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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE FROM THE YEAR 2021–2025



- Strengthening of civilian democratic oversight, increase of accountability and transparency;
- Development of military capacities in function of the defense of sovereignty and territorial integrity;
- Expansion of bilateral cooperation, membership in international organizations, and participation in operations abroad;
- Maintenance and development of essential capacities for the military support of civilian authorities.

INTRODUCTION

The year 2025 represents an important stage in the development and strengthening of the defense sector in the Republic of Kosovo. During this year, the Ministry of Defense and the Kosovo Security Force have continued to take significant steps in building modern defense capacities, in accordance with the country's strategic priorities and the standards of international allies. Through investments in the modernization of military equipment, the development of professional capacities, and the strengthening of cooperation with strategic partners, the operational readiness and interoperability of the KSF have been further advanced.

At the same time, particular attention was given to strengthening national resilience and developing international partnerships in the field of defense and security. Close cooperation with the United States of America and other international partners, as well as initiatives for the development of the defense industry, have contributed to the further advancement of the country's institutional and operational capacities.

This annual report presents the key developments during the year 2025 in the field of defense and security. The following outlines some of the main initiatives and activities that marked this period in strengthening defense capacities and developing the defense sector in the Republic of Kosovo.



NATIONAL RESILIENCE, CHALLENGES AND THE WAY FORWARD

During the year 2025, the Ministry of Defense placed special focus on strengthening national resilience, identifying it as one of the key strategic policies. In this context, the conference “National Resilience – Challenges and the Way Forward” was organized, in cooperation with the NATO Advisory Liaison Team (NALT), where modern security challenges and measures to address them were discussed.

The resilience policy includes the development of institutional capacities and inter-institutional interoperability, the strengthening of international cooperation, and investments in critical infrastructure, with the aim of ensuring that the Kosovo Security Force and state institutions are prepared to face various challenges, including natural disasters, cyber threats, and regional challenges.



The Minister of Defense, Ejup Maqedonci, has established this policy as a strategic priority, considering resilience not merely as a defense measure, but as a necessity for maintaining the vital functions of society and for ensuring the security and stability of the country.



KOSOVO AND THE USA, A NEW COOPERATION IN DEFENSE AND SECURITY



Following the establishment of national resilience as a strategic priority, another key step in strengthening the defense sector has been the advancement of international cooperation with the United States of America. At the 251st meeting of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, a principle approval was granted for the initiative to achieve an intergovernmental framework agreement in the field of defense. This initiative, drafted by the Ministry of Defense in cooperation with the American Embassy in Pristina, is in line with Kosovo's strategic objectives for close cooperation with allied states and aims to advance bilateral cooperation in key areas of defense, including defense planning, strategic sustainability, and the enhancement of military capacities.



Subsequently, in June 2025, the Minister of Defense, Ejup Maqedonci, and the Commander of the KSF, Lieutenant General Bashkim Jashari, visited the United States of America, where they met with the Deputy Secretary for NATO and Europe, David Baker, and his delegation at the U.S. Department of Defense. The meeting focused on strengthening bilateral cooperation in the field of defense and security, including discussions on the completion of the third phase of the Comprehensive Transition Plan of the Kosovo Security Force and the development of the defense industry through joint projects. This visit confirmed the strong strategic partnership between Kosovo and the USA and underscored the joint commitment to enhancing the interoperability of the KSF and regional stability.



IMPORTANT AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN THE DEFENSE INDUSTRY BETWEEN KOSOVO AND BELGIUM

During the International Defense Industry Fair (IDEF) in Istanbul, in July 2025, the Minister of Defense, Ejup Maqedonci, met with the Minister of Defense of the Kingdom of Belgium, Theo Francken. At this meeting, a Declaration of Intent between the two ministries was signed, marking an important step in deepening bilateral relations in the field of defense.

The agreement will enable cooperation for the development of the defense industry, the improvement of technological exchanges, and the strengthening of military ties to address common challenges in the field of security. This cooperation will contribute to the advancement of the KSF's capacities and will reinforce the ties between the two countries at the level of national defense and security.



MULTILATERAL ENGAGEMENT AND REGIONAL INITIATIVES

In March 2025, the Minister of Defense, Ejup Maqedonci, together with his counterparts from Albania and Croatia, signed a trilateral declaration on cooperation in defense and security. The agreement aims to strengthen the ties between the three countries, increase military interoperability through joint trainings and exercises, as well as coordination for Euro-Atlantic integrations and addressing hybrid threats.

The Republic of Kosovo has continued its participation in the A5 mechanism as an observer and in the Contact Group for Ukraine, assisting in the exchange of experiences, the coordination of actions, and the strengthening of cooperation with allies.



ADVANCEMENT OF DEFENSE DIPLOMACY AND EURO-ATLANTIC INTEGRATION

During the year 2025, the Department for International Cooperation and Euro-Atlantic Integration (DICEAI) continued to strengthen defense diplomacy and the Euro-Atlantic integration of the Republic of Kosovo. This engagement included the enlargement of bilateral and multilateral cooperation, as well as the advancement of the country's international standing, in accordance with the strategic objectives of the Ministry of Defense.

During 2025, bilateral plans with Germany, Turkey, and Italy have been prepared and signed, while the plans with other states are in the process of completion. The process of signing the SOFA Agreements with Jordan and Germany will continue, while the DIC&EAI has also organized the Bilateral Defense Dialogue (BDC) with the United States of America.



The KSF has deployed contingents to the United Kingdom for Operation “Interflex” and to Belize, emphasizing international participation and readiness for joint operations.



KOSOVO DEEPENS INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION IN THE FIELD OF DEFENSE

The Republic of Kosovo has marked a series of significant developments in strengthening its international representation in the defense sector, by expanding the network of military attachés and deepening cooperation with strategic partners.

A step of particular importance was the decision of Belgium to officially recognize the defense attaché of the Republic of Kosovo in Brussels. In a joint press conference, the Minister of Defense, Ejup Maqedonci, and his Belgian counterpart, Theo Francken, described this as a new moment in bilateral relations. The official recognition of the attaché strengthens Kosovo's military representation at the heart of Euro-Atlantic institutions and constitutes a meaningful step on the path of integration.

Likewise, Lieutenant Colonel Meriman Suka was accredited as Military Attaché with full rights of the Republic of Kosovo in Turkey, thereby further strengthening cooperation with one of the key partners in the field of defense. In addition, he has also been appointed as non-resident attaché in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. During the visit to Amman, he held meetings with senior officials of the Armed Forces of Jordan, where the expansion of cooperation, training exchanges, and specialized training programmes were discussed. The parties agreed on the preparation of a document on bilateral cooperation, which they aim to finalize within the year.



In Europe, Kosovo has expanded its presence through Colonel Bekim Zejnullahu, who assumed the duty as Chargé d'Affaires for Defense in Germany. During his mandate, he has held meetings at the German Ministry of Defense and at the Bundeswehr, reaffirming the strategic partnership between the two countries. From Berlin, he also covers Slovenia as a non-resident attaché, thereby further strengthening bilateral relations.

Colonel Zejnullahu has also been accredited as the first non-resident Defense Attaché of Kosovo to the Czech Republic. During the visit to Prague, accompanied by the Ambassador of Kosovo, he held high-level meetings at the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic and at the Ministry of Defense, opening new perspectives for cooperation.

In Asia, Colonel Beton Retkoceri was accredited as Chargé d'Affaires for Defense in Japan, where he conducted the first official visits to the Ministry of Defense of Japan. This step marks a significant expansion of Kosovo's presence in the Asian region and a deepening of cooperation in the field of security and defense.

These developments demonstrate a clear strategy of Kosovo to consolidate its institutional presence on the international stage, to strengthen strategic partnerships, and to advance Euro-Atlantic integration through defense diplomacy.



AGREEMENTS AND STRATEGIC COOPERATION OF MINISTRY OF DEFENSE DURING THE YEAR 2025

During 2025, the Ministry of Defense has signed cooperation agreements and memoranda of understanding with public institutions, universities, civil society organizations, and other strategic partners.

One of these key agreements was signed in November 2025, when the Secretary General of the Ministry of Defense, Gafurr Dugolli, signed a cooperation agreement with Prof. Dr. Isak Shabani, Dean of the Faculty of Electrical and Computer Engineering. This agreement aims to increase cooperation in the development of joint study programs, advance scientific research, and strengthen local capacities in the field of cybersecurity and information technology.

These cooperations represent a profound commitment of the Ministry of Defense to enhance interinstitutional and international collaboration, contributing to the development of national security and the strengthening of capacities to address global security challenges.



2025 A DECISIVE YEAR FOR THE MODERNIZATION AND STRENGTHENING OF THE KSF'S MILITARY CAPABILITIES

During 2025, the Kosovo Security Force made significant strides in the professional development and modernization of its military capabilities, substantially strengthening operational readiness and aligning itself with the most advanced contemporary defense standards. Investments in modern equipment, the expansion of air capabilities, and the advancement of professional training have been central to the strategic development of the KSF.

One of the most significant developments was the support of the United States of America for the enhancement of the KSF's air capabilities. In 2025, the USA approved the acquisition of helicopters, radars, and air defense systems for Kosovo, providing support to a project that positions the country at a higher level of security and strategic readiness.

Within the framework of this close cooperation with the American strategic partner, the Ministry of Defense also received the AeroVironment RQ-20 Puma unmanned aerial system, procured through the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) program. These modern assets will serve to strengthen the KSF's capabilities in intelligence, surveillance, and unmanned aerial operations. The Minister of Defense, Ejup Maqedonci, described this as an important step in enhancing reconnaissance capabilities and as evidence of excellent cooperation with the USA.



Modernization did not stop there. The KSF was also equipped with thousands of “Skydagger” suicide combat drones, procured from the Turkish company Baykar. Dozens of KSF personnel have already been trained in their operation. These RTF (Ready to Fly) drones, equipped with explosive payloads for striking both moving and stationary targets, represent a significant increase in the striking power of the force.

By integrating the Skydagger drones, alongside the TB2 Bayraktar system and Puma aircraft, the KSF is building an advanced unmanned aerial operations capability, in line with the latest technological developments and modern warfare tactics. The new equipment was transported on Rheinmetall multi-purpose trucks (8x8), procured last year, demonstrating a sustainable and planned approach towards building a modern, professional and fully functional force.



STRENGTHENING DEFENSE CAPACITIES

At the Ministry of Defense, the framework contract has been signed with the American company AM General, one of the most well-known manufacturers in the defense industry. This contract includes the supply of modern mobile artillery systems HUMVEE Hawkeye 105mm Mobile Howitzer (MHS).

Within the framework of the contract, modern supporting vehicles, spare parts, maintenance services, as well as specialized training for the operation and maintenance of these systems are also included.

With this investment, the Kosovo Security Force enters a new phase of development, significantly increasing the firepower capabilities for direct fire at long distances.

This agreement represents an important step in strengthening the country's defense capacities and in building a modern, professional, ready, and interoperable army with strategic allies, thereby contributing to the enhancement of national security and long-term regional stability.



THE UNITED STATES SUPPLIES THE KOSOVO SECURITY FORCE WITH NEW ARMORED VEHICLES

In 2025, the Kosovo Security Force received a significant donation from the United States of America, being equipped with new armored vehicles. The formal handover ceremony of these vehicles was held with the participation of Prime Minister Albin Kurti, Minister of Defense Ejup Maqedonci, the Army Attaché at the U.S. Embassy, Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan Shaw, and the Commander of the Kosovo Security Force, Lieutenant General Bashkim Jashari.

This donation represents a significant contribution to the advancement of the operational capacities of the Kosovo Security Force, providing it with the necessary equipment and technology for the fulfillment of its constitutional mission. The continuous support of the United States of America remains evidence of the strategic partnership and the close cooperation between the two countries.

The new equipment contributes to increasing the readiness and mobility of the units of the Kosovo Security Force, as well as to the further advancement of its capacities in accordance with the standards of the NATO alliance, thereby strengthening cooperation with international partners and contributing to long-term security and stability.



THE KOSOVO SECURITY FORCE DEMONSTRATES PROFESSIONALISM AND INTEROPERABILITY “DEFENDER EUROPE 25”

The Kosovo Security Force demonstrated a high level of commitment and professionalism during its participation in the multinational exercise Defender Europe 25, positioning itself as a key actor in promoting regional security and cooperation. Within the framework of this exercise, Kosovo successfully organized the Honored Visitors Day, hosting high-ranking national and international personalities, and contributed to several partner countries through units deployed abroad.

The central event in the Republic of Kosovo began at Gjakova Airport, where the Commander of the Kosovo Security Force, Lieutenant General Bashkim Jashari, received high-ranking guests, including government officials, diplomats, and international military leaders. They visited the Tactical Command Post of the 28th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army, where developments related to the exercise in the Western Balkans were presented, together with the international cooperation among forces deployed in Albania, North Macedonia, Bulgaria, Montenegro, Greece, and Kosovo.



THE KOSOVO SECURITY FORCE RECORDS AN INCREASE, REACHING 4450 ACTIVE SOLDIERS

During the year 2025, the Kosovo Security Force has recorded a considerable increase in human capacities, continuing its consolidation as a professional, inclusive, and prepared force in accordance with contemporary military standards.

In the month of March, at the "Skënderbeu" barracks in Ferizaj, 344 new soldiers were sworn in, while in June 2025 an additional 350 recruits were added to this contingent. With these two generations, a total of 694 new soldiers joined the KSF during 2025, of whom 635 were male and 59 females. The swearing-in ceremonies were held in the presence of the highest state and military leaders, underlining the strategic importance of investing in human capital.



To strengthen its operational structure, the KSF has reached a level of 4450 (four thousand four hundred fifty) active soldiers, thereby maintaining a sustainable and balanced force capacity.

In parallel with the general recruitment, the Human Resources Directorate has implemented active inclusion policies, opening in the fourth quarter a competition for the admission of 60 active soldiers from non-majority communities. Following the selection and testing process, 45 candidates (43 male and 2 female) were chosen, thereby strengthening representation and diversity within the structure of the KSF.

Special attention has also been given to the development of the officer cadre. During 2025, 53 cadets were recruited for military education both inside and outside the country, including 19 of them at the Center for University Studies (CUS), 19 in Albania, 6 in Germany, 4 in Türkiye, 3 in the United Kingdom, and 2 in Croatia. This international distribution of education directly contributes to the enhancement of professional standards and interoperability with allied partners.

Through these developments, the Ministry of Defense and the KSF have demonstrated continuous commitment to building a new, trained, and motivated force, placing human resources at the center of the transformation and modernization of the Kosovo Army.

BUDGET 2026: OVER 216 MILLION EUROS FOR THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND CONTINUED INCREASE IN FUNDING



According to the budget allocations of the Republic of Kosovo for the year 2025, the approved budget for the Ministry of Defense was over 207 million euros, allocated into economic categories such as: salaries, allowances and compensations, goods, services, municipal expenses, and capital investments. The Department for Financial Management, based on institutional objectives, carried out the preparation of budget plans, budget revisions and amendments, maintenance of expenditure and revenue records, financial reporting, management of non-financial assets, as well as ensuring the functioning of internal control, in accordance with its scope of competence.

During the year 2025, donations in euros were received with total value over 12 million euros. Meanwhile, the budget of the Ministry of Defense, according to the Budget Law No. 10/L-001 for the year 2026, is over 216 million euros.

EXPANSION OF THE KSF'S INFRASTRUCTURE

An important step for the Ministry of Defense and the Kosovo Security Force was achieved with the official acceptance of a new location from the assets of the Kosovo Forestry Agency. The handover was carried out in cooperation and coordination between the two respective commissions, ensuring a transparent and efficient process.

The location, with an area of 100 hectares, is situated in the Batllava region (former Batllava Training Range), in the municipality of Podujeva, at the site called "Lumi i Surdullit". This development reflects the continuous efforts to improve and expand the operational capacities and infrastructure of the KSF.

At the 247th meeting of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, on 31 January 2025, the decision was approved to grant the use of these properties for the needs of the Ministry of Defense and the KSF. These properties are registered as social property – the Forestry Enterprise. This step follows the process of transforming and strengthening the capacities of the KSF, including the acquisition of the former Kosovo Protection Corps training range for the 5th Protection Zone of ZOLL.

The transfer of these properties aims to improve the infrastructure and operational capacities of the country's Security Forces, contributing to the consolidation of military capabilities and ensuring a more secure future for the Republic of Kosovo.



STRATEGIC PROGRESS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR POLICY AND STRATEGY IN 2025

In 2025, the Department for Policy and Strategy continued its engagement in the development and implementation of key strategic documents, in support of the development and advancement of defense capacities. During this year, the monitoring of the implementation of the Kosovo Security Strategy (KSS) and the Defense Strategy (DS) continued, while also being engaged in the drafting of strategic planning documents derived from these documents. Specifically, the Medium-Term Plan 2026–2028 was prepared, as well as the medium-term policies and development objectives for the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) for the years 2026–2028. Furthermore, based on long-term defense policies and the aforementioned strategic documents (KSS and DS), the drafting of the Long-Term Defense Development Plan (LTDDP) 2026–2036 has commenced.

An important activity carried out in September 2025 was the workshop on National Resilience/Sustainability, organized at the Ministry of Defense in cooperation with NALT and other strategic partners. This activity was a continuation of the “National Resilience” conference held earlier in the first part of the year and aimed to advance inter-institutional cooperation for the implementation of this concept, which will also precede the future drafting of a policy/strategy for National Resilience.

On this occasion, discussions were held on harmonizing the inter-institutional legal framework and establishing the Working Group for the drafting of the National Resilience Strategy, a key step in strengthening Kosovo's capacities to face challenges and crises, as well as advancing collective security at the national and regional level.

This activity, as part of a series of initiatives by the Department for Policy and Strategy, demonstrates the continuous commitment to the development of defense policies and the strengthening of inter-institutional and international cooperation, in order to ensure a rapid and effective response to any challenge that may arise in the future.



THE MOD AND THE KSF INTENSIFY CIVIL-MILITARY COOPERATION IN 2025

During 2025, the Civil-Military Cooperation sector coordinated a large number of requests and activities, including numerous visits from educational institutions and other organizations to the KSF barracks. On the occasion of the 17th anniversary of Kosovo's Independence, the KSF was visited by 5,364 students, while 2,978 students participated in the Force Day events.

Another important activity was the coordination and participation of the KSF in burial ceremonies of KLA veterans and other commemorative events, as well as support for 14 activities for various institutions. Part of this cooperation included support for international tours and competitions such as the "Tour of Kosovo", international marathons, lectures for students in schools across Kosovo, as well as medical support for sporting and social events.



ADVANCEMENT OF THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND LEGAL SUPPORT

The year 2025 marked noticable advancements in strengthening the legal framework of the Ministry and the KSF. The Legal Department of the Ministry of Defense has carried out a series of activities for legal support and the implementation of legislation. This has included monitoring the implementation of laws and sub-legal acts, judicial representation and defense of MoD and the KSF, as well as the provision of legal opinions and the preparation of draft decisions.



RESULTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT DURING THE YEAR

The year 2025 has brought progress in the management of public procurement processes in the Ministry of Defense. During the year 2025, the Department of Procurement and Contracts in the Ministry of Defense has carried out a considerable number of procurement activities, following the Final Public Procurement Plan (FPPP) and the Special Procurement Plan (SPP). The activities have included supplies, services and works, with a noticable advancement compared to previous years, both in terms of the volume of work and in the observance of procedures and the legislation on public procurement.



LOGISTICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF KSF CAPACITIES

In the year 2025, the Department of Logistic and Infrastructure (DLI) has provided continuous logistical and administrative support for the KSF capacities and for its dignified representation on the international stage. Close coordination was carried out with the Civil Aviation Security Division of the Mol for supplies through Prishtina Airport, enabling the direct receipt of cargo and the dispatch of equipment to missions abroad.

This support has included participation in international activities, such as “Combined Resolved” in Germany, “Winter Exercise 2025” in Türkiye, exercises in Albania and North Macedonia, as well as other significant activities.

The DLI has managed the donation process, coordinating with the donors. The largest donation came from Germany, in the amount of approximately 7.6 million euros for search-and-rescue equipment, donations from the USA totaling approximately 5.27 million dollars and 45 thousand euros of communication equipment, EOD equipment, an English language laborator, etc., as well as donations from the Ministry of Health and Türkiye, which have contributed to the advancement of the operational and support capacities of the KSF.



THE DEPARTMENT FOR PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT COORDINATES THE DRAFTING OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE'S PLAN FOR 2025

The Department for Planning and Assessment (DPA) played a key role in coordinating the drafting of the Ministry of Defense's plans, ensuring their compliance with the institution's strategic objectives and the policies of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo.

In support of the annual strategic objectives of the Minister of Defense for the year 2025, the DPA has coordinated the preparation of the Annual Plan of the Ministry of Defense for the year 2025. This document has been drafted in accordance with the 2021-2025 Government Program and has been integrated into the Government Work Plan.

Furthermore, the department has conducted the process of assessing the progress of the Ministry of Defense through analyses and periodic reporting on the level of achievement of institutional objectives. The assessment has been carried out on a quarterly basis, with particular emphasis on the implementation of activities foreseen in the Annual Work Plan (AWP) and in the Government's National Development plan (NDP).

CYBERSECURITY AND SPECIALIZED TRAINING FOR THE PROTECTION OF DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Within the framework of advancing cybersecurity, during the year important exercises and meetings were conducted, including the TTX exercise within the framework of GPSKIK, cooperation with DCAF for the drafting of technical procedures (Playbooks), as well as the holding of the 15th meeting of the Interinstitutional Working Group. In this meeting, the functionalization of the mechanism for the Coordinated Vulnerability Disclosure in IT systems was addressed.

In parallel, activities were carried out to raise awareness regarding cyber risks and threats. An agreement was signed between the MoD/KSF and RIT KOSOVA for the provision of specialist trainings in IT, Cybersecurity, AR/GIS, GIS PMI and ISO standards, where members attended 20 different types of trainings.

Furthermore, representatives of the institution participated in the Summit for Action on Artificial Intelligence in Paris, in the "Prague Cybersecurity Conference" in Prague, as well as conducted a study visit to the Cybersecurity Agency of the Czech Republic, in order to exchange experiences and to deepen international cooperation.



STRENGTHENING COOPERATION WITH DOMESTIC HEALTH INSTITUTIONS THROUGH VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION

Through the organization of voluntary blood donation drives in the Ministry of Defense and the Kosovo Security Force, cooperation with domestic health institutions has been strengthened, in particular with the National Blood Transfusion Center.

In January of the previous year, the KSF contingent with ROL medical capabilities joined NATO partner countries in the Field Exercise "KFOR 36", which was conducted at JMRC Hohenfels, Germany. During this exercise, the KSF provided real medical support to all participating armies, in close cooperation with the medical service of the United States Army.



INCREASING TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

During 2025, the Public Relations Office has strengthened communication with citizens through digital platforms, providing accurate and transparent information regarding the activities of the Ministry of Defense and the KSF. Official announcements and press releases have been published, and the public reaction has also been monitored in order to ensure open and professional communication.

Public Relations Office (PRO) has managed the content on social networks and on the official website, has translated materials into the Serbian language, and has monitored local and regional media, contributing to the increase of trust and cooperation with the public.



PROTOCOL COORDINATION AND ORGANIZING OF OFFICIAL EVENTS IN 2025

The Protocol Unit has supported the organization of official activities, including the marking of state events, the reception of counterparts, and the coordination of visits within and outside the country. Requests for VIP passage have been handled, official ceremonies have been organized, including the signing agreements, graduations and retirements, and protocol support has been provided for the leadership of the MoD and the KSF.



EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT OF DOCUMENTATION AND CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

The Department for Document Management and the Archive during this year has carried out its activities with full efficiency, including the main activities planned for 2025 and other activities according to requests. The Document Administration Sector in the Main Protocol Register has processed 6,785 different documents. The Office for Classified Information Management in the Protocol Register for classified information has processed 695 documents. A total of 7,480 documents have been handled altogether.



ADVANCEMENT OF GENDER EQUALITY IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND THE KSF

During the year 2025, the Ministry of Defense and the Kosovo Security Force have made significant steps in the advancing of gender equality. The participation of women in the structures of the Ministry and the KSF has been increased, with a particular focus on the recruitment of young women and the inclusion of women in leadership positions. Ministry has conducted informational campaigns to encourage young women to join the military and assist in promoting gender equality at all levels.

On International Women's Day, the Ministry of Defense extended greetings to the women of the KSF and the Ministry's officials, emphasizing their important role in strengthening security and in advancing social equality. Likewise, it committed to ensuring equal professional opportunities for each woman and to guaranteeing equal treatment in every aspect of military career development.

In accordance with its commitment to equality, the Ministry of Defense has announced the objective of increasing the number of women in the KSF to 1,000 members during the next four-year period and continues to support the academic and professional advancement of women in the military.



ENGAGEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNIT IN THE INTEGRATION OF MINORITY COMMUNITIES INTO THE KSF

The Community Affairs Unit of the Ministry of Defense, during the year 2025, has fulfilled its commitments for the implementation of the Strategy for the Integration of Minority Communities, which provides strategic guidance for the sustainable integration of these groups into the Ministry of Defense and the Kosovo Security Force.

Within the framework of recruitment activities, the Community Affairs Unit CAU has organized meetings with institutional representatives, non-governmental organizations, and municipalities with minority community populations, with the aim of raising awareness and strengthening inter-institutional cooperation for the sustainable integration of these communities into the KSF.



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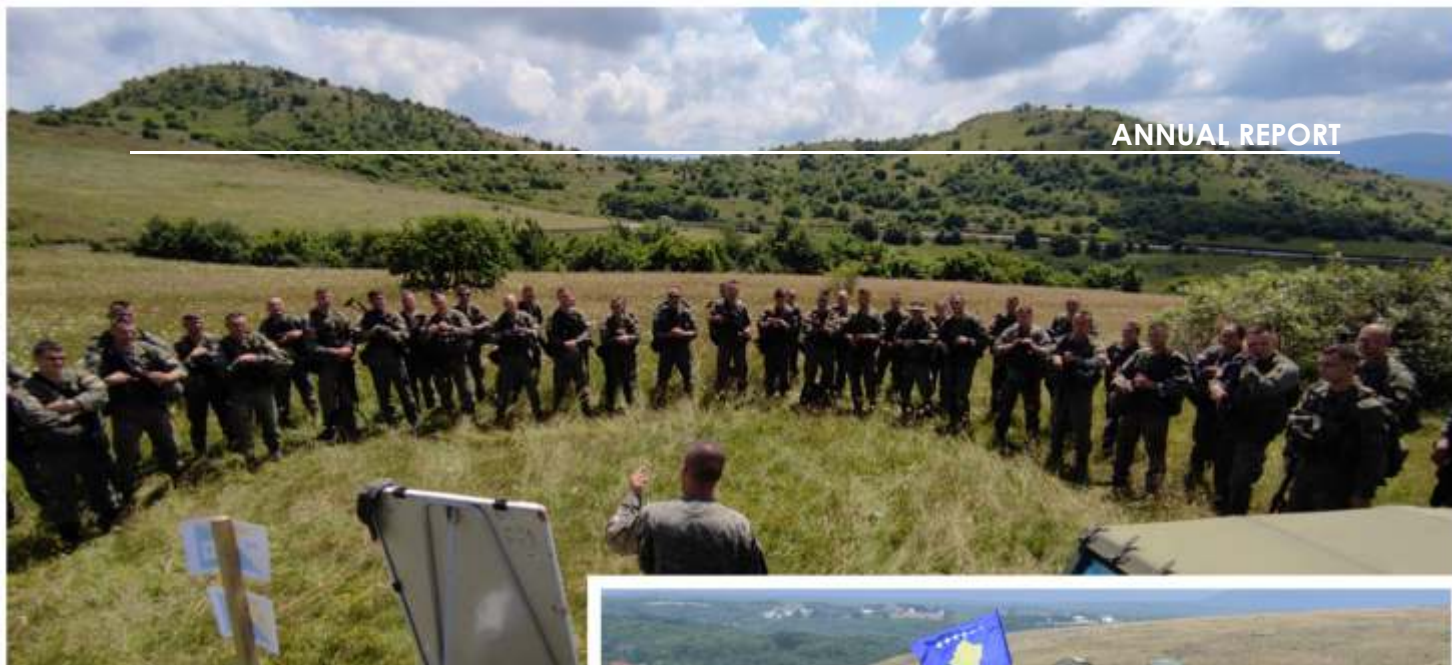
In the year 2025, the Demining Coordination Center (DCC) provided coordinated informational and technical support to the Ministry of Economy, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure, FAO, and the Kosovo Police, thereby reducing the risk from mines and unexploded ordnance (UXO) and enabling safe development in energy, infrastructure, agriculture, environment, and security.

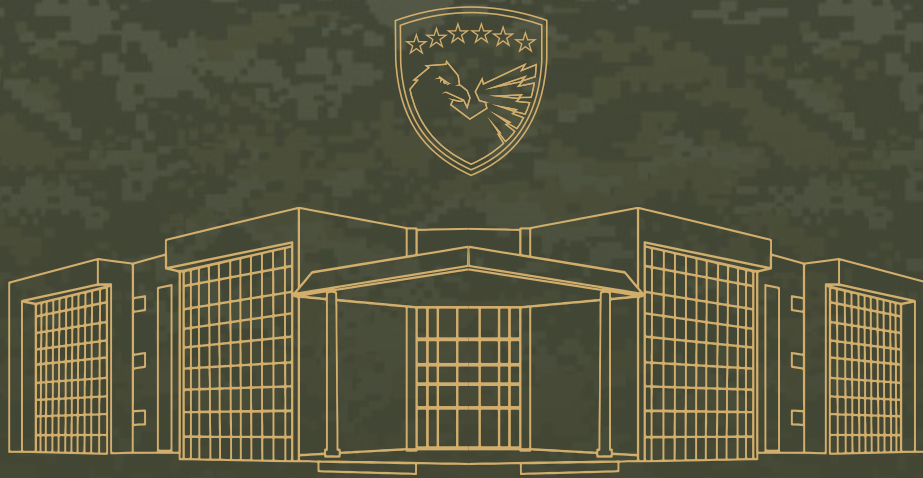
The 2025 Demining Plan has been drafted according to high-risk and public safety priorities, in coordination with the KSF, NPA, and HALO Trust. After the season, the data were updated in IMSMA and transferred to IMSMA CORE for more efficient monitoring and planning.

The KSF has operated in several locations: in the Freedom Park in Ferizaj, as well as in Cvilen, Qerim, and Murademë, clearing over 117,000 m² and discovering 26 explosive devices; the EOD unit has intervened in 286 cases. HALO Trust has cleared over 339,000 m² in Batushë, Morinë, Junik, in Jabllanicë e Madhe, Necavc, Dromjak, and Kabash, destroying mines and cluster bombs. NPA has cleared over 642,000 m², neutralizing a large number of cluster bombs and UXO.

During the year 2025, 367 inspections were carried out by the Quality Assurance of the DCC, overseeing operations according to IMAS standards, including the inspection of equipment, procedures (SPOs), and the marking of hazardous areas, with focus on civilian safety.







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