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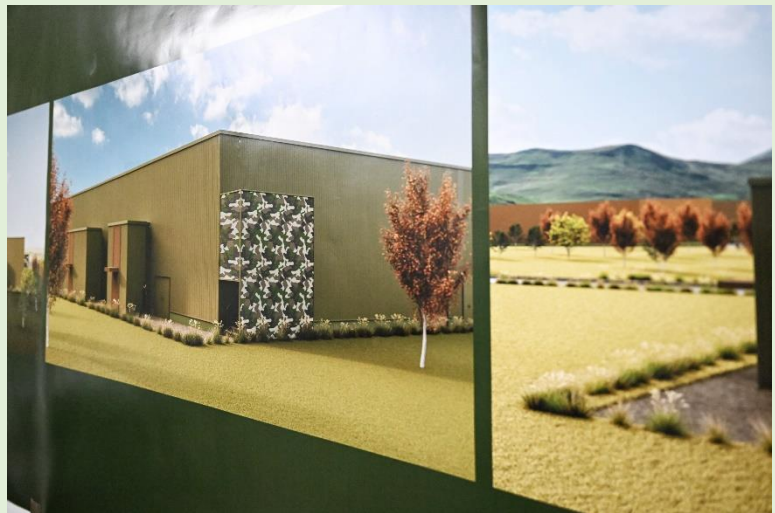
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Kosovo Advances Domestic Ammunition Production Capabilities



The Ministry of Defense has launched the recruitment process for personnel at the Ammunition Production Complex in Jahoc, Gjakova, marking an important step toward the operationalization of Kosovo's first domestic ammunition production capabilities. The recruitment process covers professional, technical, and support positions across engineering, production, maintenance, quality control, security, logistics, and other specialized fields. Personnel will be selected on the basis of merit, professional competence, and in accordance with applicable legislation, with selected candidates receiving the necessary professional training prior to assuming their duties. The recruitment of personnel represents a key milestone in establishing sustainable national capabilities in ammunition production and strengthening Kosovo's defense industrial base. It contributes to the development of more resilient and sustainable domestic defense capabilities and supports Kosovo's long-term efforts to enhance its national security and defense capacity.



Kosovo and United States Reaffirm Strategic Defense Partnership

Acting Minister of Defense Ejup Maqedonci and Commander of the Kosovo Security Force (KSF), Lieutenant General Bashkim Jashari, hosted United States Senator for the State of Iowa Joni K. Ernst, accompanied by a delegation from the Iowa National Guard led by Major General Stephen Osborn. The meetings focused on the strategic partnership between Kosovo and the United States, current regional security developments, and priorities for further strengthening cooperation in the field of defense and security. During the meeting at the Ministry of Defense, Minister Maqedonci presented Senator Ernst with the Distinguished Service Medal in recognition of her contribution to strengthening Kosovo–U.S. relations and her continued support for



the Ministry of Defense and the KSF. During the meeting with the KSF Commander, discussions focused on the continued development of the KSF, its key priorities, and opportunities to further strengthen cooperation with the United States and the Iowa National Guard, with particular emphasis on addressing shared security challenges. The strategic partnership with the United States and cooperation with the Iowa National Guard remain key pillars in the development of Kosovo's defense capabilities. The visit reaffirmed the shared commitment to further deepening the Kosovo–U.S. partnership and strengthening the defense and security capabilities of the Republic of Kosovo.

Minister Maqedonci Hosted NATO's Head of Current Operations Section

Acting Minister of Defense Ejup Maqedonci hosted Ms. Blanca Hereza Atienza, Head of the Current Operations Section in NATO's Operations Division, at the Ministry of Defense, accompanied by her delegation. The meeting was also attended by Deputy Minister of Defense Enis Kervan and Inspector General of the Kosovo Security Force (KSF), Major General Irfete Spahiu. The meeting focused on regional security developments, the current security situation, and the importance of continued coordination and cooperation between the institutions of the Republic of Kosovo and NATO. Minister Maqedonci expressed his appreciation for NATO's continued engagement and contribution to maintaining a safe and stable environment in Kosovo and the wider region. He reaffirmed the Republic of Kosovo's commitment to further strengthening its cooperation with NATO and contributing, within its capabilities, to regional and international security and stability.



Minister Maqedonci Attended Cadet Graduation Ceremony and Met with Kosovo Graduates in Türkiye



Acting Minister of Defense Ejup Maqedonci attended the graduation ceremony of cadets from the Military Academy of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Türkiye, held as part of the celebrations marking Türkiye's Victory Day. During his visit, Minister Maqedonci met with President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Minister of National Defense Yaşar Güler, whom he congratulated on the occasion. Minister Maqedonci also met with five Kosovo cadets who successfully completed their military studies at the Academy. Minister Maqedonci congratulated Second Lieutenants Ramadan Rexha, Gjergj Dreni, Altin Salihaj, Elmë Ramadani, and Admirim Ismajli on their achievements and wished them success in their future service to the Kosovo Security Force (KSF) and the Republic of Kosovo. The graduation highlighted the importance of Türkiye's continued support for Kosovo in military education, training, and professional development, as well as the strong defense cooperation between the two countries.



Kosovo and Germany Strengthen Defense Cooperation Through New Support Agreement

Within the framework of bilateral defense cooperation between the Republic of Kosovo and the Federal Republic of Germany, Secretary General of the Ministry of Defense Gafurr Dugolli and German Defense Attaché in Kosovo, Lieutenant Colonel Guido Altendorf, signed an agreement for Germany's support under the Enable & Enhance Initiative. The signing ceremony was attended by Colonel Imer Avdiu, Director of the Department for Logistics and Infrastructure at the Ministry of Defense; Silke Bellmann, Chargé d'Affaires at the Embassy of Germany in Kosovo; and representatives of the NATO Advisory and Liaison Team (NALT), Lieutenant Colonel Fabian Vogl and Major Claus Schumm. Secretary General Dugolli expressed his appreciation for Germany's continued support to the Republic of Kosovo, highlighting the importance of bilateral cooperation in strengthening Kosovo's defense and security capabilities. He reaffirmed his commitment to further advancing cooperation with Germany through additional projects in the security and defense sector. Valued at approximately €3 million, the project will contribute to enhancing the operational capabilities of the Kosovo Security Force (KSF) in support of its mission. It builds on a series of projects implemented within the framework of longstanding bilateral defense cooperation between the Republic of Kosovo and the Federal Republic of Germany.



KSF and Iowa National Guard Strengthen Longstanding Partnership

The Commander of the Kosovo Security Force (KSF), Lieutenant General Bashkim Jashari, hosted Major General Stephen E. Osborn, Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard. During the meeting, General Jashari thanked General Osborn for his visit and for the continued cooperation between the KSF and the Iowa National Guard, emphasizing the importance of the longstanding partnership in supporting the professional and operational development of the KSF. The discussions addressed cooperation to date, joint projects and activities, as well as opportunities to further advance the partnership between the two forces. The two sides also exchanged views on current security developments and the importance of continued cooperation among partners in addressing shared security challenges.



During his visit, Major General Osborn also visited the KSF Special Operations Unit, where he was briefed on the unit's capabilities, development, and ongoing activities. At the conclusion of the meeting, Lieutenant General Jashari expressed his appreciation to General Osborn and the Iowa National Guard for their continued support and cooperation, highlighting the longstanding partnership and shared commitment to strengthening peace and security.





KSF's continued investment in professional military education and the development of its personnel. Participation in international military education programs strengthens the professionalism, interoperability, and leadership capabilities of KSF personnel, contributing to the development of a modern and capable force prepared to fulfill its mission.

KSF Officers Advance Professional Development Through Military Education in the United Kingdom

Two officers of the Kosovo Security Force (KSF) have successfully completed advanced military education programs in the United Kingdom, marking another important step in their professional development and the continued strengthening of the KSF's personnel. Second Lieutenant Kushtrim Derguti graduated from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, one of the United Kingdom's leading institutions for military education and training. During his studies, he further developed his leadership, discipline, and professional skills, preparing him for increased responsibilities in service.

Major Krenar Lahu successfully completed the Command and Staff Course at the United Kingdom Defense Academy, as part of the Joint Services Command and Staff College. The program prepares officers for senior command and staff responsibilities, with a focus on operational planning, strategy, decision-making, leadership, and multinational co-operation. The successful completion of these programs reflects the



New KSF Recruits Begin Basic Military Training

New recruits of the Kosovo Security Force (KSF) have reported to the "Skënderbeu" Barracks in Ferizaj, at the Doctrine and Training Command's Basic Training Center, to begin their basic military training and take the first step toward becoming members of the KSF. Over the course of nine weeks, the recruits will undergo an intensive training program designed to prepare them physically, psychologically, and professionally for military service. The program will provide them with essential military knowledge and skills, preparing them to serve as soldiers and join military formations within the KSF upon completion of their training. The training marks an important step in developing a professional, capable, and mission-ready KSF, while preparing a new generation of personnel to contribute to the Force's continued development and operational readiness.

