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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE 2021-2025



- Strengthening democratic civilian oversight and increasing accountability and transparency.
- The development of military capacities in order to protect sovereignty and territorial integrity.
- Expansion of bilateral cooperation, membership in organizations and participation in international operations.
- Maintaining core capacities in function of military support to civil authorities.

2023 - A YEAR OF ARMY ACHIEVEMENTS

Throughout 2023, the Ministry of Defense and the Kosovo Security Force (KSF) strengthened their partnership with the USA and other key allies. During this period, the leadership of the Ministry of Defense and the KSF engaged in intensive international cooperation, demonstrating their commitment to the strategic goal of developing and strengthening the Army. This effort is aimed at fully realizing their constitutional and legal mission.



The Minister of Defense and the Commander of the KSF, as part of their official responsibilities, have continued international representation activities throughout the year. Given our high appreciation for cooperation with strategic partners and our goal of NATO membership, the Ministry of Defense, as an equal part of the Contact Group in Support of Ukraine led by the USA, has continued its participation in organized meetings throughout 2023.



Also, during this year, seven international inter-institutional agreements were reached with Albania, the USA, Türkiye, Germany, Croatia, Great Britain, and Northern Ireland. Additionally, the SOFA agreement with Jordan is in the process of being developed. Annual bilateral plans with partner states have been coordinated for trainings and activities in 2024.



During this year, the Ministry of Defense hosted dignitary personalities such as: the Minister of the Armed Forces of Great Britain, James Heappey, the Minister of National Defense of the Republic of Türkiye, Yaşar Güler, the Acting Minister of Defense of Montenegro, Filip Adzic, NATO Assistant Secretary General for Operations, Thomas Goffus, Director of the Operations and Planning Division of the International Military Staff at NATO Headquarters, Major General Ulf Haeussler, Chief of the Italian Defense Staff and the next Chairman of the NATO Committee, Admiral Giuseppe Cavo Dragone, the outgoing Commander of the Iowa National Guard, Major General Benjamin J. Corell and the Commander of the Iowa National Guard, Brigadier General Stephen Osborn, etc.



During the year, many important working visits were also carried out, such as the participation of the Minister of Defense, Ejup Maqedonci in the meeting of the Ministers of Defense of the member countries of the USA-Adriatic Charter (A5), participation in the proceedings of the international security forum in Halifax, Canada, meeting at the State Department by the Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, James O'Brien, participation in the Defense Ministers' Meeting of the Central European Defense Cooperation (CEDC) initiative, etc.

Also, in this year, two cooperation agreements were reached with Albania, related to cooperation in the field of military medicine as well as the facilitation of the transit procedures of military goods for the purposes and needs of the Republic of Kosovo and the Republic of Albania. In this year, two contingents of the KSF have deployed in the Falkland Islands together with the United Kingdom.

The Implementation Agreement between the Ministry of Defense of the Kingdom and the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Kosovo regarding the involvement of the KSF in Operation INTERFLEX for the training of the Ukrainian army is in the process of being finalized. Additionally, coordination is underway with the United Kingdom for the deployment of the KSF with the British army in Belize starting in April 2024. Throughout this year, the KSF has continued to participate in exercises with the US Army and partner countries.



KOSOVO AMONG THE HOSTING COUNTRIES AND KSF TROOPS PARTICIPATING IN THE LARGEST AMERICAN EXERCISE IN EUROPE “DEFENDER-EUROPE '23”

On May 21, the opening ceremony of the largest international military exercise, “Defender Europe '23,” was held on “Skënderbeu” Boulevard in Pristina. During the ceremony, the KSF demonstrated its combat capabilities and the degree of military interaction. The highest state dignitaries participated in this event. The international military exercise “Defender Europe '23” took place from May 21 to June 2, with 25 countries and over 22,000 soldiers participating. As the host country, the Republic of Kosovo contributed over 1,300 soldiers.



KSF AND PARTNERS 2023 “KOSOVA IS OUR COMMON SUCCESS”

In October, the Ministry of Defense and the General Staff of the KSF held the annual international conference “KSF and Partners 2023,” with the motto “Kosovo is our common success.” Ambassadors, defense attachés, other diplomatic representatives, and soldiers from all partner states of the Republic of Kosovo attended the conference.

It was emphasized that the Republic of Kosovo, the Ministry of Defense, and the KSF are determined to continue and increase cooperation with partners to shape the path towards integration into Euro-Atlantic institutions and NATO. The role of the partners in this regard is not only important but fundamental and decisive.



A SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN INTERNATIONAL TRAINING

Regarding Kosovo's international representation, the International Training Center for Search and Rescue of the National Guard of the KSF achieved extraordinary successes in 2023. This year alone, the Center trained hundreds of members from partner countries such as Albania, the United Kingdom, Italy, Hungary, Jordan, Malta, North Macedonia, Ireland, Portugal, Türkiye, and the Netherlands. Additionally, we initiated a new provision of paid trainings with the Netherlands at ITCS&R. In total, 20 search and rescue operations were carried out in 2023.

In the case of the devastating earthquake in Türkiye, which occurred in February 2023, the KSF sent search and rescue teams, where they showed professionalism, dedication and high performance that resulted in the saving of four lives of citizens of the Republic of Türkiye.

The humanitarian operation for search and rescue in the waters of the Buna River in Shkodër, Albania, was also carried out in December 2023.



KOSOVO'S 2023 MILITARY DIPLOMACY NETWORK

During 2023, the network of military diplomacy was expanded through the accreditation of our military attachés. Non-resident attachés of the Republic of Kosovo were accredited for the USA, Canada, and Slovenia. Additionally, the Defense attaché of the Republic of Kosovo was accredited in the Netherlands, and the coordination for the accreditation of Defense attachés for Switzerland and Italy is in process.



628 NEW RECRUITS JOIN KSF IN 2023

The process of recruiting recruits that started in 2022 has ended in 2023, where two generations of recruits have been selected out of which:

The first generation has completed the basic course 302 recruits, who have started the soldier duty from September 22, 2023 and the generation the second of the 326 recruits are following the SUB until December 29, 2023 and will begin their soldier duties in January 2024.

The transition from the rank of non-commissioned officer to the rank of officer is a total of 33 members.

During the year 2023, 17 members were recruited from the civilian personnel. In addition, the DPPR has drafted: the Regulation for recruitment in the KSF, the Regulation for Background check, the Regulation on career development in the KSF and the Regulation for the annual evaluations in the KSF. During the year 2023, a total of 221 active, reserve and civil servant KSF members left, 210 men and 11 women.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING: PROFESSIONALISM, THE FOUNDATION IN KSF

The education and training of KSF and MoD members inside and outside the country for the year 2023 has been carried out according to the plan.

59 cadets are studying at USC this year, 57 cadets are studying at Military Academies abroad.

During the year 2023, 105 trainings were held abroad, where 461 members or officials participated. In internal training, 6622 participants took part in 208 different trainings or courses. 7 different competitions were held inside and outside the country, where 111 participants took part.



ENSURING EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT OF LEGAL AND OPERATIONAL OBLIGATIONS IN MOD AND KSF

The focus of the General Inspectorate during 2023 has been the realization of the annual action plan, based on the strategic goals and operational objectives of the Minister of Defense.

Likewise, the maintenance and development of cooperation with other local and international institutions, as well as the School of the Inspector General in the USA, has continued, with interest for the MoD and the KSF in the field of the Inspector General.

Regarding the inspection for maintaining and increasing the operational readiness of the KSF by unit, the monitoring and inspection was carried out in relation to the implementation of the PPBE protection programs and the prevention of abuse, causing losses, mismanagement in the operations and programs of the Ministry of the Defense and the KSF.

In order to expand international cooperation, the Inspector General visited the Leadership Center in Koblenz, Germany and visited the base of the American Army for Europe and Africa (USAREUR-AF) in Wesbaden, Germany, in the office of the IG for USAREUR-AF. At the award ceremony for the Golden Women of Kosovo, the Prime Minister of the country, Albin Kurti, awarded Major General Irfete Spahiu with the "Crown of Success" award.



ADVANCEMENTS IN KOSOVO'S DEFENSE STRATEGIC DOCUMENTS FOR 2023

The Department for Policy and Strategy, as responsible for strategic documents, during 2023, coordinated the drafting of the Defense Strategy, leading the working group formed by decision on this matter.

At the 143rd meeting of the Government, on May 24, the Defense Strategy document was approved, in which the main objectives are defined based on state interests such as: Protection of sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country, modernization and advancement of military capacities, expansion of cooperation bilateral, membership in organizations and participation in international operations, as well as the advancement of cooperation with NATO and its mechanisms in the Republic of Kosovo, objectives which are intended to be fulfilled in the medium and long-term plan of the Ministry of Defense.



In addition, the MoD Strategy for the development of PPBE and the Medical Policy for the MoD and KSF have been approved.

The Logistics Policy in the MoD, the Infrastructure Policy in the MoD and the Policy for Education, Awareness and Raising the Potential of Citizens of the Republic of Kosovo for Service in the Defense Field have been completed. Meanwhile, the Strategy for Cyber Defense has been finalized in the MoD and KSF.

In February of this year, DPS analyzed and forwarded the works with analysis and recommendations entitled "Compass for security and protection" and "Greece, military capacities".

Also, these important works were carried out with the topics "Impacts of the War in Ukraine, NATO, EU, USA and Kosovo" and "North of Kosovo - extraordinary elections", "Comparative overview of Kosovo and Serbia in relation to foreign policies in the field of security and defense", "Military and civilian personnel in the civil service system and restructuring", "United Arab Emirates and NATO", "People's Republic of Bangladesh", "Important drones in the architecture of aerial surveillance", "Commitment of the international community to stabilization of Kosovo", "Czech Republic", "Romanian State", "NATO - Vilnius Summit 2023", etc.

ENHANCING KSF CAPABILITIES THROUGH INTERNATIONAL DONATIONS

MoD and KSF during 2023 have received donations of different types from Partner countries. Donations from the US in the field of communications (Cyber), EOD, vehicles, IT and HAZMAT have been given in the amount of over four million dollars.

Also, donations from Germany for search and rescue, transport and HAZMAT are worth about 4 million euros.



ENHANCING KSF'S OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES THROUGH NEW INVESTMENTS IN LOGISTICS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Since the beginning of the fiscal year 2023, the Procurement Department has received a total of 106 requests for the development of procurement procedures, with large, medium, small and minimal value, while from 2022 it has received 4 projects. The Department of Procurement and Contracts has signed a total of 99 contracts. For 10 different projects, with large, medium and small value, the procurement procedures were developed, but the procedures were canceled in the absence of responsible offers or no offer was accepted.

During the year 2023, various supplies for the needs of the MoD and KSF total 9,937,965.12 euros, while strategic supplies total 80,000,000 euros.

The value of the budget spent on the planned infrastructure projects or contracts of the MoD and the KSF for 2023 is: 6,359,656.37 euros



MOD AND KSF DEDICATED TO OUTSTANDING CIVIL-MILITARY COOPERATION

In order to raise awareness of the danger of unexploded ordnance, KSF instructors have held fifty lectures in high secondary schools of the country, as well as to raise awareness of the danger of pyrotechnic devices, seventeen lectures have been held in lower secondary schools. In the barracks of the KSF, 56 visits to institutions were carried out, while in coordination with the Office for Gender Equality in the MoD, several homes for the elderly were carried out in Pristina, Skenderaj, Istog to mark March 8. In cooperation with GSKSF - about 17 (seventeen) requests for support from KSF (MUAC) have been coordinated.

During 2023, six Memorandums of Cooperation/Understanding Agreements were reached and signed with institutions, associations and interest groups: Donation Agreement between the Ministry of Defense and "Islamic Relief Kosovo", Memorandum of Cooperation between the Ministry of Defense and KBA, Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Defense and Mr. Azem Berisha (Owner of land with Plot No. 172/2), from 24.08.2023 to 31.12.2024. LETTER OF AGREEMENT Air Navigation Services Agency and Ministry of Defense, Cooperation Agreement between MoD and Liridona Binakaj, municipality of Gjakova, (FE) "DEFF 23", on 06.07.2023. Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Defense and the municipality of Gjiilan, for the initiation of the expropriation procedures of the relevant parcels owned by the GroK and the municipality of Gjiilan, in the "New Born" Barracks of the KSF in Gjiilan.

Meanwhile, there are seven draft cooperation agreements in the process: The technical agreement between the European Union Mission for the Rule of Law in Kosovo (EULEX) and the Ministry of Defense of Kosovo (MoD), (for the use of the firing range in Cernushë). Memorandum of cooperation between the Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of Internal Affairs, (The purpose of this Memorandum of Cooperation is to increase mutual cooperation between the MoD/KSF and the Ministry of Internal Affairs, namely the Kosovo Academy for Public Safety (KAPS), in establishing, training and development of the capacities of the Ministry of Defense and the KSF personnel, and of the Ministry of (KP and KAPS) Draft Cooperation Agreement with the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports - a draft which is being reviewed at different levels in MoD and KSF. Draft Cooperation Agreement with "New York School of Science in Kosovo" - this draft is still being analyzed and reviewed in MoD/KSF. Draft - Agreement.



MOD'S ANNUAL WORK PLAN: SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES

Based on the annual strategic objectives of the Minister of Defense for the year 2023 and other relevant documents, the drafting of the Plan of the Ministry of Defense 2021-2023 was coordinated, while based on the Government Program 2021-2025 of the Government of Kosovo, the work plan for The Government of the Republic of Kosovo from the scope of the Ministry of Defense.

Also, the progress made by the Ministry of Defense for certain periods for the level of meeting the objectives of the leadership of the Ministry of Defense was evaluated, as well as the Guideline for planning, assessment, reporting and management of risks in the Ministry of Defense was drafted and approved, as well as potential risks have been identified.

Also, the Department for Planning and Evaluation has represented the Ministry of Defense in the Governmental Commission for missing persons during the war in Kosovo, where it contributed to the realization of the mission.



KSF ADVANCING PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND MODERNIZING EQUIPMENT

Every day our army is being consolidated not only in terms of professional staff but also in the supply of the most modern military equipment. The Bajraktar TB-2 drones, which were inaugurated by Prime Minister Kurti, Minister Mehaj and General Jashari, are just some of equipment purchased to strengthen our military.

The Department of Transformation, Modernization, Standardization during the year 2023 has carried out activities and tasks based on the annual action plan, the annual plan in support of CTP, as well as other activities as follows: Preparation of the annual plan in support of CTP for the year 2023 (A+5), monitoring throughout the year and is reported on a periodic basis regarding its implementation. The first draft of the Modernization Policy has been drafted. The Strategy of the MoD for the development of the PPBE has been approved and the preparation and sending of the annual evaluations for the military personnel for 2023 has been done. Participation in working groups with ISG, G5/8 GSKSF, as well as in the working group for drafting the concept for the reserve component of the KSF. Participation in trainings organized by ODC, NALT, IKAP, TRADOC and TTX.



DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT EFFICIENCY IN 2023

The Department for Document Management of the Archive has carried out its activities with full efficiency. The Sector for Administration of Documents in the Main Protocol Book has handled 4141 different documents, while in the Incoming Protocol Book it has handled 3469 documents. The Office for the Management of Classified Information in the Protocol Book for classified information has handled 837 documents.



LEGAL CONDITIONS AND TRANSPARENCY FOR EFFECTIVE OPERATION

During 2023, the leadership of the Ministry of Defense had among its priorities the fulfillment of the legislative program and the drafting of by-laws, according to the legislative plan of the by-laws of the Ministry of Defense for 2023. The Legal Department, according to the 2023 Action Plan, the Legislative Program of the Government, the legislative plan of the by-laws has carried out the following activities:

During the year 2023, the Draft Law for the Defense Intelligence and Security Agency was approved. The Draft Law on the Status, Temporary Stay and Transit of Foreign Armed Forces in the Territory of the Republic of Kosovo was also processed and 15 by-laws were approved. Regarding the cooperation and coordination with the State Attorney, in the preparation of cases for judicial representation and protection in which the MoD and KSF are litigants, as well as other respective institutions for cases that carry legal implications for the year 2023, a total of 43 judicial cases were handled.



CYBERSECURITY IN FOCUS: INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR STATE CYBERSECURITY TRAINING CENTER CURRICULUM DESIGN

With the support of DCAF with local and international experts, funded by the British Embassy, three workshops were organized for the design of the training curriculum for cyber security with participants from GRoK institutions and some of the private institutions that own critical national infrastructure

During these workshops, the training curriculum was drawn up. The Strategy for cyber security in the MoD and KSF has also been supplemented and amended and the Action Plan 2023-2024 has been drawn up.

Harmonization of the strategic and specific objectives in the Strategy for cyber security in the MoD and KSF has been done in addition to the drafting of the State Strategy for cyber security.

During this year, in the framework of the IT system modernization project and cyber security, equipment and software worth 3 million dollars were received as a donation from the US.

The contract has been concluded and the implementation of the Information Management System is continuing according to the system implementation plan. Two modules have been completed so far: the human resources module and the policies and plans module.

Various materials have been continuously prepared to raise awareness of the risks in the field of cyber security, where a two-day workshop was held with lectures related to the awareness of the personnel of the MoD and KSF about the risks in the field of cyber security.



KSF ENHANCED ITS MEDICAL CAPACITIES THROUGH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

In the framework of this cooperation, voluntary blood donation actions have been organized in the MoD and KSF.

The already traditional activity of voluntary blood donation in the Ministry of Defense and KSF was held in two sessions, where the civilian and military personnel of the Ministry of Defense responded positively to this action. In this year, the "Medical policy" documents for the Ministry of Health and the KSF "Concept on the mental health and well-being of personnel in the Ministry of Health and the KSF" were approved. Regarding cooperation with local institutions in the field of medicine, the Protocol of cooperation in the field of medicine was signed between the Ministry of Health and the Clinical University Hospital Service of Kosovo (CUHSK), as well as the Protocol of cooperation between the Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development / Food and Veterinary Agency of Kosovo (FVAK).

Also, within the bilateral plan, the Protocol of cooperation in the field of medicine was signed between the Ministry of Defense of Kosovo and the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Italy.

During this year, a cooperation agreement was reached with the Psycho-Social Center for Trauma-therapy, NGO "Diaconie" Kosova.

In the framework of international cooperation, the sending of patients for medical treatment to GATA-Ankara has continued with the Turkish army.



CONTINUOUS COOPERATION WITH THE NATIONAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION CENTER IN 2023

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INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY SERVICES: ENSURING MOD FUNCTIONALITY AND KSF OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

In order to implement security policies, achieve the objectives of the Minister of Defense, and activities planned with PVP 2023, the Directorate of Intelligence and Security has continued activities in the realization, drafting, revision and implementation of strategic documents for the field of intelligence and safety.

Raising the level of security and information through the implementation of security projects for the MoD and KSF (Modernization of the security system and secure strategic communication). Assessment of the state of security in the MoD and KSF through regular inspections as well as unannounced security tests in the MoD and KSF.

During 2023, the following documents were drawn up: draft Law for the Defense Intelligence and Security Agency - DISA; Guideline for the carrying and use of official weapons in the MoD and KSF; Regulations on physical security in the MoD; The US-Kosovo Interstate Agreement on the Security of Classified Information (GSOIA) and engagement in support of the Government's Commission on Aeronautical Investigations.



MINISTRY OF DEFENSE WITH BUDGET INCREASE FOR 2024

The 2024-2026 budget plan of the Ministry of Defense, according to which the budget is 153 million euros for the year 2024. Also, during the year 2023, the Government of Kosovo has allocated an additional budget for the MoD/FSK to support the purchase of KSF equipment over 38 million euros or 31% of the approved budget.

For the year 2023, the budget of the Ministry of Defense was 123,227,260.87 euros. The budget for the year 2023 has been executed, until the end of November the budget has been realized over 74% of the current budget over 161 million euros.

REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN IN MOD AND KSF: ALIGNING WITH REGIONAL AND NATO STANDARDS

The level of representation of women and girls in MoD and KSF both numerically and qualitatively, with a standard presence of women and girls, compared to the countries of the region and NATO. Communities and their members have the right to freely cultivate, express and develop their culture and identity and to preserve and improve the essential elements of their identity, especially their language, traditions, religion and cultural heritage. The Ministry of Defense and the Kosovo Security Force has fulfilled the obligation for the employment of persons with disabilities, which is determined according to the Law on training, professional retraining and employment of persons with disabilities. In order to increase transparency, equal and non-discriminatory opportunities for everyone, regardless of gender and ethnicity, during the recruitment process of soldiers, cadets for USC and other academies abroad during 2023, the Ministry of Defense through its mechanisms, including NALT advisers, have monitored the recruitment process for the selection of new KSF recruits for 2023 as observers.



IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGY FOR THE INTEGRATION OF NON-MAJORITY COMMUNITIES

The Strategy for the Integration of Non-Majority Communities, implemented in 2023, provides strategic directions for the sustainable integration of non-majority communities in the MoD. In order to inform these communities about the opening of competitions, both for cadets and for recruits, during 2023 meetings were held with representatives of institutions, non-governmental organizations, with representatives of the municipalities of the Republic of Kosovo inhabited by non-majority communities.

Likewise, activities have been developed with the Ministry for Communities and Return, the offices for community affairs in the municipalities of the Republic of Kosovo, with the aim of informing young people interested in becoming part of the KSF.

Regarding the identification of eventual difficulties, with the aim of monitoring and sustainable integration of communities, according to the Law on the Rights of Minority Communities, the Community Affairs Unit has held regular meetings with non-majority communities in all KSF commands and units.



PROFESSIONALISM AND OBJECTIVITY IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC AND MEDIA

The maximum commitment to professional and transparent communication with the public has continued in 2023. All public and media activities of the Ministry of Defense and the KSF have been presented with high commitment and professionalism.

During this year, PRO has organized four media conferences, has published 588 posts on social networks, 110 press releases and 29 different videos have been made, according to the media action plan of the PRO and the MoD.

Also, for the recruitment of new KSF cadets, two successful media campaigns were carried out.



HIGH LEVEL ON INSTITUTIONAL AND STATE PROTOCOL

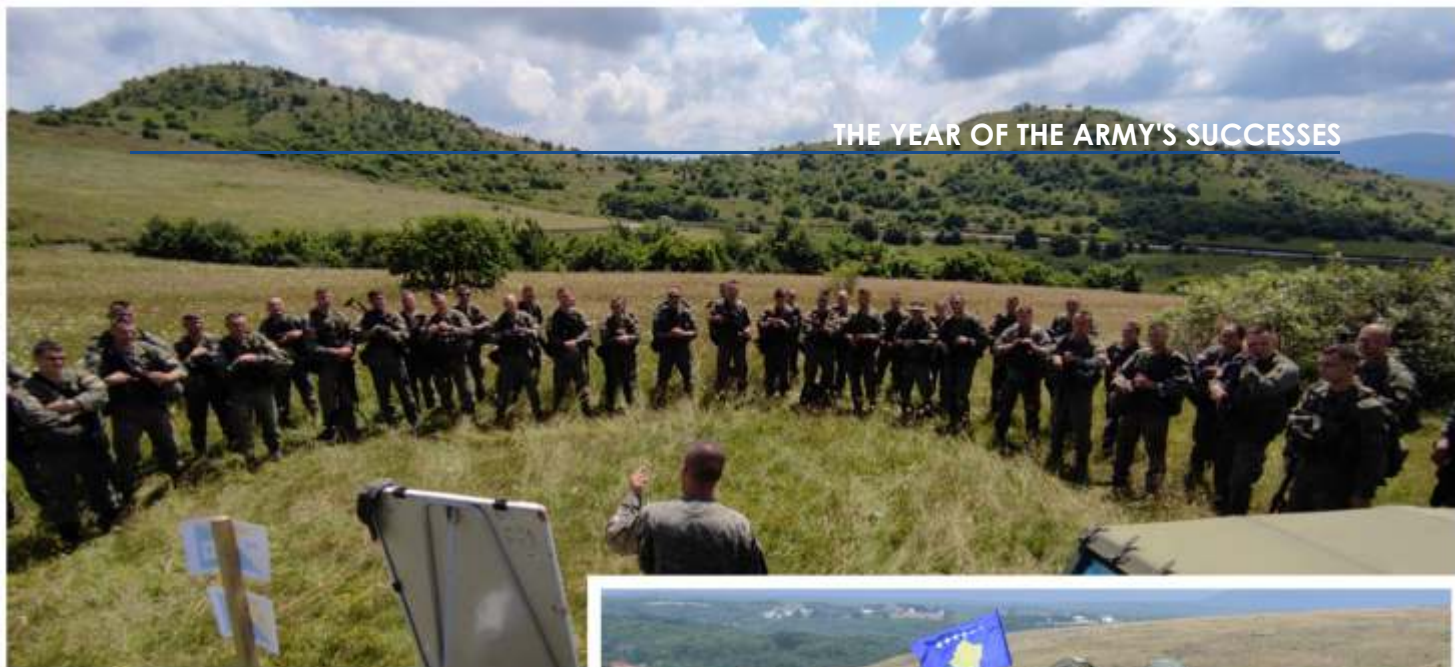
The Protocol Unit during 2023 has carried out its activities with full efficiency, such as the planned activities, the activities according to the requirements related to the organization of receptions of international authorities during their visits to the MoD and the KSF, as well as the harmonization and coordination of visits to the MoD and the General Staff of the KSF.

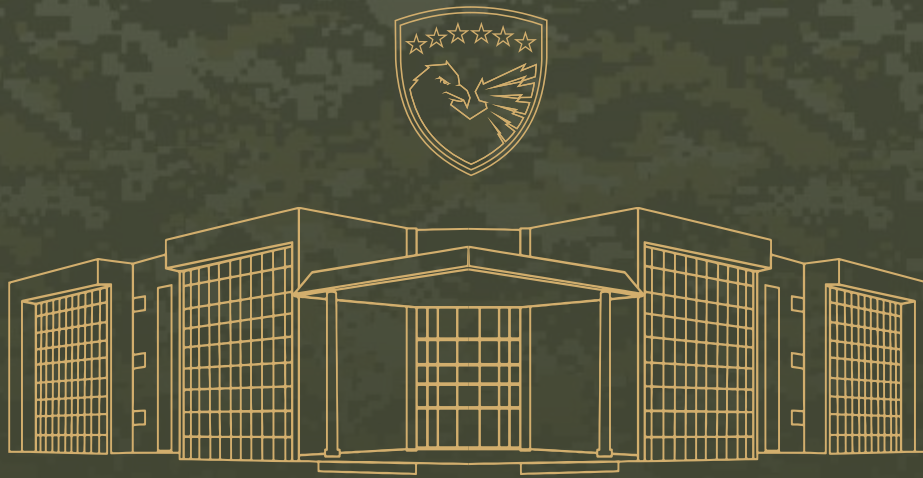
Some of the main activities organized by the Protocol Unit for this year are: participation in the organization of the military parade ceremony to mark the 15th anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Kosovo, organized in "Zahir Pajaziti" square, participation in the organization and the progress of the military ceremony marking the 25th anniversary of the KLA Epopee, then the participation in the ceremony held in the "Adem Jashari" barracks under the patronage of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo, on March 5, 6 and 7, etc.

Also, during this year the Protocol Unit has participated in the organization of military ceremonies, conferences, seminars and protocol agendas, according to the needs and requirements for hosting high international delegations with military ceremonies.



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