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Kosovo–NATO Strategic Partnership Reaffirmed During SACEUR's Official Visit



Kosovo's partnership with NATO and its commitment to strengthening regional security were at the center of discussions during the official visit of NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) and Commander of U.S. European Command (USEUCOM), General Alexus G. Grynkewich, to Kosovo. The visit brought together senior Kosovo, NATO, and U.S. officials to address the evolving security environment, ongoing cooperation, and the continued development of the Kosovo Security Force. The Minister of Defense of the Republic of Kosovo, Ejup Maqedonci, and the Commander of the KSF, Lieutenant General Bashkim Jashari, hosted General Grynkewich during his visit. The delegation also included U.S. Embassy Chargé d'Affaires Anu Prattipati and KFOR Commander Major General Roberto Vergori. Discussions focused on the security situation in Kosovo and the wider region, Kosovo's partnership with NATO, and the continued development, strengthening, and modernization of the KSF. Minister Maqedonci outlined Kosovo's ongoing investments in defense capabilities, professional military education, personnel development, and the procurement of modern weapons systems and equipment in line with NATO standards. General Grynkewich acknowledged the progress achieved by the KSF and commended Kosovo's continued investments in strengthening its defense capabilities. Discussions also addressed the KFOR optimization process, the importance of sustained coordination with Kosovo's institutions, and continued cooperation in support of peace, security, and stability in Kosovo and the wider region. The visit reaffirmed the strong partnership between Kosovo, the United States, and NATO, highlighting their shared commitment to strengthening cooperation, advancing the KSF's capabilities, and contributing to regional security and stability.

Minister Maqedonci Discusses Defense Priorities with USEUCOM Leadership



As part of ongoing efforts to deepen bilateral defense relations, the Minister of Defense, Ejup Maqedonci, held a meeting with Sandra Oudkirk, Civilian Deputy Commander and Foreign Policy Advisor to the United States European Command (USEUCOM). The discussions focused on further strengthening cooperation with USEUCOM and advancing the strategic partnership between the Republic of Kosovo and the United States in the field of defense. Particular attention was given to the future development of the Kosovo Security Force (KSF) and opportunities for cooperation in the defense industry. Minister Maqedonci expressed his appreciation to Ms. Oudkirk for the continued contribution and unwavering support of the United States to the Republic of Kosovo, reaffirming the strategic importance of this partnership in developing Kosovo's defense capabilities and contributing to a more secure future.

Kosovo's Defense Diplomacy Takes Center Stage at Warsaw Security Forum 2026



In October, Minister of Defense Ejup Maqedonci paid an official visit to Warsaw, Poland, where he participated in the Warsaw Security Forum 2026, a prominent international platform for strategic dialogue on security, defense, and Euro-Atlantic cooperation.



On the margins of the Forum, Minister Maqedonci held bilateral meetings with Poland's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defense, Władysław Kosiniak-Kamysz, Lithuania's Minister of National Defense, Robertas Kaunas, and the United States Permanent Representative to NATO, Ambassador Matthew Whitaker. Discussions focused on strengthening bilateral defense cooperation, advancing the capabilities of the Kosovo Security Force, developing Kosovo's domestic defense industry and exploring opportunities for co-production, as well as securing continued support from strategic partners for Kosovo's Euro-Atlantic aspirations. Particular emphasis was placed on the strategic partnership with the United States, cooperation with the Iowa National Guard, the continued development of military capabilities, and further enhancing cooperation with NATO. Minister Maqedonci also discussed opportunities to expand defense cooperation with Poland and Lithuania, including the exchange of expertise in comprehensive defense and the development of the defense industry. During the meetings, Minister Maqedonci expressed his appreciation for the continued support of Kosovo's international partners in strengthening the country's security and defense capabilities. He also reaffirmed Kosovo's commitment to contributing to international peace and security. The visit to Warsaw provided an important opportunity to deepen engagement with strategic partners, advance bilateral defense cooperation, and reaffirm the Republic of Kosovo's commitment to its Euro-Atlantic path.







Minister Maqedonci Meets with NATO Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Operations Burcu San



The Minister of Defense, Ejup Maqedonci, met with NATO Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Operations, Burcu San, for a high-level exchange on the evolving security environment, emerging challenges, and opportunities to further strengthen Kosovo–NATO cooperation, particularly through the Alliance's Advisory and Liaison Team. Minister Maqedonci reaffirmed Kosovo's commitment to its Euro-Atlantic integration and eventual NATO membership, emphasizing that the development of the Kosovo Security Force continues to be guided by NATO standards. He highlighted ongoing efforts to modernize equipment, strengthen operational capabilities, and advance the professional development of military personnel through training based on the doctrines and practices of partner countries. Ms. San expressed her appreciation for Kosovo's contribution to international security, particularly its support for Ukraine through the UK-led Operation Interflex and the Demining Coalition, which supports the training of Ukrainian personnel. The meeting also highlighted the importance of developing Kosovo's defense industry and implementing the Comprehensive Defense Program as key elements in strengthening national defense capabilities, enhancing institutional and societal resilience, and promoting a whole-of-society approach to addressing security challenges.

KSF Development and NATO Integration at the Center of Discussions with NATO Parliamentarians



Strengthening Kosovo's defense capabilities and advancing cooperation with NATO member states remain central priorities of the Republic of Kosovo. These priorities were discussed during a meeting between the Minister of Defense, Ejup Maqedonci, the Commander of the Kosovo Security Force (KSF), Lieutenant General Bashkim Jashari, and members of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. During the meeting, Minister Maqedonci presented an overview of the progress achieved in strengthening and modernizing the KSF, implementing NATO doctrines, and aligning procured weapons systems and equipment with Alliance standards. He emphasized that these efforts reflect Kosovo's strategic orientation and institutional commitment to developing defense capabilities in line with NATO requirements. He also highlighted Kosovo's commitment to being a reliable partner and contributing actively to international peace and security. Minister Maqedonci reaffirmed that NATO membership remains a strategic objective of the Republic of Kosovo, supported by a continued institutional commitment to advancing this goal.

Minister Maqedonci Advances Regional and International Defense Partnerships at Zadar Conference



At the invitation of Croatia's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense, Ivan Anušić, Minister of Defense Ejup Maqedonci participated in the international conference "EU 4 Defense Readiness – Road Map to Future," held in Zadar, Croatia. He also addressed the panel "European Security in the New Geopolitical Environment," focusing on regional security challenges and the importance of strengthening defense capabilities. On the sidelines of the conference, Minister Maqedonci met with his Croatian counterpart to discuss bilateral defense cooperation and the expansion of trilateral cooperation among Kosovo, Albania, and Croatia. Discussions focused on the defense industry, military training, information exchange, and coordination in addressing hybrid threats, with opportunities to extend this framework to other countries in the region. Minister Maqedonci also held a meeting with Canadian representatives, Cynthia Dodig, Trade Commissioner, and Mathieu Lacroix, Director of Business Development for the Aerospace Sector at the Canadian Commercial Corporation. Discussions focused on expanding bilateral defense cooperation, particularly in the defense industry and military procurement. Both sides agreed to work toward a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a framework for further cooperation. Minister Maqedonci also highlighted the existing partnership, particularly the cadet exchange program between the respective military academies. During the conference, Minister Maqedonci outlined Kosovo's efforts to develop a comprehensive defense system involving institutions and citizens. He also addressed regional security concerns and emphasized the importance of stronger regional partnerships and domestic defense capabilities. The engagements in Zadar provided an opportunity to advance defense cooperation with regional and international partners, reinforcing Kosovo's commitment to contributing to European and international security.



New Military Truck Deliveries Expand the KSF's Logistical Capabilities



The Kosovo Security Force has further strengthened its operational and logistical capabilities with the delivery of 12 Unimog–Mercedes-Benz military trucks. The handover ceremony brought together Prime Minister Albin Kurti, Minister of Defense Ejup Maqedonci, KSF Commander Lieutenant General Bashkim Jashari, German Ambassador Rainer Rudolph, and representatives of Daimler Truck Defense and Mercedes-Benz Special Trucks, including Daniel Zittel. The vehicles feature a 4×4 configuration and a payload capacity of up to five tons, enhancing the KSF's transport and logistical capabilities. Germany continues to support the KSF through both military donations and bilateral cooperation. Following the donation of five Rheinmetall KX 8×8 trucks in 2024, two additional vehicles and four Unimog–Mercedes-Benz fire trucks are expected in 2027. Further truck deliveries are also planned as part of the KSF's long-term logistical development. The latest deliveries contribute to enhancing the KSF's mobility, transportation, and resupply capabilities, particularly in challenging terrain and diverse operational environments. Together with the Rheinmetall vehicles, they will strengthen logistical support and operational readiness. Minister Maqedonci expressed his appreciation to the Government of Kosovo and Germany, as well as to all partners involved, for their continued support and cooperation. The Ministry of Defense remains committed to investing in equipment, infrastructure, and human capital to build a modern, professional, and interoperable force capable of contributing to regional and international security.



515 New KSF Recruits Take the Oath, Marking the Largest Intake to Date



A total of 515 recruits from the 2026 generation took the oath of service at the Kosovo Security Force's "Adem Jashari" Barracks in Pristina, marking the largest recruitment intake in the KSF's history. The ceremony was attended by senior representatives of Kosovo's institutions, including the Speaker of the Assembly, Albulena Haxhiu, Prime Minister Albin Kurti, Minister of Defense Ejup Maqedonci, KSF Commander Lieutenant General Bashkim Jashari, NATO Advisory and Liaison Team (NALT) Director Brigadier General Thomas Schulte-Borghoff, and other local and international officials, alongside the recruits' families and friends. The new soldiers successfully completed nine weeks of basic training at the Basic Training Center under the Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) in Ferizaj. With the completion of their training, they are now ready to serve the Republic of Kosovo with dedication, professionalism, and a strong sense of responsibility. This record intake reflects growing interest among Kosovo's youth in military service and contributes to the continued development of a professional and capable KSF, committed to protecting the country and its citizens.





KFOR Command Transition Highlights Continued International Commitment to Regional Security

The transition of command within the NATO-led Kosovo Force (KFOR) marked an important occasion for reaffirming Kosovo's continued cooperation with the international mission and its commitment to maintaining peace and security. The Minister of Defense, Ejup Maqedonci, accompanied by KSF Deputy Commander Major General Enver Cikaqi and senior state officials, attended the ceremony during which Major General Özkan Ulutaş handed over command to Major General Roberto Vergori. Minister Maqedonci expressed his appreciation to Major General Ulutaş for his contribution to maintaining peace and security in Kosovo and wished Major General Vergori success in his new assignment. He also reaffirmed Kosovo's appreciation for KFOR's continued commitment to maintaining a safe and secure environment for all communities. On the sidelines of the ceremony, Minister Maqedonci met with Italy's Minister of Defense, Guido Crosetto, to discuss opportunities for expanding bilateral defense cooperation. Minister Maqedonci was informed that Italy's Ministry of Defense is preparing a document aimed at further developing military cooperation between the two countries. The Ministry of Defense remains committed to strengthening cooperation with KFOR and international partners in support of peace, security, and stability in Kosovo.



KSF Leadership Reaffirms Commitment to Continued Cooperation with KFOR

KSF Commander Lieutenant General Bashkim Jashari held a farewell meeting with outgoing KFOR Commander Major General Özkan Ulutaş and a separate welcome meeting with his successor, Major General Roberto Vergori. General Jashari expressed appreciation for Major General Ulutaş's contribution to peace and security and welcomed Major General Vergori, reaffirming the KSF's commitment to continued professional cooperation and institutional coordination with KFOR. Both engagements underscored the importance of the longstanding partnership in supporting security and stability in Kosovo and the region.

Kosovo Advances Bilateral Defense Dialogue with the United Kingdom and France

During the month, Minister of Defense Ejup Maqedonci held separate meetings with the Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Kosovo, Jonathan Hargreaves, and the newly appointed Ambassador of France, Jean-François Huchet, to discuss security developments and opportunities to advance bilateral defense cooperation. Discussions with the British Ambassador focused on defense policy development and strengthening capabilities to address future challenges, while the meeting with the





French Ambassador emphasized cooperation in military training, education, and the defense industry. Minister Maqedonci briefed both ambassadors on the development of the Kosovo Security Force's capabilities, the Comprehensive Defense Program, and efforts to advance domestic defense production. He expressed appreciation for the continued support of both countries and reaffirmed Kosovo's commitment to further strengthening these partnerships.

Germany Reaffirms Support for Kosovo's Euro-Atlantic Aspirations and Defense Development



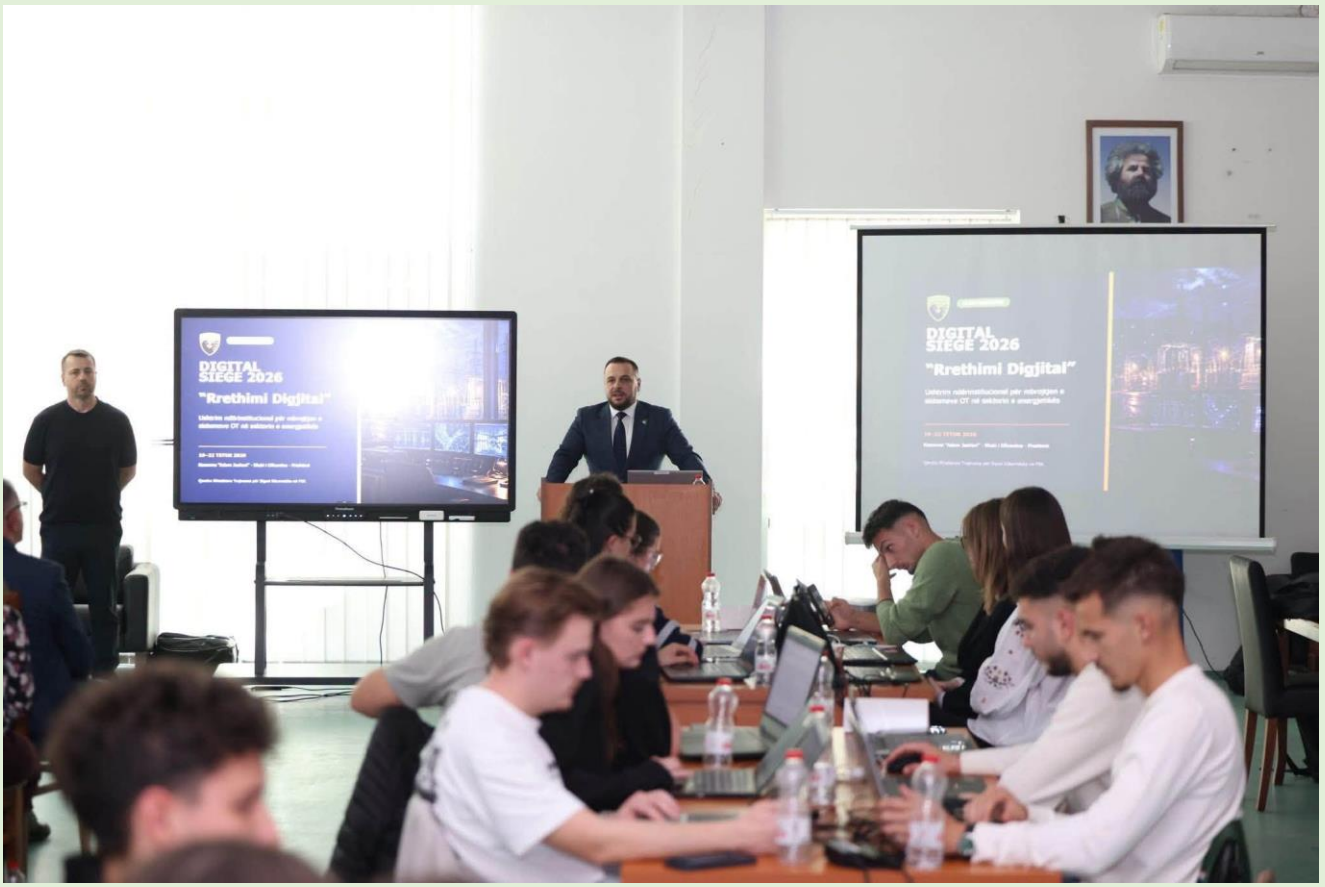
Minister of Defense Ejup Maqedonci met with Christoph Israng, Director of the Department for Europe at the German Federal Foreign Office, accompanied by German Ambassador Rainer Rudolph, to discuss bilateral relations and opportunities to further expand defense cooperation. Discussions focused on joint training and exercises, military education, defense procurement, and the development of the defense industry. The meeting also addressed regional security developments and Kosovo's contribution to promoting stability and security in Europe and beyond. Mr. Israng acknowledged Kosovo's engagement in international security efforts and reaffirmed Germany's support for its Euro-Atlantic integration, including its aspirations for NATO and EU membership. Minister Maqedonci expressed his appreciation for Germany's continued support and emphasized the importance of further advancing the strategic partnership between the two countries. Germany remains a key partner in the development of Kosovo's defense capabilities, with bilateral cooperation continuing across a broad range of security and defense areas.

Strengthening Defense Cooperation Between Kosovo and Türkiye



The Minister of Defense of the Republic of Kosovo, Ejup Maqedonci, held a meeting with Ambassador Basat Öztürk, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Türkiye to NATO, to discuss bilateral defense cooperation and Türkiye's continued support for the Republic of Kosovo. During the meeting, discussions focused on expanding educational opportunities for Kosovo Security Force personnel at NATO educational institutions, increasing bilateral training activities, and Türkiye's support for Kosovo's NATO integration process. Minister Maqedonci briefed Ambassador Öztürk on the ongoing development and progress of the KSF, with particular emphasis on strengthening its operational capabilities and professional capacities. The Republic of Türkiye remains an important strategic partner of the Republic of Kosovo. Kosovo highly values Türkiye's continued support and commitment to further deepening cooperation in the field of defense.

Advancing Cybersecurity Capabilities Through Digital Siege 2026



Minister of Defense Ejup Maqedonci participated as a speaker at the interinstitutional exercise "Digital Siege 2026," addressing representatives from Kosovo's public, academic, and banking sectors. He emphasized that strengthening the Kosovo Security Force's cybersecurity capabilities remains a priority, highlighting continued investments in technology, expertise, and institutional cooperation to enhance national cyber resilience. The exercise, the first of its kind organized by the State Cybersecurity Training Center, also highlighted the importance of interinstitutional coordination in addressing evolving cyber threats. The Center's operationalization within the KSF has been supported by the U.S. Embassy in Kosovo, underscoring the role of international partnerships in advancing national cybersecurity capabilities.

Minister Maqedonci Engages U.S. Business Community on Defense Industry Development



Minister of Defense Ejup Maqedonci engaged in discussions with representatives of the American Chamber of Commerce in Kosovo and the U.S. Embassy on strengthening private sector involvement in the development of Kosovo's defense industry. The meeting focused on investment opportunities, public-private cooperation, and the potential for greater engagement of domestic businesses in building sustainable defense capabilities. Minister Maqedonci highlighted ongoing efforts to establish the legal and institutional framework necessary to support a sustainable domestic defense industry. He emphasized the importance of creating practical capabilities through technology, innovation, investment, and cooperation with strategic partners. The Ministry of Defense remains committed to fostering an enabling environment for private sector participation and developing a defense industry that contributes to national security, economic development, and stronger cooperation with allied countries.

Minister Maqedonci Addresses Future Diplomats on Kosovo's Security Priorities and International Partnerships



Minister of Defense Ejup Maqedonci participated as a speaker at the 12th edition of the Diplomatic School for Young Diplomats, organized by the Diplomatic Academy of the Republic of Kosovo. The event brought together young diplomats from Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Americas. In his address, Minister Maqedonci highlighted the importance of aligning diplomatic engagement with defense policy in addressing evolving security challenges, strengthening international cooperation, and advancing Kosovo's defense capabilities. He emphasized that security extends beyond military capabilities and relies equally on effective diplomacy, resilient institutions, and strong international partnerships. In this context, he highlighted cooperation with NATO member states, the development of the domestic defense industry, and the implementation of the Comprehensive Defense Program as key elements of Kosovo's efforts to strengthen its security and resilience. Minister Maqedonci also underscored the important role of young diplomats in fostering international relations, promoting mutual understanding, and contributing to peace and stability.

Engaging European Diplomats on Regional Security and Defense Developments



The Minister of Defense, Ejup Maqedonci, hosted a group of European diplomats and experts for a meeting as part of the initiative "The Enlargement Strategic Dialogues," organized by the Austro-French Center for Rapprochement in Europe, with the support of the Open Society Foundations. On this occasion, they discussed developments within the Ministry of Defense and the Kosovo Security Force, the process of developing capabilities, and the security situation in the region and beyond. Minister Maqedonci shared with those present Kosovo's perspective on hybrid threats and security challenges, as well as the measures being undertaken together with our partners to address them.



"Another important achievement is Kosovo's contribution beyond our borders through its engagement in international operations in support of peace in Europe and the Middle East," the Minister emphasized on this occasion. The Republic of Kosovo is committed to building a modern and professional force while also serving as an active contributor to security and peace around the world.



Deputy Minister Kervan Highlights Defense Innovation During Visit to Türkiye

Deputy Minister of Defense Enis Kervan attended the closing ceremony of TEKNOFEST in Şanlıurfa, Türkiye, which was also attended by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Minister of National Defense Yaşar Güler. The festival showcased technological innovation, advancements in the defense industry, and the role of young people in shaping future technologies. Kosovo's participation highlighted the importance of technological development and international engagement in advancing defense-related innovation and institutional cooperation. Deputy Minister Kervan's participation concluded with the festival's closing ceremony.

Advancing Defense Technology and Investment Through Croatian-European Partnerships



The Minister of Defense, Ejup Maqedonci, participated in Croatian Business Day in Kosovo 2026, organized by the European Investors Council, in cooperation with the Embassyof the Republic of Croatia in Kosovo. Within the framework of this event, Miniester Maqedonci, during the panel entitled "Opportunities in Defense Technology and Dual-Use Industries," discussed the development of the defense industry, new technologies, as well as opportunities for investement and cooperation between Kosovo, Croatia, and European partners. The development of the defense industry is an important priority of the Ministry of Defense. Investments in this sector, in addition to strengthen defense and security capabilities, create new opportunities for innovation, technology, economic development, and cooperation with the domestic industry and international partners. Minister Maqedonci emphasized Kosovo's commitment to expanding partnership and creating a suitable environment for investment in defense technologies and dual-use industries. Cooperation with the Republic of Croatia and European partners is important for making progress in these areas.

Advancing Regional Security Cooperation Through New Initiatives at the A5



The Director of Defense Policy at the Ministry of Defense, Faruk Geci, participated in the Adriatic Charter–United States (A5) meeting of Defense Policy Directors, held in Šibenik, Croatia. Discussions focused on regional security, hybrid threats, economic and energy challenges, Euro-Atlantic integration, and opportunities to strengthen cooperation among member and observer countries. During the meeting, Director Geci presented three proposals aimed at enhancing regional cooperation: exchanging expertise on protecting critical infrastructure against hybrid threats, organizing a regional tabletop exercise in 2027 involving member and observer countries, and expanding joint training in search and rescue, medical support, and demining. He also called for Kosovo's membership in the Adriatic Charter to be placed on the agenda of the upcoming meetings of Ministers of Defense and Foreign Affairs, scheduled for the end of the year.

Gold Medal at Cambrian Patrol 2026



The Kosovo Security Force team representing the Republic of Kosovo achieved a Gold Medal at the prestigious international military competition “Cambrian Patrol 2026,” organized by the British Army in the United Kingdom. Competing against 35 international teams and 120 teams from the United Kingdom, the KSF demonstrated a high level of professionalism, discipline, physical and mental resilience, and operational readiness. Following this achievement, the Commander of the Kosovo Security Force, Lieutenant General Bashkim Jashari, hosted the team in recognition of its outstanding performance and contribution to representing Kosovo on the international stage. During the meeting, Lieutenant General Jashari congratulated the team members, commending their exceptional dedication, teamwork, and commitment throughout the competition. In recognition of their achievement, the Commander of the KSF awarded the team members medals for outstanding performance, emphasizing that their success reflects the Force’s continuous investment in professional development, rigorous training, and high operational standards. The Gold Medal at Cambrian Patrol 2026 marks a significant achievement for the Kosovo Security Force and enhances the international reputation of the Republic of Kosovo, demonstrating the ability of KSF personnel to perform alongside partner and allied military forces at a high professional level.



KSF Commander Advances Strategic Engagement with U.S. Defense and Military Partners

Strengthening the strategic partnership with the United States and advancing the professional and operational capabilities of the Kosovo Security Force were central to KSF Commander Lieutenant General Bashkim Jashari's official visit to the United States. During the visit, General Jashari participated in the AUSA Annual Meeting & Exposition in Washington, D.C., exploring developments in defense technology and opportunities for military modernization. At the Pentagon, he met with Deputy Assistant Secretary of War for Irregular Warfare Colby C. Jenkins to discuss bilateral security cooperation, Special Operations, and support for the KSF Transition Plan. He also met with Iowa National Guard





Deputy Adjutant General Brigadier General Charles H. Lampe to review achievements under the State Partnership Program and discuss the bilateral cooperation plan for the next five years. The visit reaffirmed the strategic partnership with the United States and underscored the shared commitment to strengthening bilateral cooperation, advancing security objectives, and promoting regional stability.

KSF and Iowa National Guard Reaffirm Commitment to Strengthening Bilateral Cooperation



The Commander of the Kosovo Security Force, Lieutenant General Bashkim Jashari, hosted a meeting with the Deputy Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard, Brigadier General Charles H. Lampe. At the outset, General Jashari welcomed General Lampe and congratulated him on his appointment as Deputy Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard. Discussions focused on the longstanding partnership between the KSF and the Iowa National Guard under the State Partnership Program (SPP), highlighting achievements to date and opportunities to further strengthen cooperation through joint activities, professional exchanges, and capability development. General Jashari expressed his appreciation for the continued support and contribution of the Iowa National Guard to the development and professionalization of the KSF. He emphasized that the Kosovo–Iowa partnership stands as an example of enduring cooperation, mutual trust, and a shared commitment to strengthening military capabilities, enhancing interoperability, and advancing the strategic partnership between Kosovo and the United States.



VALOR SHIELD 2026 Strengthens Special Operations Cooperation with International Partners

The Kosovo Security Force successfully concluded the field exercise "VALOR SHIELD 2026," conducted by its Special Operations units in cooperation with strategic partners from the United States, Albania, and Croatia, as well as other domestic security institutions. The exercise focused on strengthening operational capabilities, enhancing interoperability, and advancing common professional standards among participating forces. The activity reflects the continued development of KSF Special Operations and the importance of sustained cooperation with the United States and regional partners.

Triumfi Dardan Strengthens the International Standing of the KSF University Studies Center



The KSF University Studies Center successfully concluded the international competition "Triumfi Dardan," welcoming 40 officer cadets from NATO member states, the highest international participation since the event's internationalization. This year's competition challenged participants with a demanding 52-kilometer patrol across difficult terrain, carrying 35 kilograms of equipment over 22 consecutive hours. During the patrol, cadets completed five military tasks, testing their leadership, tactical and physical skills, endurance, and teamwork. Beyond the competition, "Triumfi Dardan" reflects the USC's growing international engagement and institutional development. Under the auspices of KSF Commander General Jashari and the leadership of USC Commander Major Mimoza Budeci, the Center has established three international agreements with military academies and universities in the United States, secured dozens of international scholarships, and enabled 73 cadets to participate in international activities abroad. Additionally, 90% of its staff have been involved in international programs, while the USC has hosted 70 international officer cadets. Looking ahead, the Center has confirmed participation in numerous international activities in 2027 across North America, Europe, and Asia. These achievements demonstrate the USC's growing role as an important representative of the KSF on the international stage and its commitment to preparing future military leaders through professional education, international cooperation, and the exchange of expertise, contributing to peace, security, and stability in Kosovo, the region, and beyond.





KSF and NALT Advance Professional Development of the Non-Commissioned Officer Corps

The Kosovo Security Force, in cooperation with NATO's Advisory and Liaison Team (NALT), organized a workshop focused on strengthening the role and professional development of the KSF Non-Commissioned Officer Corps. During the engagement, KSF Commander Lieutenant General Bashkim Jashari reaffirmed his support for the development of non-commissioned officers, highlighting their essential contribution to leadership, personnel training, mentoring, and maintaining professional standards. The workshop further supports cooperation between officers and non-commissioned officers and contributes to strengthening the institutional and professional foundations of the KSF.



KSF Officers Strengthen Expertise in Defense Resource Management Through Canadian Partnership

As part of bilateral cooperation with Canada, five Kosovo Security Force officers participated in the Defense Resource Management Course, organized by the Canadian Armed Forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina from September 28 to October 4, 2026. The training focused on defense resource management, project management, procurement, and human resource management, providing an opportunity to exchange expertise and learn from Canadian practices. The participation further contributes to the professional development of KSF personnel and strengthens cooperation with Canada in advancing institutional and defense management capabilities.

Ten KSF Cadets Begin Military Studies at Albania's Armed Forces Academy

Ten cadets from the Kosovo Security Force have begun their military studies at the Armed Forces Academy of the Republic of Albania, while an additional 29 candidates are attending the Preparatory Course for Officers. The new academic year opened at the Academy's modern campus, reflecting continued investment in military education and professional development. This cooperation provides valuable educational opportunities for future KSF officers and further strengthens the longstanding military partnership between the two countries.



KSF and Albanian Armed Forces Expand Cooperation in Military Education and Doctrine



The Kosovo Security Force and the Armed Forces of the Republic of Albania continue to strengthen their bilateral cooperation through joint activities, professional exchanges, and initiatives aimed at advancing military education, doctrine, research, and capability development. As part of this cooperation, a delegation from the Scientific Research Institute of FARSH, led by Brigadier General Fatmir Neziraj, visited the KSF Doctrine and Training Command (DTC), where it was received by DTC Commander Brigadier General Jeton Dreshaj. Discussions focused on opportunities to deepen cooperation, exchange expertise, and advance the development of military concepts, doctrine, and innovation. During their visit, the delegation also paid tribute at the "Adem Jashari" Memorial Complex in Prekaz and the Martyrs' Cemetery in Koshare. In a separate activity under the bilateral cooperation framework between the KSF Non-Commissioned Officers School and DTC, and the Professional Training Center for Non-Commissioned Officers (QAPN) of FARSH, participants of the Sergeant Major Course, Class 04/2027, conducted a study visit to Albania. The visit aimed to enhance professional and military knowledge, exchange best practices, and strengthen cooperation in the education and development of senior non-commissioned officers. Particular attention was given to the role and responsibilities of sergeant majors in leadership, discipline, personnel motivation, and professional development. These activities reflect the continued commitment of the KSF and FARSH to strengthening their professional partnership, promoting the exchange of expertise, and advancing common standards in military education and training. Through sustained cooperation, both forces contribute to developing capable, professional, and mission-ready military personnel.





Turkish Military Leadership Visits KSF Land Forces Command

Brigadier General Mehmet Lladrovci, Commander of the KSF Land Forces Command, hosted Lieutenant General Sebahattin Kilinç, Commander of the International Joint Strategic Command of Türkiye. Discussions focused on the development of KSF capabilities, particularly within the Land Forces Command, as well as opportunities to expand cooperation in military education, training, and professional development. The Turkish delegation also shared its experience in building military capacities, reaffirming the commitment of both sides to further strengthening their defense partnership.

Kosovo Participates in Training for the Development of Young Military Leaders in Croatia



Within the framework of bilateral cooperation and friendship with the Republic of Croatia, a team from the Kosovo Security Force participated for the first time in the training program for the development of young military leaders, organized at the Croatian Army's "Marko Babić" Center. The training concluded with an 88-kilometer tactical march from Udbina to Knin Fortress, putting the participants' physical and mental endurance, leadership skills, discipline, and decision-making to the test under challenging circumstances. Military personnel from Croatia, Kosovo, Slovenia, Albania, North Macedonia, and Montenegro participated in the training. The concluding march also carried symbolic significance, honoring the history and sacrifices of the Croatian people during the Homeland War. The KSF's participation in this training represents an important opportunity for the exchange of experiences, the professional advancement of KSF personnel, and the strengthening of military cooperation between the Republic of Kosovo and the Republic of Croatia. The Kosovo Security Force remains committed to developing military leadership, enhancing professionalism, and expanding cooperation with international partners in support of fulfilling its mission.

