

Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

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1. Introduction: Area and Population

The municipality of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica lies approximately 40 kilometres north of Prishtinë/Priština, covering an area of 350 square kilometres. It contains one town and 49 villages. The town itself and two of the villages (Suvi Do/Suhodoll and Svinjare/Svinjarë) are ethnically mixed, while the remainder is Kosovo Albanian.

Since the 1999 conflict, the town has been divided along the Ibër/Ibar River. To the south, the population is predominantly Kosovo Albanian. All of the 300 Kosovo Serb families who used to live there have moved to the north including the half a dozen who remained up to the violent riots in March 2004. The northern part of the town adjoins the municipalities of Zvečan/Zveçan and Zubin Potok, which were always predominantly Kosovo Serb. The north of the town is now home to approximately 20,000 inhabitants, approximately 17,000 Kosovo Serbs (of whom between 5,000- 7,000 are internally displaced persons (IDPs) and 3,000 others (Kosovo Albanians, Bosniaks, RAE). Before the conflict, at least 50 percent of the population in the north of the town was Kosovo Albanian. Accurate population figures have proven impossible to obtain for the north of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica (and in general for the whole municipality) and are a subject of much controversy.

The number of Kosovo Bosniaks has significantly reduced from the pre-conflict figure of 6,000. Today, the population appears to be between 2,000 and 3,000, living both north and south of the lbër/lbar. The pre-conflict Roma population (some 6,000) of south Mitrovicë/Mitrovica has been displaced to the northern municipalities and Serbia proper. Approximately 275 people live in a collective centre in the north of the town and a small number of families live in private accommodation in the south. More than 40 Ashkali families still remain in the south of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica, mostly concentrated in one community. There are Turkish families on both sides of the river and one third of the Gorani community remains in the south.

Mitrovicë/Mitrovica had seen a relaxation of tension between north and south to some degree during the period of late 2003 to early 2004. The security measures on the main bridge had been relaxed and provided by KPS rather than KFOR. However the March 2004 riots changed this situation and until recently KFOR maintained a significant presence on the main and eastern bridge in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica. The town saw some of the worst violence during the events of 17th-19th March which caused several fatalities and scores who were injured as fighting and violence took place on or in the vicinity of the main bridge. On 18th March KFOR evacuated the Kosovo Serb population - close to three-hundred people - in the mixed village of Svinjare/Svinjarë, shortly after which all of the Kosovo Serb houses and properties were burnt-down and looted. At present, the overall situation in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica is less tense and the main bridge is open for normal traffic, however, police is most of the time maintaining it presence there.

After being housed in the KFOR base in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica they were moved to Mitrovicë/Mitrovica north where some remain while the majority are now located in Zvecan/Zveqan and Leposavic/Leposaviq. Other newly displaced in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica municipality, from various locations in Kosovo affected during the March 2004, numbers around 400. The process of reconstruction and return for these newly displaced people is ongoing. The Orthodox Church located in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica south was also badly damaged when it was set on fire along with the neighboring property belonging to the resident priest. In the north, some in the Kosovo Albanian community also experienced threats and attempted violence against them to some degree. The damage done to the process of reconciliation and progress in the divided town is very significant.

Population	Kosovo Albania	า	Kosovo Serb		Slav Muslims		Roma-Ashkali		Turks	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Unreliable 1991- census	82,837	78	10,698	10.2	5,205	4.96	4,851	4.63	431	0.41
1998	95,231	81.74	10,447	8.96						
Current estimate figures	N/A		N/A		2,000	1.76	545	0.48	600	0.53

Table 1.1: Ethnic Composition, Including IDPs

Source: 1991 census: FRY Institute of Statistics and UNHCR statistics of 1998/OSCE estimates.

Lack of security and freedom of movement is a major obstacle to the establishment of normal life in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica. The division of the town has also complicated the provision of public services, and led to the creation of separate facilities for north and south. The International Community has taken a number of measures to improve the situation, including the establishment of a Confidence Area in the centre of the town and the construction of a footbridge to allow

Kosovo Albanians living in one part of the north to cross to the south. Currently the administration of the northern part of the town is under the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), with an appointed 8 person multiethnic Advisory Board. Members of all communities own property in the other half of the town, and have made repeated attempts to reclaim it. Longer-term progress on this front will, however, require access not only to property but also to education, healthcare, and shopping facilities.

2. Civil Administration

Unlike the majority of municipalities, Mitrovicë/Mitrovica had neither a Municipal Council nor an Administrative Board prior to the Municipal Elections in October 2000. Efforts to establish multiethnic UNMIK bodies faltered in the first part of 1999. Civil administration remained the responsibility of UNMIK and was carried out in co-operation with the entire spectrum of political leaders.

The Municipal Elections held in 2000 and 2002 reflected the same political landscape in the Municipal Assembly. LDK won the majority, while PDK was the second largest group. AAK and PD won a small amount of votes. At present, Mitrovicë/Mitrovica Municipal Assembly is made up of 41 members: LDK disposes of 24 votes, PDK of 15, AAK disposes of two and PD of one vote. After the death of the Municipal Assembly President Faruk Spahia (LDK) in October 2005, Mursel Ibrahimi (LDK), his former deputy, was elected as new President and Fatmire Berisha (LDK) as deputy. In December 2005 Sadri Ferati (former Director of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica Cultural Centre) was appointed as new CEO.

In order to provide minimum municipal services, through the end of 2003, UNMIK worked with the pre-conflict municipal structure in the north. Some municipal workers in the north were funded by the UN, but not formally employed by them. This has been changed, and now only a few Civil Servants of the pre-conflict administration, especially teachers in the schools, still receive UNMIK payments. In 2004, UNMIK started an attempt to extend the scope of its authority into the mostly Kosovo Serb populated north of the municipality through the opening of a Local Community Office that eventually employed 50 to 60 personnel. The self-styled Serb National Council (SNC) and former employees of the pre-conflict administration showed their resistance to the plan in demonstrations throughout February 2002. Furthermore, this administration operating in the North was reorganized by the Serbian Government, naming a new head and new department heads. There was strong Kosovo Serb pressure on anyone from their community not to work for the Local Community Office. Nevertheless, the Office started working at the end of February 2002, providing the first services to the Kosovo Serb community.

A serious backlash occurred on 8 April 2002, following the arrest of a leader of the so-called "bridge watchers", a gang of Kosovo Serbs which monitored movements on the north side of the bridge that divides the town. During the arrest, more than a dozen UNMIK Police and a small number of Kosovo Serbs were wounded. Demonstrations began and serious threats were directed towards the international community and Kosovo Serb staff in international organizations. Local Kosovo Serb political leaders used the occasion to re-issue claims for a separate municipality in the north, combined with a threat to boycott the upcoming 2002 Municipal Elections. Despite this incident, considerable progress was made over the year in the establishment of the municipal structures. Municipal structures in the south are functioning and the municipality has started to generate revenues by levying fees. Important pieces of local legislation have been passed, including a Municipal Statute. Accordingly, in March 2002, the UNMIK Municipal Administrator handed over a considerable part of his responsibilities to the municipality.

On 25 November 2002, the SRSG promulgated the UNMIK Administrative Direction No. 2002/26 on implementing UNMIK Regulation No. 2000/45 on Self-Government of Municipalities in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica, announcing official closure of the "parallel" municipality in the North, thus re-establishing UNMIK authority over the whole of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica. Also, the Local Community Office established in early 2002 ceased to exist. The UNMIK Administration in Mitrovica North opened two offices in order to provide the fundamental services to the population living in this part. It was planned that the Administration would not be politically competent, but only provides services; therefore the elected Municipal Assembly in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica would not have any competencies over the administration of Mitrovica North. According to the SRSG' s Seven Point Plan for Mitrovicë/Mitrovica, an Advisory Board, composed of local political representatives from the North, was established to assist UNMIK in managing the town.

The Board nominees were: Vladimir Rakić (SNC), Miodrag Ralić (SNC), Ljubica Mandić (SNC), Dragan Spasojević (DA), Dr. Srboljub Milenković (DS) and Nebojsa Minić (DSS), representing the whole political spectrum in the North and

accompanied with representatives of minority communities living in the North: Faruk Korenica, Albanian representative and Hajrudin Pirovic, Bosnjak representative. The Advisory Board meets on regular basis in order to discuss the performance of the UNMIK Administration and priority projects in the town.

The three mandatory committees were established in the south in December 2002, however Kosovo Serb are not participating in these committees. Discussions had been underway with Kosovo Serb community members in Svinjare/Svinjarë shortly before the riots of March 2004 for their inclusion in the Community Committee and a provisional agreement was reached that a Kosovo Serb representative would attend the Committee. However this brought an end to that possibility. So far the committees are still faced with difficulties in terms of effective functionality and participation in the municipal legislative process. OSCE is continuously supporting the work of these two anti-discrimination bodies through capacity building and mentoring in order to enhance their performance, however the highly sensitive political situation in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica is not favouring such efforts.

Name of Municipal Assembly Member / Professional Background	Political Affiliation
Mr. Mursel Ibrahimi, University Professor/PhD Mathematics, LDK	LDK, President
Ms. Fatmire Berisha, Professor, LDK	LDK, Deputy President
Mr. Jetish Bajrami	LDK Member
Ms. Ajmane Barani	LDK Member
Mr. Selatin Ymeri	LDK Member
Mr. Anita Morina	LDK Member
Ms. Hyrije Fejza	LDK Member
Ms. Afërdita Hajrizi	LDK Member
Mr. Sali Haxhiu	LDK Member
Mr. Aziz Qitaku	LDK Member
Ms. Florije Ibishi	LDK Member
Mr. Mehdi Jonuzi	LDK Member
Ms. Sanije Behrami	LDK Member
Mr. Bajram Kajtazi	LDK Member
Mr. Mehmet Syla	LDK Member
Ms. Naxhije Kabashi	LDK Member
Mr. Mensur Kelmendi	LDK Member
Mr. Osman Hasani	LDK Member
Mr. Lumni Xhaka	LDK Member
Mr. Bajram Mustafa	LDK Member
Mr. Ramadan Ademi	LDK Member
Mr. Bektesh Vidishiqi	LDK Member
Mr. Faik Jashari	LDK Member
Mr. Ahmet Tmava	PDK Member
Mr. Vehbi Beqiri	PDK Member
Ms. Drita Kadriu	PDK Member
Mr. Shaqir Demiri	PDK Member
Ms. Drita Fazliu, Doctor	PDK Member
Mr. Bedri Hamza	PDK Member
Mr. Vjollca Meha	PDK Member
Mr. Ferit Jashari	PDK Member
Mr. Adem Nura	PDK Member
Ms. Nurije Hajdari	PDK Member
Mr. Ali Topalli	PDK Member
Ms. Vjollca Shyti	PDK Member
Mr. Safet Voca	PDK Member
Mr. Rizah Haziri	PDK Member
Mr. Ukshin Rrecaj	PDK Member
Mr. Mexhit Balija	AAK Member
Mr. Qerim Hamiti	AAK Member
Mr. Halit Morina	PD Member

Table 2.1: Composition of the Municipal Assembly

Table 2.2: Municipal Assembly Committees

Committee	Chairperson / Affiliation	Vice-chairperson / Affiliation
Policy and Finance Committee	Mr. Mursel Ibrahimi/LDK	Mr. Sadri Ferati/LDK
Community Committee	Ms. Sadija Nikshiq Kadriu, Bosniak	Mr. Osman Haziri/LDK
Mediation Committee	Mr. Omer Omeragic, Bosniak	Mr. Istref Jashari/LDK
Gender Equality Committee	Ms. Naxhije Kabashi/LDK	Vacant

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

Table 2.3: Chief Executive Officer, Board of Directors and I	Municipal Departments
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Director / Professional Background / Affiliation	Municipal Department	
Mr. Sadri Ferati, Engineer (LDK)	Chief Executive Officer	
Mr. Isa Hyseni, Jurist (LDK)	Dept. of General Administration	
Mr. Besim Kurti, Economist (LDK)	Dept. of Economy and Development	
Mr. Murteza Berisha, Professor (LDK)	Dept. of Education	
Mr. Fejzullah Haxhani (LDK)	Dept. of Urbanism	
Mr. Fadil Qela	Dept. of Agriculture	
Mr. Adem Fazliu (LDK)	Dept. of a Finance	
Ms. Sadie Asllani – Bilalli, Doctor (Independent)	Dept. of Health and Social Services	
Mr. Fadil Selmanaj, Engineer Geodesy (Independent)	Dept. of Geodesy, Cadastre and Property	
Mr. Ismet Syla, Engineer, Technology	Dept. of Inspection	
Mr. Xhemajl Syla, Engineer (LDK)	Dept. of Youth Culture and Sport	
Mr. Hysni Syla	Municipal Information Officer	
Ms. Snezana Nestorovic	Municipal Community Officer south	
Mr. Sadudin Maksuti	Municipal Community Officer north	
Ms. Hasime Barku	Acting Municipal Gender Officer	
Mr. Gani Mikullovci	Municipal Election Officer	
Ms. Hasime Barku	Municipal Return Officer	

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

3. Political Parties

Nineteen political parties in total competed in the 28 October 2000 Municipal Elections including 12 Kosovo Albanian, two Bosniak, one Ashkali, and two Turkish parties. The Kosovo Serb community did not participate. The election results showed the support for PDK, who had control over the municipality before the elections, had decreased. LDK won a sound majority in the Municipal Assembly. The Municipal Elections in 2002 showed further support for LDK which gained 53,3% of the votes, while PDK won 34,2 %, AAK 5,7% and PD 1,3% of the votes.

At present, there are 13 Kosovo Albanian political parties in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica. LKCK party branch in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica does not exist any more, while in 2004, ORA and the Democratic Alternative of Kosovo (ADK) party branches were newly established. Regarding the present representation of parties from other communities, the only Bosniak party in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica is the Party for Democratic Action (SDA). The Turkish party represented with a branch in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica is KTDP and PDAK represents members of the Ashkali community.

Thirteen Kosovo Serb political parties/entities have municipal branches in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica municipality including DSS, DS, SNC, SPO, SRS, SDP, G-17 Plus, KP, JUL SPS, LS and Movement of Serbian Strengths. The pro-Milosević parties SPS, SRS, and JUL are less visible, whilst the opposition parties DSS, DS, SPO, and LS are more active. The main DSS leaders were members of the Serb National Council (SNC Mitrovica), a political group including non-affiliated members which also exercises an unofficial security role in northern Kosovo and for a while, became an important interlocutor for the international community in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica.

DSS, DS, SPO, ND and some unaffiliated candidates in late summer 2001 formed the Kosovo Serb "Koalicija Povratak" (Coalition Return) that won 22 seats in the Kosovo Assembly in the 17 November 2001 election. They have taken over the role as the main Kosovo Serb interlocutor with the international community, while their support within the Kosovo Serb population is constantly challenged by the others within the SNC and remains fairly weak at a local level. In 2004 two political entities established their municipal branches: G17 Plus (established by former members of the Social Democracy (SD) and Pokret Snaga Srbije (Movement of Serbian Strengths). In late 2004, the Serbian List for Kosovo and Metohija was formed as an entity that participated on the Kosovo Serb which left the SLKM without significant legitimacy. The lack of legitimacy was accepted seriously by the SLKM members who refused to take over eight seats in the Kosovo Parliament. However, they continue to be important interlocutors for the International community and Provisional Institutions of Self-government. In March 2006, The Independent Liberal Party was registered as a new Serbian political entity.

Table 3.1: Political Entities

Party	Municipal branch leader	Kosovo-wide leader	Votes in Mun. Elec.	Seats in MA
Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK)	Mr. Ramadan Kelmendi	Vacant		23

	Mr. Ahmet Tmava	Mr. Hashim Thaqi	34.2%	15
Alliance for the Future of Kosovo (AAK)	e of Kosovo (AAK) Mr. Qerim Hamiti Mr. Ramush Haradinaj		5.7%	2
Party of Justice (PD)	Mr. Halit Morina	Mr. Sylejman Qerkezi	1.3%	1
Albanian National Unification Party (UNIKOMB	Mr. Muharrem Avdiu	Mr. Muhamet Kelmendi	0.13%	0
People's Movement of Kosovo (LPK)	Mr. Ismet Kadriu	Mr. Emrush Xhemajli	0.4%	0
Kosovo Citizens Initiative (IQK)	Mr. Skender Burgija	Mr. Qemajl Sokoli	0.25%	0
National Movement for Liberation of Kosovo LKCK)	Mr. Gani Baliu	Mr. Sabit Gashi	0.21%	0
National Front (BK)	Mr. Murat Qitaku	Mr. Kajtaz Fazlia	0.23%	0
Green Party of Kosovo (PGJK)	Mr. Bejtullah Bejtullahu	Mr. Shaqir Demiri	0.33%	0
Liberal Party of Kosovo (PLK)	Mr. Zeqir Beqiri	Mr. Gjergj Dedaj	0.45%	0
Social Democratic Party of Kosovo (PSDK)	Mr. Bahri Misini	Ms. Kaqusha Jashari	0.22%	0
DRA	Mr. Burhan Kalaveshi	Mr. Veton Surroi		
Democratic Alternative of Kosovo (ADK)	Ms. Sherife Skenderi	Ms. Edita Tahiri		
Democratic Party of Serbia (DSS)	To be elected	Milorad Todorovic	0.23%	0
Democratic Party (DS)	Dragisa Djokovic	Goran Bogdanovic, President of Kosovo Board	N/A	N/A
Social Democratic Party (SDP), previous Democratic Alternative (DA)	ial Democratic Party (SDP), previous Aleksandar Maskovic, Prof. Gojko Savic, President of the Regional –		N/A	N/A
	Mr Nebojsa Jovic Mr Miodrag Ralic	Dr Milan Ivanovic, President of Regional SNC Mr Momir Kasalovic, President of Regional EB	0.34%	0
Coalition Return (KP)	/	V	0.46%	0
Social Party of Serbia (SPS)	Mr Ljubisa Marovic	Mr Dobrosav Radovic, President of Regional Board	N/A	N/A
Serb Radical Party (SRS)	Mr Ljubomir Kragovic	Dr Vojislav Seselj, Serbia proper	N/A	N/A
Serb Renewal Movement (SPO)	Mr Nenad Markovic, President of Municipal Board	Mr Radomir Janicijevic, President of Regional Board and Co-president of Kosovo Board; Mr Randjel Nojkic, Co-president of Kosovo Board	N/A	N/A
Yugoslav United Left Wing (JUL)			N/A	N/A
iberals of Serbia	Ms Aleksandra Jovanovic	Mr Nenad Radosavljevic, Regional President Mr Dusan Mihajlovic, Serbia proper	N/A	N/A
G 17 Plus	Miladin Djurovic	Stojanka Petkovic	N/A	N/A
Novement of Serbian Strengths	Milan Misic	Andrija Mijanovic	N/A	N/A
ndependent Liberal Party	yet to be established	Mr. Slobodan Petrović	N/A	N/A
	Mr. Erhan Koroglu	Mr. Mahir Jagcilar	0.74%	0
(osovo Turk Democratic Party (KDTP)				-
	Mr. Nexhat Ugljanin	Mr. Numan Balic	0.91%	0

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

4. Local and International NGOs

Most non-governmental organizations (NGOs) operating in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica region are officially registered with UNMIK. This is increasingly becoming the case in the north where the establishment of NGOs is gaining momentum and improvements have been made in co-operation with international agencies. More NGOs are being formed in order to confront issues related to civil society and overall democratic development in Kosovo. NGOs, however, continue to draw their members from a single ethnicity and sometimes have political alignments. In some cases, minorities, including Bosniaks, Romas, Ashkalis and Turks, are also members. A few of them, mainly under the influence of international NGOs or donor requirements, established multiethnic NGO's consisting of Albanians and Serbs.

The main problem for all local NGOs is funding and the challenge to achieve any degree of sustainability. NGOs are at a disadvantage, as donors tend to be Prishtinë/Priština-based and functioning financial institutions are absent. Despite this, some both in the north and south have demonstrated the ability to secure funding and provide services. Unfortunately, a number of donors remain reluctant to support projects given the history of disturbances in the city.

Table 4.1: Local NGOs based in the Municipality

Name:	Main Focus:	Contact Person	Address/Tel/Email:
Action for joint aid	Humanitarian assistance	Srdjan Kosanin	Kralja Petra Prvog 189Mitrovica 063-251879, 028-33494, 063-8251879 ZAPYU@yahoo.com AZPKM@yahoo.com

Action for Society developement	Society developement	Sabri Shabani	Str.Brigada 142 Meh Uka, N.1 028 35 140, 044 502 213
			sabrish70@hotmail.com
Action for Society Development	Infrastructure, Human Rights,	Sabri Shabani	Mehe Uka 99
	Community development		028/ 35 140, 044/ 294 255
			asdmitrovica@yahoo.com
			sabrish70@hotmail.com
			www.asdkosova.org
Agim Hajrizi	Foundation	Afërdita Hajrizi	Agim Hajrizi 4
Ayini Hajiizi	Foundation	Alerula hajiizi	
			063 8955 620
Agoi Dielli	Youth Issues	Luljeta Prekazi	Mbreteresha Teute 351
			044 / 208-055
			lulejete_p@hotmail.com
Agricultural Association `Eko – Fshati`	Agriculture	Selim Citaku	Fshati Qubrel
3 ·····	3		044/ 189995; 044 345 710
Agriculture association "Blegtoria dhe	Agriculture	Fadil Ademi	Village Rashan
Kultivimet Bujqesore"	Agriculture		
			028 39 566, 044/ 146 365
Aleksander Mojsiu	Art, culture	Zeke Murseli	044/196 359
All together	Community development	Svi Zajedno, Gordana Jerotijevic	Lole Ribara 33/3
-			063-8375480
			stejer2002@yahoo.com
Amotoura Accordiation of body building	Pody building participation in regional	Avni Moloku	
Amateurs Association of body-building	Body building, participation in regional		Rr.Sylejman Vokshi nr.79
	and international competition		044 213 456
Agro Youth	Involvement of youth in agriculture	llir Halili	Rr.Deshmoret e Kombit nr.39
		llirhalili_831@hotmail.com	044 213 379
Art&Media	Art, culture	Besnik Hasanaj	Rr. "Bedri Hasanaj" No. 15
			063/ 705 7314; 028/ 30 782
			Besnikhasanaj@yahoo.com
			Artmedia_mitro@yahoo.de
Association of the Blind Mitrovica	Humanitarian assistance	Vladica Jakovljevic, Rasa	UI. Kolasinska 36/41
		Jakovljevic	028-25842, 063-471822
Association for Care/Rehabilitation of the	Human Rights and Social Protection	Hamit Xhosha	Kodra e Minatoreve 122
Expatriates and Survivors of the torture	of the victims of torture		063 816 24 83
Association of Displaced Persons from	IDP's	Uros Stojanovic	Xhon Kenedija 9/69
the Vushtrri/Vucitrn 'Kameni Most'			Mitrovica, 028-20082, 063-8465184
Association of Expelled and Displaced	IDP's	Rade Spasojevic	Kralja Petra 1 st
Persons of Kosmet			028-34800
Association for Peageons Cultivation	Animal Protection	Ilaz Ramadani	Suhodoll
			063 77 93 999
"Batak"			
Association for Psycho-social Protection	Psycho-Social assistance	Hamdi Boja	Sheshi Agim Hajrizi (Pensioners Building)
of families "Toleranca"			028/ 33 007 , 063 81 62 452
Association for returning of the displaced	Human Rights	Fahredin Berisha	028/29/ 769
Albanians		Afrim Voca	044/147 675
Association for Unity and Diversity and	Civil Development	Mr Nexhmedin Spahiu	Sheshi Jasharaj, 028/29 905, 32 167
against cleavage and partition 'Mitrovica'	orvin Bevelopment		n_mitrovica@yahoo.com
Association "Lumi I Bardhe"	Agriculture	Nexhat Murati	RR.Berati nr 10
Association of Dumb and Deaf	Assistance and promotion of persons	Mr. Nysret Gubetini	Atra 75
	with limited abilities	Mr. Fatos Ismaili	028 23 817, 044 147 001
			lshskm@hotmail.com
Association of figurative and applicative	Art	Ali Bejta	Cultural Centre
artists of Mitrovica			044 / 272-072
Association of Fisherman	Environment, Fishing	Mr. Gani Beshiri	044/147 552
Association of Military Invalids	Human Rights	Gani Haliti	Municipality building, office no. 83
-	-		063 85 28 285
Association of Mitrovica Lawyers	Assistance to Juridical Affair	Mr.Ramadan Kelmendi	028/22 911
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A 1.47 CAA 1.1			
Association of Musicians	Art, Culture	Mr. Arian Haxhibeqiri	Lux Deartment store 1 flour
		Mr. Afrim Avdyli	028/37 245, 37 240
			haxhibegiri@hotmail.com
Association of the civil invalids of War	Juridical and social protection to the	Rrustem Bekolli	Tjegullores N-2,5/18
	civil invalids of the war		028 28 812
Association of the firm of the firm		Tafi Daai	
Association of the figurative artists of	Art, Culture	Tafil Peci	Brigada no-142
Mitrovica			028/ 28 552, 044 164 167
			arta_shkupolli@hotmail.com
Association of the Hairdressers of	Fashion and hairstyling competitions	Mustafë Morina	Rr.Sheshi Agim Hajrizi P.N
Mitrovica region (MI, VU, SE)			044 272 194
	Animal protection	Sead Begu	Rr.Ahmet Selaci nr.96
Association of the Sinologists of	Animal protection	Sead Begu	
Mitrovica			044 212 901 , 063 81 76 265
Association of the women family holders-	Women issues	Afërdita Hajrizi	Agim Hajrizi 4
resolution of the women furnity holders	1	1	044 / 155-521
"lir"			
			aferdita_h_3@hotmail.com
"llir"	Mental health issues	Gani Shabani	
"Ilir" Assosciation of treatment and	Mental health issues	Gani Shabani	Xhafer Deva 8
"llir"	Mental health issues	Gani Shabani	

	Economic development	Musa Aliu	Village Fushe Iber 063/ 8189 341
Assosiation for Loan savings	Economical development	Vehbi Beka	Village Kcic
Assosiation for Teachers Training "Let's		Antigona Gjakaj	Gazmend Baliu 113
earn Together"		Antigona Gjakaj	044 173 766
earn rogemen			
			antigonadajaku@yahoo.com,
			mesojmsebashku@yahoo.com
Athletic Club 'Trepca'	Advancing the athletics,organizing competitions	Mustafe Rrustemi	Stadioni I Ri 044 238 535
Assosiation of the Families of the KLA	Issues regarding the families of the	Alije Gashi- Tmava	Rr. " Muhamet Gashi", No. 17
nartyrs	KLA martyrs	j	044/ 355 376
			alijet_gashitmva@hotmail.com
Auto –taxi'Trepca'	Protecting the rights of the Mitrovica	Ejup Shabani	Re.Mbreteresha Teute nr.3
·	auto-taxi drivers		044 214 674
ATHG Kacageli	Art, Culture	Mr. Adem Zhitipotoku	ArtimJashari 69 028/29 358, 063/744 612
Bambi	Humanitarian aid	Knjaza Milosa	063-8547950, 063-8144741
Janu	numanitarian alu	Slavisa Bisevac	003-0347930, 003-0144741
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Minorities of Kosovo	Minorities issues	Hiljmnijeta Apuk	Adem Trepqa 4 028/24 670; 028/ 30 814; 063/ 8538 824, 044/ 293 518 hiljmnijetaa@yahoo.com minoritiesofkosovo@yahoo.com
Mitrovica Initiative for NGO Support (MINGOS)	Community development	Elza Bitic Lulzim Hoti	Evlia Qelebia 2 063/ 861 61 20 , 044/ 355 478 ngomitrovica@yahoo.com
Mitrovica Scouts	Sport youth activities	Tahir Demiri	Agim Hajrizi 7 028 25 829 mitrovicascaut@hotmail.com
Mitrovica Voice	Cultural	Hamdi Rama	Kumanova 1 Unioni I të verbërve -Mitrovicë 028/35 585
Mladez Mitrovice	Youth issues	Ertan Redzovic	Rr. Sami Frasheri", No. 60 063/ 8438 162 admir_86@hotmail.com
Mother Theresa Society	Humanitarian aid	Mustafe Ademi	Zona Industriale 028/21 086 044 147 850
Mothers close to Mothers and Children	Women and Children Issues	Lirije Sadiku	llirida 028/ 26 213 , 044/235 446
Mothers of the orphans	Orphans issues	Eurela Brahimi	Rr.Artim Jashari pn. 044 331 163
Multiethnic Council of North Mitrovica	Community development	Erhan Koroglu Sadija Nikšić	Boshnjak Mahalla 044/147 609, 028/25 097
Multimedia "Radio Globi"	Media	Selatin Kacaniku	Sheshi"Agim Hajrizi" Store Department, 2 nd floor 028/ 30 146, 044/ 200 458
Multi-ethnic Sports Club "TNT"	Development of a sports culture among people	Stojan Koljensic	Vlade Cetkovica 17/2 028-424254, 063-8580251
Multi-ethnic Women's Council 'MUZ'	Gender	Ljubinka Veljkovic	Rr. Kozara 2 / Cara Dusana 32 028-422975
Mundesia	Women Issues	Turknase Konjusha Hasime Tahiri	Adem jashari 028 30 360; 044 312 857 <u>mundesia@yahoo.com</u> www.mundesia.org
Nansen Dialogue Mitrovica	Inter-ethnic dialogue and co-operation		Confidence Zone 044/175017
National Centre of Kosova Scouts	Youth issues	Jelena Ravnjak Armend Naxhiu	dulan@kndialogue.org Rr.SheshiAgim Hajrizi 063 817 6658, 063 8192775 armendn@hotmail.com
Neccesary aid for children	Center for children and youth, orphans and widows, Future project: agriculture center	Peter Luft	Bislim Bajgora 028/ 30 156 luft@kindernothilfe-kosov.de
Network of Serbian Women Organizations	Gender	Milena Cvetkovic	Lole Ribara 8/21 028-35146, 063-8468060
New Day –Dita e Re	Orphan Issues	Myrvete Suhogërlla	Ndërtesa e entit sigurimit 028 32 660 ditaere@hotmail.com
New Energy	Youth	Osman Shala	Primary School "Skenderbeu" 028 37 632, 044 213 383 osi_shala@hotmail.com
NGO'Dora'(Hand)	Developing and advancing cultural activities in Kosovo and abroad	lmer Haliti Ihaliti2002@yahoo.com	Rr.Deshmoret e Kombit-Shipol 044 272 134
NGO 'Mikrona'	Civil society development, inter-ethnic dialogue		Vlade Cetkovica 119 028-424392, 063-8694205
Orex	Affirmation of Kosovar Traditional kitchen	Nexhmedin Rexha	Rr.Clirimit, nr.40 044 800 867
Open Society for Democratic Development	Democratic development, education, training	Mladin Lukic, Mira Janicjevic	Triglavska 7/11 028-31594, 063-310315
Organisation for Humanity	Humanitarian Aid	Shpend Sejdiu Enver Gashi	028/ 26 298 063/ 792 999

NGO'Pinguini'	Advance of Information Technology	Mithat Sejdiu mithat@pinguinistudio.com	Qendra Afariste Bahce ,kati I Rr.Mbreteresha Teute 044 273 597
Pengu I Lirise	Legal assistance for the families of war victims,collect data and informations for missing persons	Xhafer Veliu	Sheshi Adem Jashari 044 194 562
Paths towards future	Environmental protection	Ukshin Rrecaj	sheshi Agim Hajrizi pallati nr 5 044 21 371
Peace and Love "Paqe dhe Dashuri"	Youth issues	Adem Zhitopotoku	Artim Jashari 9 028/29 358, 063/744612 028 30 104
Peace Angels "Engjujt e Paqës"	Youth issues	Naim Seferi	Koshtovë e Bobit 044/ 213 947
Peace Doves	Youth Issues	Ali Ahmeti	Agim Hajrizi nr.5 044/174 679
Peace Lovers(Paqedashesit)	Youth Issues	Valbone Shala	044/ 213 835 Paqedashesit@hotmail.com kosova24@hotmail.com
Peace Waves	Youth Issues	Remzi Aliu	028/ 33 045; 063/ 8835 795 rembi30@hotmail.com
Përkujdesja	Protection of the Children with limited abilities	Rrustem Kadriu	Agim Hajrizi(Qendra e Biznesit) zyra nr 14 044 173 653
Progress of Mitrovica Ashkali Youth (PRAM)	Youth Issues	Milaim Ramadani	063 85 03 569 pramashk@yahoo.com
Psycho-social Association House of Friends	Psycho-social Issues	Hajrullah Mustafa	Sheshi "Agim Hajrizi", Rrokaqielli "Kosova", No. 43 028/ 33 811; 044/ 273 552 shtepiaeshokeve@hotmail.com
Rainbow	Psycho-social Issues	Snezana Nestorovic	063-8665424
Regional Association of Business men	Development of business	Eset Shaciri	Dan Doroci 2 028/ 32443, 044/ 147900
Rexhep Mitrovica	Cultural Issues	Sami Peci	City Library 028/20 085, 36 428, 044/147 719
Rrezja e Diellit	Ashkali youth and women issues	Teuta Avdiu	2Korriku" nr 25028/31-547 063/ 8013252 teuta_avdiu@hotmail.com
Safe Ecology for All of Us	Environmental protection	Tatjana Jaksic, Danuta Radovic	UI. Vojvode Putnika 16 063-8194864, 028-423985 tatjana_jaksic@hotmail.com
Saint Demetrius' Brotherhood	NGO support	Nevenka Medic	Drvarska nr.9 063-8310 bordnvokm@yahoo.com
Science resource association for civil society	Civil society development	Rexhep Ahmeti	044/ 147 547 rexhep_ahmeti@hotmail.com
Shkodrani	Art	Ferid Dedia	Fadil Deliqi nr.53, 063 88 04 696 ngomitrovica@hotmail.com
Show Meselation	Art, Culture	Fehmi Ferati Blerim Peci	Mitrovica 028/29/744, 23 740 044/176 393,174 771 meselation@hotmail.com
Spas	Human rights protection, humanitarian aid for refugees and IDPs; counselling and psychosocial support for IDPs		Kralja Petra I 149 063-8489591
Speranza	Social welfare	Florije Prekazi Ajhan Prekazi	Agim Hajrizi 75 044 124 244, 063 8995 309
Sport &Culture for Peace in Balkan	Cultural, Sport	Adem Dauti Haki Shkreli	Rruga e stacionit 69 044/146 647 or 165 669
Sport Association 'BALKAN'	Sport	Slavisa Kuc	Kralja Petra 34 028-20789, 028-64866 (fax)
Sport's Hunter association Trepca	Sport hunting	Rizah Hoti	Cetiniska 9
Students Initiative of Mitrovicë/a	Professional empowerement and Students' rights	Kushtrim Hoti	Technical Faculty of Mitrovia 063/ 755 80 91, 063/ 8707 599 kushi_hoti@hotmail.com
Towards Future	Youth leadership, education, culture, sport	Remzi Kurshumliu	Mbreti Bardhyl 7 da@yahoo.com
Union of the Blind People of Kosova Branch in Mitrovicë/a	Assistance to blind persons	Mr.Xhevdet Ceroviku	Kumanova 1 028/ 35 585, 044/147 002 uvkm@hotmail.com
Union of Amateurs	Cultural activities	Blagoje Stevic	Ivo Lola Ribar 19 028-39767
Union of Beekeepers	Cultural activities	Aleksandar Saveljic	lvo Lola Ribar 19 028-39767
Unity Bridge-Ura e Bashkimit	Linking rural communities	Orhan Vidishiqi Naim Avdiu Bajram Mustafa	Ruzhdi Batovci 54 028/20 287 &33 898 044/149 995 or 146 814
			ibm55kos@hotmail.com

Unity of the Communities through Tennis	Sport	Artan Kelmendi	Ulqini 307, 044 245 734
			artankelmendi@hotmail.com
Vullneti	People with mental, psychiatric	Sanije Mikullovci	Kumanova 3 028/30019
	problems and their families		044/273 832, 044/176 443
			bsekiraqa@hotmail.com
With Hand in h Heart (Me Dore ne	Cultural activities for youth and	Shqipe Qarkaj	Rr. "Dukagjini"
Zemer)	children		063/ 7039 080
			shqipe26@hotmail.com
Women Future	Women Issues	Sadete Agolli	Tianes 116
		-	028 27 596 063 82 68 715
Women's Association 'Sabor'	Gender	Milanka Ordic	Kralja Petra I 163/39
			063-8465592, 028-27031
World of Angels	Assistance to children with limited	Mitrovica	Kolasinska 4
0	abilities. humanitarian assistance	Vasilika Vojinovic	063-8362839, 028-425034
		, ,	svetandjela@yahoo.com
WTEOK – Self defence	Youth sport activities	Halit Beqiri	044/ 208 055 vetmbrojtje@yahoo.com
Youth	Youth	Novica Kostovic	063-855940
Youth Organisation 'Second Home'	Youth activities	Avdullah Bunjaku	Rr.Ismajl Qemajli p.n.
0		Second_home@hotmail.com	044 384 108
Youth Group 'Milenijum 2000'	Youth issues	Dragan Jovanovic	UI. Kralja Petra I 146
. ,		5	063-8700030, 028-32850, 063-700030
Youth Energy	Youth	Burim Hajdini	Sami Gashi
			028 22 228, 063 70 75 309
			burim_h2025@hotmail.com
Youth Initiative Mitrovica	Youth	Vladan Vlaskovic	Rudarskih Ceta Street 57
			063-8165044, 063-410675
			mitrovica_yi@hotmail.com
Youth Initiative ZRAK	Youth	Vojkan Milic	Kralja Petra I 57 (175?)
		- ,	063-8171704, 028-31131, 063-8290310
			ilenone@hotmail.com
Youth of JAZAS	Youth	Zoltan Mihok	Strahinjic Bana 5
-			063-8564438
			zoltan_mihok@yahoo.com
Youth Organization 'Together'	Youth	Aleksandar Drnovsek	Kralja Petra I 82
			063-8139689

Source: UN, OSCE, and UNHCR NGO Databases

Around 18 international NGOs continue to operate in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica municipality, with numbers declining all the time and some operating at a much reduced capacity than it has been the case one or two years ago. There are a number of projects aimed at peace building, conflict resolution and reconciliation, however the division of the city does not favor these efforts.

There are also many projects and programs targeting youth, civil society and gender issues run by NGOs. Several micro-credit projects and infrastructure rehabilitation projects are under way. It has been noticed that some international NGOs have been transformed into local NGOs lead by the local staff that previously worked in such organisations; they also have some available funds.

Table 4.2: International NGOs based in the municipality

Name	Main focus	Contact Person	Address/Tel/Email:
ACT- The Lutheran World	Reconstruction, Agriculture, Social	Ismet Nazifi	Dëshmoret e Kombit 424, Shipol
Federation (LWF)	Development Program		028/30 308
			044/120 071 or 063/815 7025
Advancing the Ministries of the Gospel	Center for children and youth, orphans	William Prime	Bislim Halili at.nr.32
(AMG) International	and widows,	Peter Hoffman	Bislim Bajgora
	Future project: agriculture center		028/30-156
			044 245 683
			amg@amg-kosovo.de
Balkan Sunflowers	Youth and children activities	Rand Engel	063/ 3765 321, 044/ 418 564
		rand.engel@balkansunflower.org	magdababu@tlen.pl
Catholic Relief Service (CRS)	Educational Programs for children and	Petar Prica	Mbreti Agron,Confidence Area
	youth		044 176 255 crs-mnor@Eunet.yu
			petarprica@hotmail.com
Coordination of Voluntary Associations	Refugees support (old people and	Bruno Maggiolo	Mitrovica
(CAV)	single women with children); Material	Bruno.maggiolo@tin.it	Ulica Knyaz Milos, 11
	assistance; Restoration of houses		Mobitel +381.63.89.95.433
Danish CIMIC Center	Civil-military co-operation	Captain Jesper Hovgaard-	028/30/178 044 157 088
			cimicdanbn@hotmail.com

Danish Red Cross	Humanitarian aid, grant-giving	Abby Mogens	Pop Andjelka Nesica br.4 Mitrovica North
	programs	Spasic Ilinka	028 422 290, 063 86 86 572
			drc_mitro@ipko.org
French KFOR Civil Military Cooperation	Civil-military co-operation	Mayor	038 507 2521
(CIMIC) Center	orvir-mintary co-operation	Vandenogaerde Gerard	uniteacm.kfor@caramail.com
Great Youth Europe Mission	Youth and educational activities	Maria Waldschmidt	044/ 157 147
International Misssion Board- IMB	Humanitarian aid to household women	Laura Stoops	044/ 160 518
International Committee of	Prison visits, missing persons issues,	Avni Alidemaj	Brigada nr141,(S)
the Red Cross (ICRC)	appeals, protection of minorities and	Dragan Peric	Kralja Petra 187(N)
	returnees, psychosocial support to the	-	063 344 159, 044/ 278 152
	families with missing persons		pristina.pri@icrc.org
Kinderhilfswerk	Orphan Issues	Halil Qela	Artim Jashari 52
			044 174 968
			kosovomaria@hotmail.com
Norwegian Church Aid	Humanitarian aid, civil society support	Anne K Hoseth	Tetovska 20,
			063/7475838, 028/31070
			<u>Kir-no@online.no</u>
Sport Sans Frontieres	Sport and youth activities	Frederic Gouby	Adem Jashari
			063/ 8798 219
UNICEF	Education, health, children and youth	Momcilo Arlov	Rudarskih Ceta 13,(N)
	protection	Milan Dimitrijevic	028 421 031
			063 8 173 221, 044 501 677
			marlov@unicef.org
World Vision	Community Development	Kenan Beciri	Confidence Zone
			028 30 796 or +377 (0)44 122 037
			rudy_scholaert@wvi.org
			mitrovica@wvi.org

Source: UN, OSCE, UNHCR NGO Databases

5. Other Civilian International Presence

All main international organizations are present in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica. UN, OSCE, KTA, Kosovo Property Agency (KPA) and the European Agency for Reconstruction (EAR) have regional centers in the town. The UNMIK Municipal Administration is located in the municipality building on the south side and the UNMIK Regional Headquarters is located in the same area within the Confidence Zone.

The recently established KPA is the successor of HPD and was established following a recommendation from the "Eide Report" by UNMIK Regulation 2006/10. Compared to the HPD, KPA has an extended mandate as also disputed commercial and agricultural properties fall under its jurisdiction, which so far have been neglected.

UNMIK is currently undergoing a downsizing process, which challenges it to work on serious issues which still remain to be solved whilst having fewer resources to do so. UNMIK Regional HQ is in the process of clustering a number of Municipal Representatives (MRs) due to downsizing.

Since January 2006 the OSCE presence in the field has changed, due to an internal restructuring process and the aforementioned downsizing of UN. At present, a "Municipal Team" (MT), composed of up to five members (two international and three local OSCE staff members) pro-actively monitors and advises Mitrovicë/Mitrovica municipality from a democratic and human rights perspective.

Table 5.1: The Four Pillars

_Name of Organisation	Title of Head	Contact Person	_Telephone _	Location
UNMIK Civil Adm.	Mr. Gerard Gallucci	UN Regional Representative	028 - 32096	Jugobanka Building
UNMIK Civil Adm.	Mr. Juozas Kazlas	UN Municipal Representative	028 - 32096	Municipal Building
OSCE	Head of Region	Mr. Alastair J BLivingston	028 - 33944	Bankos Building
EU (KTA)	Head of Office	Ms. Elitsa Beyska	038 - 504 604 ext.7366	Jugobanka Building
UNHCR	Head of Office	Mr. Matewos Beraki	028 -34510, 028 - 34509	Zelengora 29-31

Table 5.2: OSCE Municipal Team

Name	Number of Staff (nat.+int.)	Contact Person	Title	Phone / Fax / E-mail
OSCE	2 Internationals and 3 Nationals	Ms. Sonja Grabner	Democratization Officer (Municipal Team Coordinator)	028/33 944
OSCE		Mr. Guido Oestreich	Human Rights Officer	028/33 944
OSCE		Mr. Naim Hajdari	Senior Democratization Assistant	028/33 944
OSCE		Ms. Shkendiza Kllokoqi	Senior Human Rights Assistant	028/33 944

OSCE	Ms. Fehime Karabashi	Programme Assistant	028/33 944

In addition, a number of other international organizations and governmental agencies are active in the municipality. They engage in a range of activities, including reconstruction and humanitarian aid.

Name	Main focus	Contact Person (phone/fax/e-mail)
EU Agency for Reconstruction		028 – 32 096 Ext. 7292
ICRC		028 – 30 004
IOM		028 – 39 491
UNDP		028 – 32 566 ext. 7284
UNICEF		028 – 34 509
WHO		028 – 32 096 Ext. 7283
KPA		028 30 136 or 137

Table 5.3: Other International Organizations and Agencies

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

6. Religion, Places of Worship, and Cultural Institutions

The vast majority of the population of the municipality is Muslim, including the Roma population. The Kosovo Serbs are Serbian Orthodox. There is also a small number of Catholics, who live both in the north and in the south part of the town.

Before the 1999 conflict, there were four mosques in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica town. The Ibar Mosque to the north of the main bridge, built in 1882, was completely destroyed, but has been requested to be rebuilt. Two others, damaged during the conflict have since been, or are being repaired.

The old Serbian Orthodox Church "Sveti Sava", located in the south, had been under 24 hour KFOR protection in the period from June 1999 to March 2004, when it was set on fire and badly damaged. The priests who remained to live in the church yard were also forced out of their houses. The new church "Sveti Dimitrije" has been constructed in the North and despite initial problems with municipal and UNMIK authorities over the building permit, it was consecrated in November 2005. The regular services are being conducted ever since. A new Serbian Orthodox Church has been constructed in the North, despite initial problems with the issuance of a valid permit by the Municipality. The consecration of the Church was held on 8 November 2005, on the day of the town's patron.

The Catholic Church, located in the south of the town, was built in 1981. It had a congregation of approximately 500 before the conflict. Currently, there are an estimated 60 Catholics (Albanians, Croatians, and Slovenes) in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica south, while figures are not available for the number of Catholics living in the north.

The oldest and largest Muslim cemetery is in the northern part of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica, to the left of the road to Zvečan/Zveçan. No burials are taking place there at present, for security reasons. Visits to this cemetery take place only on holy days, under KFOR protection. The other Muslim cemetery is in Suvi Do/Suhodoll, a suburb of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica to the north of the Ibër/Ibar. For security reasons, only the inhabitants of this suburb are using it. Another Muslim cemetery is in Shupkovc/Šupkovac, approximately two kilometres south of the town, on the western side of the main road to Prishtinë/Priština, but is full, hence the only functional Muslim cemetery at the moment is in Shipol/Šipolje.

Mitrovicë/Mitrovica has only one Serbian Orthodox cemetery, close to the Orthodox Church of St. Sava in the south. For security reasons, Kosovo Serbs are no longer buried there and the Kosovo Serb population only visits the cemetery under KFOR protection on holy days. Serbs residing in the north of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica make use of cemeteries in the other predominantly Kosovo Serb northern municipalities. The Catholic cemetery is located adjacent to the Serbian Orthodox cemetery. Unfortunately since the end of the conflict the cemetery has been vandalized from time to time, while during the March riots of 2004 further damage was done to it. During this period the Orthodox Church was also targeted, resulting in it being burnt and very badly damaged along with the parish house property adjacent to the church.

Table 6.1: Main Religious Leaders

Name	Title	Religious Organisation
Mullah Asllan Murati	Head of the Islamic Community	Islamic Community
Father Milija Arsović	Orthodox priest – Sv. Dimitije Church	Serbian Orthodox Church
Father Staniša Arsić	Orthodox priest – Sv. Dimitije Church	Serbian Orthodox Church
Father Jak Prenku	Catholic priest	Catholic Church

Source: Religious leaders

Table 6.2: Major Mosques, Churches in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica town.

Type of Building	Towns/Places
Xhamia e Zallit	Mosque
Xhamia e Haxhi Veselit	Mosque
Xhamia e Bajrit	Mosque
Xhamia elbrit (destroyed)	Mosque
Sveti Sava (damaged)	Orthodox Church
Sveti Dimitrije (new)	Orthodox Church
Holy Cross Church	Catholic Church

Source: Religious leaders

7. Media

The major daily newspapers from Prishtinë/Priština and the main Serbian newspapers have correspondents in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica, south and north. The only Kosovo Serbian newspaper, a weekly named "Jedinstvo", is based in the northern part of the town. There are no other newspapers or magazines that are regularly published in the municipality at present. There are three local Kosovo Albanian radio stations broadcasting in the south and two Kosovo Serbian in the north. In addition, French KFOR broadcasts a programme in French for its own troops.

One Kosovo Albanian TV station is operational. RTS (Radio-TV Serbia) and other stations from Serbia proper can be received on terrestrial, as can RTK (Radio-TV Kosovo, the Prishtinë/Priština-based public service broadcaster for Kosovo that also airs programs in the Serbian language) and other commercial stations which broadcast in Albanian. International TV is accessible via satellite.

With the encouragement and, in some cases, limited financial support of the OSCE Office in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica, local broadcasters are currently involved in minority language programming: TV Mitrovica is broadcasting the one-hour weekly "SAFIR" program in Bosnian, Radio Mitrovica is airing a daily one-hour program in Turkish and Radio Contact has a daily news program in Roma language.

Name of media	Type of Media	Correspondent	Language
Beta	News Agency	Ms. Slavica Radulovic	Serbian
Tanjug	News Agency	Ms. Vera Popov	Serbian
Kosova Live	News Agency	Ms. Violeta Hyseni	Albanian
Kosovapress	News Agency	Mr. Izedin Krasniqi	Albanian
Epoka e Re	Daily newspaper	Ms. Florije Ademi, Mr. Hamdi Miftari	Albanian
Koha Ditore	Daily newspaper	Mr. Musa Mustafa, Mr. Blerim Xhemajli	Albanian
Bota Sot	Daily newspaper	Mr. Hysni Syla, Mr. Asllan Beka	Albanian
Rilindja	Daily newspaper	Mr. Qerkin Ibishi	Albanian
Zëri	Daily newspaper	Mr. Beke Abazi	Albanian
Blic	Daily newspaper	Mr. Zoran Vlaskovic	Serbian
Glas	Daily newspaper	Ms Nada Smikic	Albanian
Danas	Daily newspaper	Ms. Petar Miletic	Serbian
Vecernje Novosti	Daily newspaper	Mr. Dusan Radulovic	Serbian
24 Orë	Daily newspaper	Mr. Izedin Krasniqi	Albanian
Jedinstvo	Weekly newspaper	Mr. Radosav Janicijevic	Serbian
Radio Kosova	Radio	Mr. Latif Voca	Albanian
Radio 21	Radio	Mr. Selatin Kaqaniku	Albanian
Radio Blue Sky	Radio	Mr. Enver Bajrami	Albanian
Radio Belgrade	Radio	Ms .Desanka Milosavljevic	Serbian

Table 7.1: Print and Broadcast Correspondents

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

Table 7.2: Radio and Television Stations

Name of media	Type of Media	Owner / Director	Language of Programmes
Radio Azur FM	FM Radio – 107.1 Mhz	French KFOR	French only
Radio Mitrovica	FM Radio – 99.1 Mhz	NGO "Mitrovica", Mr. Nexhmedin Spahiu	Albanian,
Radio Globi	FM Radio – 104 Mhz	Mr. Selatin Kaqaniku	Albanian
Radio Ylberi	FM Radio – 94.4 Mhz	Mr. Ylber Durmishi	Albanian
Radio Contact Plus	FM Radio – 101.2 Mhz	Ms. Mirjana Milutinovic	Serbian
Radio Kiss	FM Radio – 99.2 Mhz	Mr. Miodrag Radomirovic	Serbian
TV Mitrovica	Television	NGO "Mitrovica", Mr. Nexhmedin Spahiu	Albanian

Source: OSCE Regional Center Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

8. Judicial System

Three courts are located in the District Court in the northern part of the town: the District Court, Municipal Court and Minor Offences Court. The District and Municipal Prosecutors' Offices are also there. The first trial in the Municipal Court was held on 25 May 2000 and in the District Court on 6 June 2000.

There are currently 17 Kosovan judges and six Kosovan prosecutors working at the Courts. All international judges and prosecutors have been relocated in a centralization process to Prishtinë/Priština starting the beginning of August 2005, and travel from there to Mitrovicë/Mitrovica District Court for trial sessions and hearings if needed. The majority of the national judges are Kosovo Albanians, except for two Kosovo Serbs and one Kosovo Bosniak. UNMIK attempts to raise the number of Kosovo Serb judges within the judicial system has proven to be of limited success. Also in general the court is short of a number of judges. The court staff is provided with transport by the Department of Justice from the South Police Station to the Courts. The parties, lawyers and the public can access the courts using, upon payment, a shuttle bus run by a private company between the South Police Station and the Courts in the North. The Detention Centre in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica was transitioned to local supervision in October 2005.

Parallel to the UNMIK Courts, a Serbian Municipal Court of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica also exists, located in the North of the town. Although the courts mainly offer administrative services, such as issuing ownership certificates, it is a fully functioning court conducting litigation and proceedings.

Name	Title	Ethnicity
Mr. Kapllan Baruti	President of the District Court	Kosovo Albanian
Ms. Nesrin Lushta	Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Enver Peci	Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Shukri Sylejmani	Judge (civil judge)	Kosovo Albanian
Ms. Emine Mustafa	Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Ms. Emine Kaciku	Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Ms. Jelena Krivokapic	Judge (civil judge)	Kosovo Serb
Mr. Tomislav Petrovic	Judge	Kosovo Serb
Mr. Jusuf Mejzini	Chief District prosecutor	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Shyqri Syla	Prosecutor	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Feti Tunuzliu	Prosecutor	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Ali Rexha	Prosecutor	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Xhevdet Bislimi	Prosecutor	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Gani Rexha	President of the Municipal Court	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Rame Hyseni	Judge (civil judge)	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Mehmet Xhekovic	Judge	Kosovo Bosnian
Ms. Zehra Verbovci	Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Xhevdet Abazi	Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Ragip Kadriu	Judge (civil judge)	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Faruk Korenica	Chief Municipal Prosecutor	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Ismet Ujkani	Prosecutor	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Njazi Rexha	Prosecutor	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Naim Beka	Prosecutor	Kosovo Albanian
Ms. Zejnije Kela	Prosecutor	Kosovo Albanian
Ms. Elheme Kelmendi	President of the Minor Offence Court	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Namon Merovci	Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Halit Durguti	Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Sabit Pllana	Judge	Kosovo Albanian

Table 8.1: Judges

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica, May 2006

9. Police, Civil Protection, and Military Presence

Mitrovicë/Mitrovica is a de facto divided town and municipality and it has specific security requirements, which differ between north and south of the River Ibër/Ibar. The security measures which were implemented after March 2004 have been reduced. In summer 2005 the main bridge was unfixed and it is now open for traffic on a 24-hour per day basis. Due to the KPS transition process CIVPOL went through a restructuring phase. Due to the general downsizing of the mission KFOR also restructured its CIMIC branch (Civilian Military Co-operation) and is now represented by LMT's (Liaison Military Team) in each municipality.

The Kosovo Police Service (KPS) currently has a total of 506 officers in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica Region (K-Albanian, K-Serbian, Bosniak, Ashkali and Turkish). Of these police officers 75 are female. All police stations in the region and most of the Regional Police Units have been transitioned into KPS command. The Regional Police Headquarter still remains under UNMIK CIVPOL command. There are 156 UNMIK Police officers on duty in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica Region.

Mitrovicë/Mitrovica municipality itself has two Police Stations and a Regional Police Headquarters (RHQ). In Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South 154 KPS Officers and 4 CIVPOL Officers are on duty (1 KPS S/CLO, 1 KPS OPS LO, 1 Station Investigation Monitor, 1 Station Investigation Liaison Officer). In April 2005 Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South police station was transitioned. All operational competencies were handed over to the KPS. UNMIK Police only maintains a monitoring function.

In Mitrovicë/Mitrovica North 86 KPS Officers and 6 CIVPOL Officers are on duty (1 KPS S/CLO, 1 KPS OPS LO, 2 Shift leader monitors, 1 Liaison officer). In August 2005 Mitrovicë/Mitrovica North police station was transitioned. All operational competencies were handed over to the KPS. UNMIK Police only maintains a monitoring function.

At the Regional Police Headquarters located in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South 266 KPS and 61 CIVPOL Officers are on duty under the Regional Command structure. The RHQ is currently still under CIVPOL command structure.

The Protection Zone (PZ) IV of the Kosovo Protection Corps (KPC/TMK) includes Mitrovicë/Mitrovica town and the rest of the region except Skënderaj/Srbica municipality which is located in the PZ I. KPC is only present in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica and Vushtrri/Vučitrn municipality. The PZ IV has a total strength of 298 members. The KPC is mandated to perform a civil protection function. Although figures on the ethnic make-up of the KPC are not available, a strong majority is Kosovo Albanian around 10% supposed to be minorities. The KPC and KFOR co-operate on project implementation.

The KFOR Headquarters in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica municipality is located in the French compound "Belvedere" in the town itself. The headquarters of KFOR Task Force North is to be found in the French KFOR Camp located in Novo Selo/Maxhunaj in Vushtrri/Vučitrn municipality, housing the general staff of the Brigade. The KFOR presence in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica region is made up of 3413 troops under French command. France has a contingent of 2175, Morocco 444, Denmark 282, Belgium 220, Greece 186, Lithuania 103 and Luxembourg 23. A new French military monitoring structure LMT (Liaison Military Teams) now works in the AOR "to feel the pulse of Kosovo".

Name	Phone/fax/e-mail	Number of Police Officers, Soldiers, etc.	Ethnic Composition, Nationality
KPS	028-32566 ext 7388	506 in Region	Albanian, Bosniak, Serb, Turkish
UN Civil Police	028-32566 ext 7182	156 Region,	International
KPC	N/A	298 in PZ IV	Kosovo Albanian
KFOR	038-5074194	3413	See above

Table 9.1: Police, Civil Protection, and Military Presence

Source: French KFOR, UNMIK Police, KPS

10. Economics

There is extensive unemployment among all communities throughout the municipality; approximately 77% of the population is jobless. This is due to a number of factors, missing capital investments, including an undeveloped economy, the closure of the mono-industrial complex of Trepça - a mining and lead smelting plant, looting and destruction at the battery and fertilizer factories and the influx of IDPs in the northern and southern part of the town. To some extent, it is offset by employment opportunities with international organizations, as in all Kosovo.

While a number of small businesses have been established, particularly in the retail and catering sectors, sustainable long-term growth will require the provision of reliable energy and water supplies, the development of local investment services, and above all, the reestablishment of confidence between the communities. The Municipality, together with UNMIK, has developed an economic development zone in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica that will provide approximately 200 job opportunities in 20 different businesses on 3.5 hectares of land. In this regard, the municipality is in the process to establish two Business Centres (I and II) for small and medium enterprises. Retailers and minor businesses - food and textile production, carpenters, building construction and handicraft - should be based there, renting their cell for 10 years from the municipality; the infrastructure is provided by the Municipality. Further, the municipality plans to re-establish the green multiethnic market on the Eastern Bridge, as they received respective donations to revive this interethnic project.

The privatization of the viable parts of the Trepça complex could encourage a new economic development. However, the complex is unlikely to employ the number of personnel as it did in the past, approximately 20,000 persons. Currently, the International management of Trpca has reactivated the battery recycling plant in Zvečan/Zveçan and has plans for limited redevelopment of other Trepca facilities in the near to mid-term future.

Employer	Service/Products	Production ongoing?	Size of Workforce
Social Enterprise "LUX"-privatised	Retailer – Shops	Yes	53
Flour – bread Industry-privatised	Production	Yes	160
Public Enterprise "PTK"	Postal Services	Yes	97
Municipal Public Enterprise "Uniteti"	Public Services - Sewage and Refusal collection	Yes	190
Municipal Public Enterprise "Regional water – supply"	Public Utilities	Yes	213
Kosovatrans	Public Transport Service	Yes	300

10.1 Prominent Employers in the Region

Source: Municipality of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica, Regional Employment Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

11. Infrastructure

The roads are generally in an acceptable condition, except in rural areas. Some significant repairs have been completed; however, a general overhaul is yet to be done. Rail passenger services operate twice daily in each direction between Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje and Zvečan/Zveçan, although occasionally interrupted due to security reasons. Private bus services operate in the south, some with NGO support and there is extensive traffic with taxis and private vehicles. In the north, there are regular services to Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok and to Serbia proper (Novi Pazar and Belgrade) run by a publicly owned company from Serbia.

Considerable work has been done to improve the water network with support from the EU, EAR, and USAID. The regional waterworks Mitrovicë/Mitrovica guarantees its own water supply but provides as well the municipalities of Vushtrri/Vucitrn, Skënderaj/Srbica, and Zvečan/Zveçan. Two separate companies operate under the supervision of the Infrastructure Directorate in the UN Regional Office. Water is taken from the Gazivodë/Gazivode Lake near Zubin Potok/Zubin Potok.

Electricity supplies are reasonably stable, although disturbances occasionally occur. Currently, power is taken both from Obiliq/Obilić and from Serbia proper, through the Valač/Vallac station in Zvečan/Zveçan. Again, separate companies operate north and south, with technical co-operation being handled through UNMIK.

Two separate companies (United and Standard) provide sewage and refuse collection services. The landfill site in the south of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica has been restored by DANIDA. There is one operational landfill site in the north; a second one is temporarily shut down.

By Kosovo standards, telephone links, both land and mobile, are reasonably good. Two different companies (PTK in the south and PTT in the north) run the services. Co-operation between them is poor. 'Serbian Telecommunication' set up a new exchange, providing services in the north. Mobile networks Mobtel, Telecom and Alcatel cover the area, with Alcatel operational mainly in the southern parts of the region.

Regarding urban planning, the municipality started in the beginning of 2006 to reorganize the kiosks in the city centre as well as the city's green market area and removed some 101 kiosks in order to restructure them and to issue new permits for an amount of 33 kiosks through a tendering procedure. According to the municipality, shop men, who were not amongst the beneficiaries, will have the possibility to apply for commercial space in the future Business Centres.

12. Social Services, Health, Education and Cultural Institutions

Social Services

Since year 2000, the activities of the social welfare centre in Mitrovicë/a South has been financed by the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare from Kosovo's consolidated budget, CSW staff assesses clients for eligibility and provides a wide range of services, including social assistance (cash payments) and social services (counselling). The municipality monitors the payments of cash assistance and has a wider support role.

In southern Mitrovicë/Mitrovica there are 3170 families who are beneficiary of Social Welfare, from this number 1453 families are in first category and 1717 families are in second category. In the northern part of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica there are 1482 families who are beneficiaries of Social Welfare, in category I there are 1335 families and in category II there are147 families.

Health

There are medical facilities in both the south and the north. The Regional General Hospital in the north is currently only accessible to Kosovo Serb patients living in the northern municipalities as well as Kosovo Serbs from other areas of Kosovo, which have no access to medical facilities. The staff does not receive stipends from UNMIK. The Paediatric Hospital is also located in the north and includes a primary health facility.

The Main Centre of Family Medicine (Health House) in the south provides outpatient services, in-patients are sent either to the KFOR Moroccan Hospital in the south or to Prishtinë/Priština Hospital. The Main Centre for Family Medicine runs 7 other Centres located in the parts of the city with a higher concentration of the population, and 13 rural ambulances (local clinics) covering southern Mitrovicë/Mitrovica. This Centre is also running 3 ambulances located in three K/Albanian populated villages in the Northern Municipalities of Mitrovicë/a (ZP, LE and ZV)

Education

The division of the city and the political situation has a significant impact on education. Kosovo Albanian students and other non Kosovo Serb minorities as Kosovo Bosniaks, Kosovo Turks and Kosovo Ashkalies are attending schools in the south while Kosovo Serbs, some of the Kosovo/Bosniaks minorities and Kosovo Romas are attending the school in the north. Schools in the north are supported by the municipality in the south (UNMIK administration), but they are still working with a curriculum from Republic of Serbia (parallel system).

In the southern part of the municipality there are 27 primary schools, 4 high schools which are gymnasium, technical, medical and economic schools. There is also one school for disabled children, one music school (primary and secondary) and one kindergarten. In the northern part there are 11 primary schools, one pre-school education centre, one school for disabled children, one musical school and 4 high schools.

All in total There are 889 teachers employed in primary schools of north and southern part of the municipality, from this number there are 699 Kosovo /Albanians and 221 Kosovo/Serbs, 9 Bosniaks and 5 Kosovo/ Turks. In administration of primary and high schools there are 61 support staff, 59 Kosovo Albanians, 1 Kosovo Turk and 1 Kosovo Serb, the number of support staff dealing with technical issues is 259 from which there are 165 Kosovo/Albanians, 80 Kosovo Serbs and 1 Bosniak. In high schools there are in total 234 Kosovo Albanian teachers, 148 Kosovo Serbs teachers and 8 Bosniak teachers employed.

In primary schools (including the kindergartens) there are in total 14,277 Kosovo Albanian pupils and 2,950 Kosovo Serb pupils. There are 3,983 Kosovo Albanian students and 2,090 Kosovo Serb students attending high schools.

There are also two high schools specializing in computing and electrical engineering. Four faculties of Prishtinë/Priština University are based in the south, including Technology, Mining, Metallurgy and Geology. This reflects the traditional economic basis of the region. Finally, in the north there is the Faculty of Mining and Metallurgy. In addition, there are five primary schools and one secondary school, which are attended by IDPs from other municipalities in Kosovo.

In autumn 2001, a Kosovo Serb university (the pre-conflict University of Prishtinë/Priština) was relocated in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica since recently after the conflict in 1999 it was displaced in central Serbia. The establishments attended by the Kosovo Serb students follow the Serb curriculum, but is attached to the UNMIK structure. There are four student dormitories in the north of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica. More than 8,000 students attend faculties of this university.

Leisure facilities

The cultural and the sport centres are located within the Confidence Area, just at the south end of the main bridge. The Cultural Centre contains a significant number of facilities including a big hall, a theatre/cinema and a Interethnic Dialogue and recourse Centre founded by OSCE in 2005 which contains various equipment and a library which are available to the NGO's and to the ordinary citizens from both sides of the city. The Centre is under the supervision of the Mitrovicë/Mitrovica Municipality department of Youth and Culture and many celebrations and other cultural events are taking place there.

Also located in the southern part of the town is the City Library that provides a functioning library. The City Library is used for public tribunes and for different cultural performances. Further, there is also a city museum that is in need of refurbishment. The Sport Centre is opposite the Cultural Centre. It is used for sport activities and concerts. There are also two stadiums in the south of the town, but there are no sport facilities in the north.

13. Return Issues

Returns to the municipality have been very low. The river Ibër/Ibar is the dividing point between Kosovo Albanians in the South and the Kosovo Serbs in the North and there is much opposition on either side to the return of the other ethnic group. The Regional Returns Unit (RRU) record a total number of 41 personnel having returned to their former homes since the year 2000.

Municipal Working Groups

Meetings are held on a monthly basis. The composition of the MWG is good, with regular participation of either the President of the Municipal Assembly or his Vice President. It is wished that IDP representatives from the Roma Ashkalia community and Kosovo Serb representatives from the main desired return areas attend all meetings, however usually only the Kosovo Albanian representatives from the Northern side of the town attend.

Return to Roma Mahala

On 21 April 2005 an agreement on the return of the displaced Roma Ashkalia was reached between the international stakeholders and the municipality. The agreement guarantees the former inhabitants of Roma Mahala the right to return. It foresees the reconstruction of houses for those who lived on private property, and the construction of apartments for those who lived on municipal land. In view of the complexity of the project and a possible number of up to 8000 returnees the implementation of the project needs to be realized in several phases. A Steering group mechanism co-chaired by the international stakeholders and the municipality with three subgroups has been created to implement the agreement.

In a first phase it is envisaged to construct nine apartment buildings on municipal land and to reconstruct up to 77 private houses. On 25 April 2006 a groundbreaking ceremony took place to officially start the construction. Currently the first two apartment blocks are being constructed.

Return to Svinjarë/ Svinjare

The house reconstruction in Svinjare/ Svinjarë village is considered as one of the biggest and most successful projects in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica implemented by the PISG. After the events in March 2004 and the displacement of the entire Serbian population of the village mainly to the municipality of Zvečan/Zveçan, 137 houses and - so far - seven secondary buildings were reconstructed as well as financial and material donations provided to each family. However, up to now only four persons returned and live permanently in the village. Many other families returned during the summer 2005, but left again for reasons of poor quality of the reconstructed houses and alleged lack of security. The latter despite a 24 hours mobile presence of KPS.

Return Projects

No.	Community	Location	No. of returnees	Amount (€)	Donor	Implementing partner
1	Ashkali	2 Korriku/Sitnica	11 families	339,975	Norway	NCA

This project has been successfully implemented. Formal land use rights were granted to the beneficiaries by the municipality.

No.	Community	Location	No. of returnees	Amount (€)	Donor	Implementing partner
2	Roma	Roma Mahala	TBD	8.3 million (estimated)	numerous States	NCA
Source: Mitrovice/Mitrovica UN RRU						