has started on 4th of May and ended 11th of May 2018.

### General Cikaqi visited the KSF members during training in Germany

Tuesday, 08th May 2018. Commander of Land Force Command (LFC), BG. Enver Cikaqi closely has visited the exercise operation “Combined Resolve X”, where are



participating 15 more members of the KSF in the Distinguished Visitor Day, in addition to other international dignitaries in Germany. During this visit, LFC Commander used to have meetings with many representatives of membership countries of NATO with whom he discussed creation of possibilities on exchanging of experiences in frame of bilateral cooperation.

The exercise “Combined Resolve X” is being conducted from U.S Army for Europe (USAREUR) at the U.S base in Grafenwehr of Germany. The KSF in this exercise is taking



part with a contingent of 15 members. Objective and



focus of this exercise is interoperability of all participants from NATO Army and other Allies for understanding operational and common procedures.

This Multi Unified Land Operation led by Staff Department of the USA to train the regional assigned Force, at the brigade level, in support to objectives of U.S Command for Europe for cooperation and security, building of readiness with NATO allies and partners.

### Commander of Doctrine and Training Command hosted the KFOR Commander

Tuesday, 08 May 2018 - Brigadier General Irfete Spahiu



hosted a visit to KFOR Commander, Major General Salvatore Cuoci, at the Doctrine and Training Command (TRADOC) of the Kosovo Security Force (KSF).

During this visit, the KFOR commander introduced the structure, the TRADOC mission and plans for the future. Also, KFOR Commander had the opportunity to visit and closely look at some of the facilities where trainings are organized in the TRADOC and also to get acquainted with the trainings offered at this center for members of the KSF.

During the joint meeting, General Cuoci commended the Commander of TRADOC General Spahiu for his promotion, and expressed his readiness for the continued support of the KSF and in particular the TRADOC

### **Minister and Commander of the KSF hosted Commander of IOWA's National Guard, Major General Timothy Orr**

Wednesday 09 May 2018. Minister of KSF , Rrustem Berisha today , hosted Commander of IOWA's National Guard , MG. Timothy Orr, who was accompanied by a broad delegation of civil and military staff from IOWA and Col. Jeffrey H. Fisher, Defense Attaché at U. S Embassy in Pristine.

Minister Berisha , on this occasion highly appreciated the extensive cooperation in frame of the existing partnership between MKSF and the IOWA's National Guard mentioning the archived KSF successes belong, also to you and of having a good cooperation with you. Minister Berisha emphasized the fact that KSF continues to be the most trusted security institution in the country, this credibility now has a positive trend for the Serb citizens of the north, has presented the result and success of the KSF in the integration of minority communities, in particular of the Serb community from the north of Kosovo. He also spoke about gender representation in the KSF, highlighting the fact that from March this year KSF for the first time has a woman with the rank of general.



On this occasion ,the Minister highly appreciated the participation of the members of the Iowa National Guard in the field exercise "Eagle -6", who have given their valuable contribution both in the preparation phase of the exercise and now in its execution, emphasizing the high degree of interoperability with members of the KSF.

Also the commander of the Iowa National Guard, Major General Timothy Orr had a separate meeting with the commander of the KSF, Lieutenant General Rrahman Rama, where was discussed about developments in the KSF, the preparation of the plans for transformation and the current challenges that this process has been having . The KSF Commander informed General Orr about the field exercises "Eagle 6" pointing out that he is doing well, for the KSF it is a success that for the first time we have such a large number of participating states. The topic of discussion was also the successful integration of the communities in the KSF, where, we, now have a success

story with the integration of the Serb community from the north of Kosovo, a fact that made us feel good. He also informed General Orr with results and conference "KSF and Partners" that was successful and had a greater number of participating states.

General Orr at the end of the meeting said that you as Minister and KSF have done the right things and in a timely manner, that this is the path of success to be followed by the KSF in the future.

### **Minister and commander of the KSF hosted Dep/Head of Policy and Plans of the U.S Army Joint Command to Europe BR. Michael Turello**

Friday, 11 May 2018. Minister of KSF ,Rrustem Berisha and Commander of the KSF , LTG. Rrahman Rama hosted (10.05 2018) at MKSF Dep/Head of Policy and Plans of the U.S Army Joint Command to Europe BR. Michael Turello who was accompanied by a broad military delegation.



Generali Turello is in charge to take part in the field

exercise "Shqiponja-6" from Commander of the U.S Army Joint Command to Europe.

Minister Berisha has thanked G.Turello for all assistance provided to Kosovo and especially to the KSF. On this occasion he informed G. Turello with the KSF achievements mentioning that the KSF for the fifth year in a row is rated as the most trusted institution of security into country by the nation, for the good rate of the non-majority community integration who currently reaches over 10 %, successful integration of the Serbian community especially of it in the north , good female representation 8% mentioning the fact that on March of this year we have the first female who hold the rank of General . Minister Berisha spoke for good cooperation level with neighboring countries and of the region, engagement to the Adriatic charter where Kosovo and the KSF aim to have status of membership with full rights. When cooperation is good and wider between regional countries and emergency situation could be easily coped.

On his side, General, Turello has congratulated Minister Berisha and the KSF for so far achievements. He pledged that the level of cooperation and assistance of U.S Army will continue in the future mentioning participation of Kosovo to regional mechanisms of security is vital for the region successes.

### **The KSF successfully completed field exercise "Eagle 6"**

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Friday, 11th May 2018. State and military leaders of Kosovo and partner countries visited final operations to the international exercise "Eagle 6", in Kastriot, Batllavë and



Koliq.

Primarily, at the briefing in Ministry, COMKSF, LTG. Rrahman Rama welcomed generals, officers of the partner countries and head of Kosovo's agencies in which case he thanked for cooperation, coordination and interoperability during planning and implementation of the field exercise "Shqiponja 6", the first exercise of this kind, executed by the KSF together with local agencies and partner armies of the various countries. On his side, Director of the field exercise "Shqiponja 6", BG.Naim Haziri explained objectives and scenario of the exercise of the biggest annual exercise of the KSF. General Haziri, informed about operational order, academic week, well-reception and embedded to the KSF Units, contingent of the partner countries, Unit dislocation, camp establishing, command of forward and planning as well activities for execution of this exercise.



Minister of KSF,  
Rrustem Berisha,  
U.S Ambassador,  
Greg Delawie,  
COMKSF, LTG.  
Rrahman Rama,  
IOWA Guard  
Commander,  
GM.Timothy Orr,  
Dep/Minister of  
Defense of



Macedonia, Mr. Bekim Maksuti, KSF Dep/Minister, Agim Çeku, Director of NALT for MKSF/KSF, BG. Ralf Hofman, U.S Attaché in Kosovo, Col. Jeffry Fischer, the KSF generals, Kosovo Police senior officers, Head of Kosovo Emergency Agency as well militaries from partner countries. Firstly visited Power Plant "Kosova A", seeing scenarios of emergency response and the dam of Batllava with a scenario suspicion for explosive ordnance and hazardous materials installed by criminal groups. At Batllava Dam where was demonstrated final operations, Minister of KSF, Berisha said; by this exercise is proven advanced success and high interoperability with partner countries and ready to contribute to the security environment in the country, region and wider.

Also, the KSF Commander, LTG.Rahman Rama highly assessed conduction of all exercise's activities expressing admiration for a cooperation and coordination of all activities in particularly interoperability while executing the exercise scenario. At the end, COMKSF, LTG.Rama said that the successes of the exercise is a prove that KSF is ready to take over new duties.

On his side, Ambassador of the U.S Greg Delawie stated: "United States of America are proud to work alongside Kosovo security force and together with six other states to organize this exercise". Further on, Delawie said: "Altogether 88 U. S militaries are included in they exercise execution" Shqiponja 6" during past two weeks. I am proud for the accomplished work from our soldiers together with our international partners". In the international field exercise "Shqiponja 6" in total were engaged; 1167 militaries with over 147 vehicles.



### COMKSF awarded certificates to the "Eagle 6" participants

Sat 12 May 2018. There is held a meeting for estimation of the field exercise "Shqiponja -6". Attended: COMKSF, LTG. Rahman Rama, LFC



Commander , MG. Enver Cikaqi,



MG.Gëzim Hazrolli, BG. Naim Haziri, Officers and NCOs from armies of the participant countries,

the KSF and Emergency Agencies. The meeting is headed by Director



of exercise Naim Haziri, who confirmed that the exercise was a successful one, projected objective are achieved without any injury or incident for participants. COMKSF, LTG. Rahman Rama, in his occasional speech upon completion of the field exercise "Shqiponja-6", highly appreciated participation of the countries by thanking them for their hard and professional participation and engagement. The achieved level in this exercise was a new scale of organizing and experience results of which encourages us for the future to have more countries be a part of it. In this way we growth cooperation and recognitions, trust among

friend armies and allies. We are pleased with results but there is a room to be better. The COMKSF awarded certificates to representatives of the



participating countries and distinguished individuals for

unsaved commitment and successful flow of this field exercise.



## The KSF presented achievements and challenges at conference, “Secured and Protected Kosovo”

Tuesday, 15 May 2018. At the environment of Kosovo's Government arranged by Prime Minister of Rep. of Kosovo , Mr. Ramush Haradinaj is held a meeting with topic: **“Secured and Protected Kosovo”**.

“Kosovo has filled its needed transformation to should decide for its Ramush Haradinaj security in overall with were presented In this meeting attendees be turned from an it in internal,



achieved level of development , full arguments for the KSF occur into Kosovo's army but path forward : the Prime Minister said in a meeting briefed on achievements and plans for security special mention to the KSF where accredited ambassadors in Kosovo. Prime Minister, Haradinaj in front of mentioned that Kosovo is ready to absorber of security to a provider of regional and global plan.

In a meeting “Secured and protected Kosovo” attended ambassadors accredited in Kosovo, Minister of KSF, Rustem Berisha, COMKSF, LTG. Rahman Rama, NALT Director, General Ralf Hoffmann, and other representatives of the security institutions in the country.



## At the American University graduated 15 cadets of the KSF University Study Center

Thursday, 17 May 2018. Yesterday, at AUK is held a graduation ceremony for students of this University. At the graduation ceremony attended Prime Minister of Rep. of Kosovo, Ramush Haradinaj, American General Wesley Clark, Pristina Mayor, Shpend Ahmeti, Commander of Kosovo Security Force , BG. Enver Cikaqi, TRADOC Commander , BG. Irfete Spahiu, as well many other guests.



In this ceremony, also graduated 15 cadets of the Center for University Studies of the Kosovo Security Force. On this occasion, retired American General Wesley Clark



delivered a lecture on cadets and leading staff of the Center for University Studies (QSU). In this lecture were present: Brigadier General Irefete Spahiu Commander of Doctrine and Training Command and AUK staff. At 14th ceremony of the KSF cadets at American University in Kosovo graduated 15 cadets of the KSF USC among of them 13 cadets belong to the year IV "Generation 2018", whereas 2 cadets of IIIrd year, "Generation 2019" who successfully managed to complete their exams –one year earlier. Cadet Premtim Shaqiri "Generation 2018" is decorated with a price "Highest Honors " for high academic achievements.

## Commander of the Kosovo Security Force, LTG. Rahman Rama stayed for a visit in U.S

Mon, 21st May 2018. Commander of KSF , LTG.Rahman Rama, accompanied by ambassador of Republic of Kosovo, Vlora Çitaku, Military Attaché in U. S, Col.Illir Qeriqi, U.S Military Attaché of the U. S in Pristina Col.Jeffrey H. Fisher as well IOWA National Guard, MG. Timothy Orr on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 took part at ceremony of 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of State partnership program of National Guard of IOWA where he was received by G. Joseph L. Lengyel, Commander of National Bureau at War College, National Defense University, Ft McNair, Washington DC.

General Rama thanked General Lengyel for outstanding partnership. He mentioned his last visit in Kosovo of over 100 citizens of IOWA from a lot of sections such as:



education, agriculture, small business, sport, army and security. Especially thanks were expressed for the contribution given to the field exercise "Shqiponja 6".

In frame of this visit, General Rama met with senior officials of the State Department, Mr. Matt Palmer and Assistant to Secretary of Defense, MS. Laura Copper



where was discussed on the latest developments of the KSF , security challenges in the region and the KSF transformation process into the KAF. General Rama notified on so far challenges of the KSF as a reliable and



inclusive Force, at the same time thanked them for so far cooperation.

Also, General Rama used to have a meeting at senate where he met with senator, Joni Ernst from IOWA. They talked about enlargement and intensification of the Inter-State Partnership. Also, General Rama met with Congressman Mike Turner from NATO Committee, thus they had a chance to talk about possible steps and processes linked to integration into regional and Euro Atlantic security structures as well informed on cooperation between the KSF and NATO.

General Rama had the opportunity and the honor to meet the guest of honor for this evening, Mrs. Dr. Heather Wilson highlighted the value of partnership and alliance with the United States of America, based on the Western and Euro-Atlantic orientations of Kosovo.

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General Rama and the Air Force Secretary also talked about the opportunity to improve cyber security in Kosovo through the support of the Air Force as the main area of the US Air Force mission. Specifically, he thanked him for the possibility of Kosovo's involvement to compete for the first time for a place (cadets) at the US Air Force Academy in 2019.



General Rama had the opportunity to visit the National Defense University, where for the first time, starting August this year, a member of the KSF and a KP member will attend this university. This cooperation will enable the professional development of security mechanisms in the country. Also, he paid a short visit to training Academy of Emergency services in Washington. The commander of the KSF during his stay in the US was interviewed by Voice of America, the National Guard media and the NBC journalist.

### Minister Berisha hosted a state delegation of France headed by Ambassador Chabert

Monday, 21 May 2018. Minister for Kosovo Security Force, Mr. Rrustem Berisha hosted for a meeting in Ministry a senior delegation of the French state headed by Ambassador, Mr. Didier Chabert.



On this occasion, Minister Berisha has thanked Ambassador Chabert for support that the France state

provided to Kosovo in many areas such as: politics, security, etc. starting from contribution of the France within KFOR and contribution to administration in other areas. Minister Berisha, also informed the French diplomat on developments in the security sector in Kosovo, non-majority community integration as well future plans.

Minister Berisha in particular highly appreciated commitment of the France for intensification of security cooperation with accreditation of first Defense attaché in Kosovo as well enduring commitment for promotion of relations in this area. On his side the French Ambassador in Kosovo, Mr. Didier Chabert congratulated Minister on achievements and cultivation of an enduring cooperation between two countries. The ambassador informed Minister Berisha on appointment of the Defense attaché and his accreditation in Kosovo, Col. Fabrice Duda, as well intensification of cooperation in the security area.

### At Rapid Reaction Brigade took place the "Competitive Wolf -2018" race



Friday, 25 May 2018. Today (25.05.2018) at barrack "NATO Soldiers" of Rapid Reaction Brigade in Istog is held ceremony for



announcement of the race scores **"Competitive Wolf -2018"**. The "Competitive Wolf " is a military skills race arranged by the Rapid Reaction brigade which is focused in six disciplines: running 3.2 km, grenade thrown, pushing of armored vehicle (Cobra), surveillance (Identification of military equipment, crossing of the mined area, crossing of the dangerous area etc. This is the fourth year in row that the RRB arranges this race in which participants took part a s team and compete as a joint troop. This year, altogether, were 13 teams with five members from the first battalion, second and the third battalion. Training and Doctrine Command, USC, American, Danish and Polish KFOR.

Attended Land Force Commander, BG. Enver Cikaqi, Commander of Rapid Reaction Brigade,BG. Fadil Hadergjonaj,

TRADOC Commander , BG.Irfete Spahiu,Chief of Staff of RRB LTC.Ejup Maqedonci, Battalions Commanders , Officer, and NCOs of the RRB and the KSF Units. At the end of race are selected three best teams which took the first places based on performance given by them in all disciplines of this race. The first place was taken by the second team of the Rapid Reaction brigade, the second place – the first team of the Rapid Reaction Brigade and the third place was taken by Polish KFOR. COMRRB awarded certificates for all participants of the race.

### LTG. Rahman Rama attended Conference of Chiefs of Defense in Germany

Friday 25 May 2018 – Commander of the Kosovo Security Force, LTG.Rahman Rama attended annual meeting of Chief of Defense in Wiesbaden of Germany. Attended: Chiefs of Defense of NATO membership countries and partner countries.



The annual conference of chiefs of defense arranged by U. S Army Command for Europe topic was war against violent extremist organizations.

In one of the session of this conference, also spoke the KSF Commander General who focused on inclusiveness approach of Kosovo in a war against violent extremist, its progress and prevention as well establishing of applicable legal base which regulates issue of Kosovo participation in foreigner wars.

General Rama during staying in Wiesbaden met with General Curtis M. Scaparrotti whom he thanked for the enduring support that the U. S Command for Europe is giving to Republic of Kosovo, region and Balkan in generally and especially in professional upgrading of the KSF. LTG.Rahman Rama , also had a chance to meet Chief of Defense and made talking on complexity and challenges of security in region as well exchanging view of points for contribution and commitment of each of them for creation and maintaining of peace and secured environment.

### **Attacks on the KSF members of the Serbian community in north are criminal and punitive acts**

Monday 28 May 2018. In the Friday evening and Saturday morning in the north part of Kosovo used to have attacks with Molotov cocktail to the property (vehicle burning) of families of the KSF members of Serbian community.

These criminal acts are conducted by criminal on purpose to frighten the KSF members by Serbian criminal and nationalist bodies in the north part who express hate and disagreement with integration, democratic development and consolidation of the Kosovo state.

Ministry of the KSF and the KSF strongly stand alongside its members who despite threatening and real damages of their property still continue to be part of the KSF and serve with dignity in full filling of their obligations as a KSF members.

Therefore, MKSF requires from state Kosovo's institution, Kosovo Police and KFOR seriously be engaged in application of rule of law, make protection of life and properties of the KSF members , to let them free in realization of their citizens and human rights to enjoy their choice for their life perspective.

Kosovo and its national and international bodies shall guarantee freedom and safety for all citizens regardless in which part of Kosovo, rights and freedoms of their citizens which are guaranteed by Constitution and laws in effect.

### **Brigadier General, Irfete Spahiu hosted for a meeting members of the Oversight Commission of the KSF**

Wednesday, 30 May 2018. Yesterday, at barrack „Skënderbeu” of Training and Doctrine Command of the KSF , BG.Irfete Spahiu, hosted for a meeting members of the Internal affairs Commission for Security and Oversight of the KSF, MR.Haxhi Shala, Rexhep Selimin, Shemsi Sylën, Xhelal Sfeqlën and Nurë Çekun.

The TRADOC Commander, BG.Irfete Spahiu and the TRADOC staff for group of parliamentary members



have prepared a briefing which was presented by chief of staff, LTC.Fadil Hoxha. During meeting was talked on the KSF achievements with special mentioning to the TRADOC training capabilities. Also, BG. Spahiu informed group of parliamentary members about flow of works and developments of the TRADOC, challenges that are to be copied during

this period of time as well, preparation for the processes through which KSF/TRADOC is going on and capabilities that TRADOC has for further plan of development and promotion of the TRADOC within its mandate.

Whereas group of parliament members expect interest to know much more about the TRADOC, trainings, existing capabilities, equipment they promised to be engaged in the KSF support with special attention to the important role of TRADOC in the development process of the KSF. General Spahiu has thanked members for the visit

and readiness to cooperate in the future within TRADOC mission.

## Inauguration of a road in Budisalc of Klina

Wednesday, 30 May 2018. The Kosovo Security Force continuously helped Kosovo population with projects which are conducted in cooperation with local and international organizations. Today is inaugurated road in Budisalc inhabited mainly with Serbian community whereas work are conducted by Engineering Battalion of the Kosovo security force in cooperation with Klina Municipality , Ministry for Community and returns ,IOM and support by UK Embassy.

The realization of such projects aims to facilitate the life and easier circulation of the citizens of Kosovo, while the realization of this project will facilitate the inhabitants of the village the circulation and the best access to Budisalc Monastery.

Attended: COMKSF, LTG. Rrahman Rama, UK Ambassador in Kosovo, Mr. Ruairi O'Connell, Mayor of Klina Zenun Elezaj, Director of CIMIC in MKSF ,Hajrush Kurtaj, IOM representatives, Ministry for Community and returns ,IOM and UK Embassy ,representatives of monastery of Budisalc, villagers and officers of the KFOR and the KSF.

