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## THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KLA EPOPEE (EPIC) WAS CELEBRATED AT "ADEM JASHARI" BARRACKS



The nationwide celebration, in honor of the 25th anniversary of the "KLA Epopee" on March 5, 6 and 7 and in memory of the death of the legendary Commander Adem Jashari, the Jashari Family and all the nation's martyrs who fell for freedom, was held in the "Adem Jashari" Barracks. At this event, KSF forces were reviewed by state leaders

including the President of the Republic of Kosovo, Vjosa Osmani, the Prime Minister Albin Kurti, the Speaker of the Assembly, Glauk Konjufca, the Minister of Defense, Armend Mehaj, Commander of the KSF, Lieutenant General Bashkim Jashari, ministers of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, senior officials of the Ministry of Interior, generals and senior military personnel of the KSF, as well as other local, international political, diplomatic and military authorities as well as citizens.

The President of the Republic of Kosovo, Vjosa Osmani, in her speech, emphasized that this freedom and this state bear the stamp of the legendary commander Adem Jashari, his family and the three thousand martyrs of the Kosovo Liberation Army and the thousands of fighters that we still have today.

While, Prime Minister Albin Kurti, in his speech, emphasized that the war raging in Prekaz encouraged the mobilization and unification of people around the Kosovo Liberation Army. These brave efforts managed to win the support of the NATO Alliance and especially





the USA, which then got involved in the war to deliver the final blow to Serbia and to liberate Kosovo in 1999.

Rifat Jashari, Head of Jashari's family, attended the ceremony "Epopée of the KLA", as a guest of honor was expressing respect for all the martyrs who fell for freedom. He said that he is proud that today he is in front of the Kosovo Army, which has been awaited for many generations.

## **MINISTER MEHAJ AND COMMANDER JASHARI PARTICIPATED IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DUKAGJIN EPOPEE**

Minister of Defense, Armend Mehaj, together with the Commander of the KSF, Lieutenant General Bashkim Jashari, the Deputy Commander of the KSF, Major General Enver Cikaqi, as well as generals and senior officers of the KSF, together with the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo, Albin Kurti, on March 24, stayed today in Glogjan, marking the 25th anniversary of the Epopée of Dukagjin.

In honor of all the KLA soldiers who died for the freedom of the country in the Dukagjin Operational Zone. Minister Mehaj, General Jashari and the high delegation of the Ministry of Defense and the KSF paid tribute at the "Martyrs of the Nation" Memorial Complex in Glogjan.

Afterward, they visited the glorious Haradinaj family that gave so much for the country's freedom, where they were received by the former prime minister of the Republic of Kosovo and the KLA commander of the Dukagjin Operative Zone, Ramush Haradinaj.



## **THE EPOPEE OF KLA WAS ALSO MARKED WITH JOINT SPORTS ACTIVITIES BETWEEN KSF AND THE ALBANIAN ARMED FORCES**

As part of the activities to mark the 25th anniversary of the KLA Epopée, a fraternal football match took place at the National Camp in Hajvali between the teams of the Kosovo Security Force and the Armed Forces of the Republic of Albania (AFoRoA).

The Minister of Defense, Armend Mehaj, the Commander of the KSF, Lieutenant General

Bashkim Jashari, the Deputy Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, Dalina Osmani, the Ambassador of Albania in Kosovo, Qemal Minxhozi, the president of the Football Federation of Kosovo, took part in this activity. Agim Ademi as well as many deputy ministers, officials and officers.

From AF of Republic of Albania was Commander of Support Command, BG Ilir Xhebexhiu, as well as other Generals and officers attended.

## NEW DIRECTOR OF NATO'S ADVISORY AND LIAISON TEAM CONFIRMS SUPPORT FOR SECURITY ORGANIZATIONS IN KOSOVO



In the premises of the Ministry of Defense, the ceremony of transfer of authority of the Director of the NATO Advisory and Liaison Team (NALT) was held. On this occasion, Brigadier General Ralf Peter Hammerstein assumed the position of director of NALT from Brigadier General Joachim Hoppe, who has headed NALT since April 2022.

Guests included Prime Minister of Kosovo, Albin Kurti, Minister of Defense, Armend Mehaj, Dep/Minister Shemsi Sylaj,

Dep/Commander of the KSF, Major General Enver Cikaqi, senior officials and officers of the Ministry of Defense and NALT, and many others.



Also, present at this ceremony was the current Chief of Operations, Operations Division of the NATO General Staff, Ariella Viehe.

In his speech, Prime Minister Kurti, among other things, emphasized that the NATO Advisory and Liaison Team in the Ministry of Defense and the KSF enables us to maintain our current security and ensure a future towards the Partnership for Peace and NATO membership.

Prime Minister Kurti added that the support from NALT and in particular from General Hoppe, in the drafting of the three basic laws of the Ministry of Defense and the KSF, the establishment of the parliamentary commissioner for the KSF and the close



cooperation in improving the recruitment process was decisive for effective improvement of civilian democratic oversight of the Force. The Minister of Defense, Armend Mehaj, in his speech said that General Hoppe's contribution to the Ministry of Defense and the KSF is a proof of his leadership, expertise and commitment to the values and principles of NATO. Minister Mehaj added that his efforts have helped strengthen Kosovo's security and stability, contributing to the overall security of the region and the wider international community. While the outgoing director of NALT, Brigadier General Joachim Hoppe said that it has been a great honor to represent NATO here in Kosovo and that he feels proud of the work that NATO and his team have done in advising security organizations in Kosovo.

On his part, the new director of NALT, Brigadier General Ralf Peter Hammerstein expressed his gratitude for the warm welcome in Kosovo and emphasized that he will maintain NALT's support for security organizations in Kosovo by continuing to build on the efforts of his predecessor.

At this ceremony, the Chief of Current Operations, NATO HQ, Operations Division, Ariella Viehe decorated General Hoppe with NATO medals.

General Hoppe was also decorated with the medal for "Outstanding Service" by Minister Mehaj as well as with the medal for "Selfless Service" by the Deputy Commander of the KSF, Major General Enver Cikaqi.

## MINISTER MEHAJ MET THE CHIEF OF CURRENT OPERATIONS DIVISION OF THE NATO HQ MRS. ARIELLA VIEHE

On this occasion, Minister Mehaj briefed Mrs. Viehe on current developments in the Ministry of Defense and the Kosovo Security Force, as well as plans for the future.

They also talked about the security situation in the country, the current geopolitical situation, the close cooperation that the Minister has with KFOR and the NATO Advisory and Liaison Team (NALT), the role that NALT currently has in the restructuring process of the Ministry of Defense, but also in upgrading the professional capacities of the KSF through the provision of training for our soldiers. Minister Mehaj once again emphasized the fact that Kosovo's objective is to join the Partnership for Peace Program as a path to NATO membership, so that the KSF can offer an active contribution to the missions for maintaining stability and peace.



## MINISTER MEHAJ AND GENERAL JASAHRI HOSTED THE CIVILIAN DEPUTY COMMANDER AND ADVISOR ON FOREIGN POLICY IN EUCOM, AMBASSADOR KATE BYRNES AND DIRECTOR FOR STRATEGY, PLANS AND POLICIES IN EUCOM, MAJOR GENERAL DANIEL LASICA



In this meeting the security situation in the country and the region was discussed, the impact of the war in Ukraine, as well as the participation of the Republic of Kosovo in the Contact Group for Ukraine were all discussed.

On this occasion, Minister Mehaj expressed gratitude for the support of the USA in all important processes and emphasized the high interest in the integration of the Republic of Kosovo in the Euro-Atlantic structures, in the Partnership for Peace Program and in NATO.

In this meeting, Minister Mehaj informed Ambassador Byrnes about the successful completion of the first phase of the Comprehensive Transition Plan, which was jointly drafted with the Institute for Security Governance (ISG).

Separately, the Commander of the KSF, Lieutenant General Bashkim Jashari, thanked Ambassador Byrnes and General Lasica for the continuous support they have given to the KSF, in all stages of development, continuously helping in the capacity building process, trainings, exercises, equipment and integration into security and defense structures for the benefit of peace and security in the country and around the world.

The high delegation from EUCOM congratulated the KSF on achievements in capacity building and expressed readiness for further support in building KSF capabilities.



## **MINISTER MEHAJ AND GENERAL JASHARI TOOK PART IN THE TENTH MEETING OF THE CONTACT GROUP FOR UKRAINE**



The Minister of Defense, Armend Mehaj, together with the commander of the KSF, Lieutenant General Bashkim Jashari, participated in the tenth meeting of the Contact Group for Ukraine, called by the US Secretary of Defense Mr. Lloyd J. Austin III.

The Republic of Kosovo was an equal participant among 54 allied countries that strongly support Ukraine and its people in their right to defend their country and state.

We will stand firm in supporting Ukraine side by side with our partners. We highly appreciate the resilience of the Ukrainian government and people as well as their resistance for freedom, justice and self-determination.

## **DIRECTIVE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, BUDGETING AND EXECUTION POLICY**

The Directive for the implementation of the Policy on Planning, Programming, Budgeting and Execution was signed in the Ministry of Defense in March, as an essential strategic document for the development of the institutional capacities of defense in a long-term period. This document was drafted after a detailed analysis between the Ministry of Defense and the Kosovo Security Force, supported by the American Embassy, US Deputy Chief of Mission Alyson Grunder and Planning Advisor Joe Duncan as part of the Global Defense Reform Program.

The document in question has seven main pillars and forty-one objectives which directly support the implementation of the Comprehensive Transition Plan, thus building and improving defense management systems.

The Ministry of Defense and the KSF are developing with the continuous aim of not only guaranteeing the security of citizens and territorial defense, but also fulfilling the objective of being a significant member of the NATO alliance.



## **BILATERAL MILITARY PLAN 2023 BETWEEN KOSOVO AND JORDAN HAS BEEN SIGNED**



The signing of the bilateral Plan for 2023 between Kosovo and Jordan took place in March, on the occasion of the official visit to Jordan of the Director of the Department for International Cooperation and Euro-Atlantic Integrations of the Ministry of Defense, Colonel Sylejman Cakaj and Major Mentor Ibrahimi..

The senior Jordanian military authorities expressed their openness and readiness to support the Army of the Republic of Kosovo, for which Colonel Cakaj was highly praised, who expressed deep thanks and gratitude on behalf of the leadership of the Ministry of Defense and the KSF . The signing of this Plan is the result of excellent cooperation between the two countries.

## THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH AND RESCUE EXERCISE WAS HELD AT THE KSF BARRACKS IN POMOZATIN "KOSOVA RESOLVE 2023"



The closing ceremony of the international exercise, led by the KSF International Search and Rescue Center "Kosova Resolve 2023" was held in the barracks of the KSF National Guard Command, in Pomezatin.



In this ceremony attended, on the day of special visitors, the President of the Republic of Kosovo, Vjosa Osmani, Minister of Defense, Armend Mehaj, Deputy Minister Shemsi Sylja, Commander of the KSF, Lieutenant General Bashkim Jashari, Commander of the National Guard, Brigadier General Naim Haziri, the Director of NALT, Joachim Hoppe, as well as senior KSF and international officials and officers.



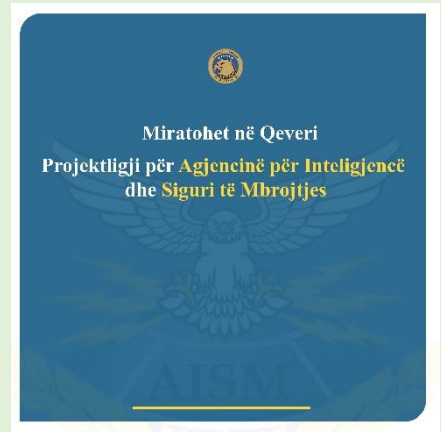
Participating and collaborating teams of the European Search and Rescue teams from: Hungary, Italy, Malta, Northern Ireland, Portugal, Turkey and Great Britain, participated in the international exercise "Kosova Resolve 2023".

Association of Voluntary Civil Defense Teams (EVOLSAR), react at national and international level in crisis and disaster events.

## DRAFT LAW FOR THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT

At the 136th meeting of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, the Draft Law for the Defense Intelligence and Security Agency was approved, thus marking an important step in the field of defense and security of the country.

This agency will exercise its activity inside and outside the territory of the Republic of Kosovo with the aim of supporting the Ministry of Defense and the Kosovo Security Force in the field of intelligence, counter-intelligence and security related to threats or possible risks for conducting their constitutional and legal mission.



## MINISTER OF DEFENSE, ARMEND MEHAJ IS MADE AN HONORARY CITIZEN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAT IN ALBANIA

In a warm fraternal atmosphere from the Mayor of Mati, Agron Malaj to Minister Mehaj was awarded with the title "Citizen of Honor", for his personal contribution to the missions of the Albanian AF as well as his current contribution as Minister of Defense in deepening the cooperation between of the two ministries of defense as well as the two armies of our countries, Kosovo and Albania.

After the words of thanks, Minister Mehaj mentioned the important fact related to the city of Burrel and the municipality of Mat, stressing that: "At the head of our liberation war was the legendary commander Adem Jashari, he and many KLA soldiers were trained in Albania, specifically in Burrel and while I was coming on the way I felt that I was getting closer to our commander, I was getting closer to the source of the preparation and organization of the KLA, the district of Mat Municipality, I was getting closer to Burrel"



## DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH THE PHYSICAL TESTING OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO APPLIED TO BECOME ACTIVE AND RESERVE SOLDIERS WAS HELD



On the occasion of the start of physical testing of young people who have applied to the competition for the admission of 612 active members of the Kosovo Security Force and 388 members of the reserve component, Minister Mehaj has visited the Sports Gym Center in the "Adem Jashari" barracks. wishing all the candidates success.

Minister Mehaj emphasized that it is a pleasure to see young men and women with such a strong desire to join the KSF.

The Ministry of Defense as an institution and the KSF as an organization guarantees a transparent process, monitored by KSF instructors, representatives of the NATO Liaison Office, non-governmental organizations, as well as the media, thus enabling real-time reporting and selection of the best.

**The Kosovo Security Force is a force that aims to serve in NATO, and at a high level of skill and preparation!**



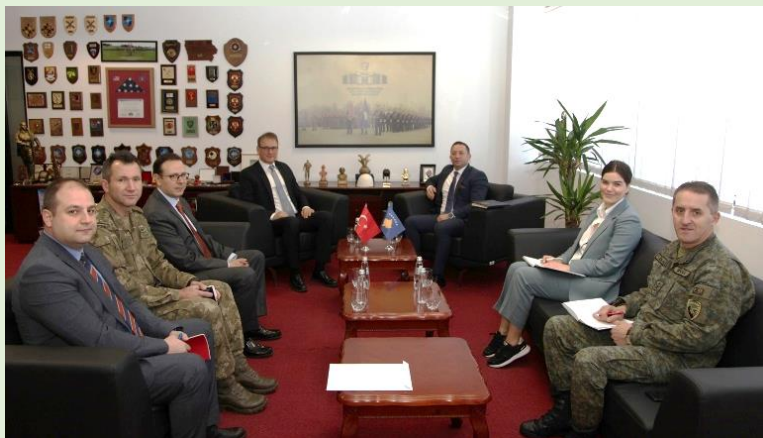
## **2023-YEAR OF THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE**

The Minister of Defense, Armend Mehaj, hosted the team of the Institute for Security Governance (ISG) from the USA, headed by Dr. Keith Dunn, where the main topic of conversation was the restructuring of the Ministry of Defense. More specifically, in this meeting it was discussed how to increase work efficiency, raise the level of coordination between institutional actors and eliminate obstacles to positioning the right people in the right jobs.

In addition, the topic of discussion was the Defense Strategy and the concept for the Reserve Component, as two very important documents in the strategic aspect, because the Kosovo Security Force will continue to grow to provide protection, not only for our citizens, but also, we offer our active support in every NATO mission, alongside our strategic allies with whom we share the same values and mission.



## **MINISTER MEHAJ HOSTED THE GENERAL DIRECTOR FOR THE BALKANS AND CENTRAL EUROPE IN THE MFA OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY, AMBASSADOR ILHAN SAYGILI**



Minister of Defense, Armend Mehaj, in March hosted the General Director for the Balkans and Central Europe in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, Ambassador Ilhan Saygili, accompanied by the Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey, Tunç Angili.

The interlocutors emphasized the excellent relations that Kosovo and Turkey have historically, as well as the possibilities of deepening these relations, with special emphasis in the field of security and defense and the process of integration of the Republic of Kosovo into international organizations.

In this meeting, Mr. Saygili took the opportunity to thank Minister Mehaj for the strong support given by the KSF to

the search and rescue operations in the areas affected by the devastating earthquake in Turkey.

## DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, MINISTER MEHAJ HOSTED THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE AMBASSADOR OF GERMANY IN KOSOVO



In following the meetings with the representatives of the partner countries, Minister Mehaj last month hosted the ambassador of the United Kingdom, Nicholas Abbott and the ambassador of Germany in Kosovo, Jörn Rohde.

Minister Mehaj emphasized the commitment to close cooperation with the partner countries, with the aim of raising the professional and operational capacities and all the necessary infrastructure for the development of the army of our country.

Meanwhile, with Ambassador Rohde, the

possibilities of increasing cooperation between Kosovo and Germany were discussed, in function of the interests of the partnership in the field of security and defense, as well as the possibility of exchanging experiences, with the main goal of maintaining peace in the country, the region and beyond.



## THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING CENTER IN POMOZATIN WAS VISITED BY OFFICIALS OF NATO, THE MFA OF KOSOVO AND BILATERAL ADVISORS



After the KSF demonstrated its successes for search and rescue in the areas affected by the devastating earthquake in Turkey, officials of NATO, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kosovo and bilateral advisers visited the International Search and Rescue Training Center in Pomezatin.

On this occasion, they were received by the Deputy Minister of Defense Shemsi Sylaj, the Commander of the KSF National Guard, Brigadier General Naim Haziri and the Director of the

Center John Doone.

This delegation had the opportunity to be informed about the history, mission, organizational structure, scope, achievements so far, personnel, equipment, infrastructure, training facilities, current activities, challenges and projects for the future.

The International Training Center for Search and Rescue in Pomezatin started work in 2016.

In addition to the personnel of the KSF, the personnel of other security institutions, as well as NGOs of our country, are also trained there. Also, in this center, until now, members from different countries of the world have been trained in the field of search and rescue.

## **KSF PART OF THE NCO ADRIATIC CHARTER CONFERENCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA**

Within the framework of the cooperation with the Republic of Slovenia, Sergeant Major of the KSF, Bedri Zuka, participated in the Conference of non-commissioned officers of the Adriatic Charter (A5), led by Sergeant Major of the Slovenian Army Kovač and the participation of Sergeant Majors of A5, Sergeant major from the US Army for Europe.

This event was held at the NATO Mountain Warfare Center for Excellence, where on this occasion Sergeant Major Zuka presented the achievements of the non-commissioned officer choir of the Kosovo Security Force, the successes, challenges and recruitment in the Kosovo Army.

Also within the framework of cooperation with the Republic of Slovenia, in the 16th Winter Camp, among the 22 member states of NATO, the Kosovo Security Force was represented by OR5 Besnik Nebihu, who in the activities carried out from 17 - March 24, has shown high success, representing the KSF with dignity.



## **KSF MEMEBRS TRAINED BY THE US ARMY**



At the Collective Training Center in March, training for observer/controllers, held by the mobile training team of the Security Assistance Training Management Organization (SATMO) from the US Army, was successfully completed.

This training is aimed at training trainees in the evaluation of KSF units during field exercises.

The experience brought by the American team has served to raise the evaluation capacities for the trainees who have been able to benefit from their many years of experience. The trainees will apply these lessons during the evaluation of the field exercises of the units before and during "DEFENDER EUROPE 23".

## **BUSINESSES FROM ALBANIA ARE NOW PART OF THE INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE THE WELFARE OF THE SOLDIERS**

Ministry of Defense, the Kosovar Alliance of Businesses and the Association of Albanian Restaurants and Inns signed a cooperation agreement, the purpose of which is to improve the conditions of KSF soldiers.



This agreement was signed by the Minister of Defense, Armend Mehaj, the President of the Association of Albanian Restaurants and Inns, Kujtim Dervishi and the President of the Kosovar Business Alliance, Agim Shahini.

## THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND KSF CELEBRATED MARCH 8, INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

To mark this special day, in the premises of the "Adem Jashari" Barracks, there were women and girls of the KSF, veterans of the KLA and TMK, as well as officials of the Ministry of Defense.



Minister of Defense, Armend Mehaj, the Director of the Finance Department in the Ministry of Defense, Fahrije Sadiku, the Head of the Unit for Human Rights and Gender Equality in the Ministry of Defense, Halime Morina, Colonel Arife Halili, Major Mimoza Budeci, as well as and senior military officials of the MoD, the KSF and the NATO Advisory and Liaison Team (NALT) were part of this activity.

The women and girls present at this ceremony were greeted by Minister Mehaj, highly appreciating the contribution of official and military women and girls in the Ministry of Defense and KSF. Further, Minister

Mehaj said that the month of March for the Albanian nation is related to our resistance to freedom and that in this country, women and girls have made a priceless contribution because: "when it comes to the homeland, gender differences disappear". Also, on this occasion, the Head of the Unit for Human Rights and Gender Equality in the MoD, Halime Morina and Mimoza Budeci, major in the KSF, elaborated on the topics "Women in the MoD/KSF - Perspective and Gender Equality in the MoD/KSF as reflection to contribute more", as well as "The journey of a KSF member".

In marking the International Women's Day, Minister Mehaj and the delegation of the Ministry of Defense and the KSF also paid tribute to the "Heroines" Memorial in Pristina.



## US ADVISOR, THOMAS NIBLOCK, SPOKE TO OUR CADETS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION

The American adviser for Strategic Communication to the Minister of Defense, Armend Mehaj, and the Commander of the KSF, Lieutenant General Bashkim Jashari, Thomas Niblock, held a lecture on the role and importance of strategic communication for the cadets of the Center for University Studies of the KSF Defense Academy.

On this occasion, Mr. Niblock, drew on his long experience in diplomacy and the field of strategic communication to provide in the context of a rapidly changing world.



## MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH CULTURE AND SPORTS AND THE JUDO FEDERATION HAS BEEN SIGNED



Ministry of Defense, the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports and the Judo Federation, have signed a Memorandum of Cooperation, where the concept of integrating martial arts into the permanent training and education programs of the Kosovo Security Force is brought to life.

This concept, which is in line with the

"Kosovo, state of judo" program, will begin to be implemented this year, as part of the formal training at the basic level. On this occasion, Minister Mehaj emphasized that through this program, in addition to investing in the training of officers and soldiers, the professionalism of our judokas is also being evaluated, engaging them in our security institutions. The purpose of this concept is to increase the professional capacities of the KSF, so that within the framework of the investment in the education and training of soldiers in the operational field, through the engagement of judokas who are already well known internationally, our soldiers can also be trained in the application of martial arts. , as a method for self-defense, neutralizing the opponent, but also encouraging the competitive spirit among soldiers.

## MINISTER MEHAJ PARTICIPATED IN THE CERTIFICATION CEREMONY OF TRAINEES IN THE STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Minister of Defence, Armend Mehaj, together with the Ambassador of the United Kingdom, Nicholas Abbott, participated in the certification ceremony of the trainees in the Strategic Leadership Program, organized by the British Embassy and taught by the professor of the United Kingdom Defense Academy, Bryan Watters, as well as Captain Donworth of the Royal Navy.

In this ceremony, Minister Mehaj emphasized that being



a leader in an environment with many responsibilities, in an institution like the Ministry of Defense and in a growing organization like the Kosovo Security Force, requires a strategic level approach and ways, a vision that differs from leadership in other environments.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT CEREMONY BY THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR, TUNÇ ANGILI, FOR THE KSF CONTINGENT, WHICH WAS PART OF THE SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATION IN TURKEY



The Commander of the National Guard, Brigadier General Naim Haziri, on this occasion expressed the readiness of the KSF for humanitarian aid operations wherever required.

The Ambassador of Turkey in Kosovo expressed his gratitude to the Contingent of the KSF and the State of Kosovo for the help given and the readiness shown to help them and save the lives of the people who were under the ruins caused by the earthquake.

## GJAKOVA AIRPORT IS BEING OPERATIONALIZED FOR DEFENSE PURPOSES, BABAJ I BOKES WILL BE TRANSFORMED INTO THE OPERATIONAL TRAINING AREA FOR THE FSK

The Minister of Defense, Armend Mehaj, and the Minister of the Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure, Liburn Aliu, held a press conference regarding the strategic million-dollar projects that are being realized in the former Gjakova Airport and in Babaj i Bokes.

Minister Aliu spoke about the procedures followed for the expropriation of properties planned for the realization of these two projects of national interest, very important from a strategic point of view for the Ministry of Defense, namely for the needs of the Kosovo Security Force.

Minister Aliu emphasized that the amount paid for the expropriation of these properties amounts to over 9 million euros, while all expropriated properties have already been transferred in the name of the Republic of Kosovo.

Meanwhile, Minister Mehaj spoke about the importance of these two projects in the development of the Kosovo Security Force, the functional purpose of which will contribute directly to the advancement of the professional training capacities of the Kosovo Army, thus making other steps towards the fulfillment of NATO military standards.



## KSF PART OF THE CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN TRAINING CENTERS

The Kosovo Security Force participated in the Conference of European Training Centers that was held in the Republic of Poland under the organization of the American Command for Europe. KDS Commander Brigadier General Jeton Dreshaj and Colonel Arsim Shaqiri represented the KSF, within the two-day discussions on the Interoperability of Training Centers, the development and modernization of Military Training Centers in virtual systems, analysis and lessons learned from the war in Ukraine , as well as the possibilities of experimenting with new Technology, procedures and Doctrine in order to modernize the armies of NATO member and partner countries.



## KSF ENGINEERS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A MOBILE BRIDGE

With dedication and professional work, the engineers of the Xenio regiment of the National Guard of the Kosovo Security Force, have successfully completed the construction of a mobile bridge in the village of Aqarevë in the municipality of Skenderaj.

On the occasion of the completion of the bridge, the team of engineers was visited by the commander of the National Guard of the KSF, Brigadier General Naim Haziri and the commander of the Xenios Regiment, lieutenant colonel Rifat Maloku, in which case they congratulated the members for the commitment and completion of the works in record time. The previous bridge was destroyed during the rains of January, making it difficult for the residents of this area to move, with the installation of the new mobile bridge by the KSF, the residents will no longer face such difficulties.

