

Rahovec/Orahovac

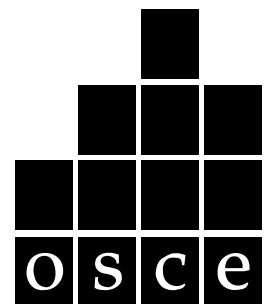
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1. Introduction: Area and Population

The municipality of Rahovec/Orahovac is located in the south-western part of Kosovo, covering an area of approximately 276 square kilometres and includes 35 villages, some such as Zoçishtë/Zočiste, have been completely destroyed, while others sustained only minimal damage during the 1999 conflict. Rahovec/Orahovac municipality has an estimated population of 72,493¹ and according to recent estimates, Kosovo Albanians make up approximately 93% of the population while the rest are mainly Kosovo Serbs, Roma, and Egyptians.²

In Rahovec/Orahovac town there is still a large Kosovo Serb community. Before the conflict, the population of Rahovec/Orahovac town was 84% Kosovo Albanian, 13% Kosovo Serb and 3% other ethnicities (Montenegrins, Turks, Gorani, Romas, Egyptians, and Ashkali)⁵ and although many Kosovo Serbs have left, their presence is still substantial. They are mainly located in the so-called Serb Quarter in the upper part of town and in the nearby village of Velika Hoča/Hoçë e Madhe. The current figure of Kosovo Serb living in both enclaves is approximately 1,350 people. The Romas and Egyptians live in the same, segregated area in the proximity of the Serb Quarter and a few Roma families live in Velika Hoča/Hoçë e Madhe.⁶ The Gorani live in the village of Retije e Ulet/Gorane.⁷

Table 1.1: Ethnic Composition, Including IDPs

Population	Kosovo Albanian		Kosovo Serb		Other		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
1991 census	55,119	92	3,938	7	885	1	59,942	100
January 1999	52,500	92	4,000	7	800	1	57,300	100
December 1999	58,772	89	5,008	8	2116	3	65,896	100
May 2001	69,019	97.6	1,350	1.9	350	0.5	70,719	100
May 2002	70,814	97.7	1,350	1.8	329	0.4	72,493	100

Source: 1991 census, OSCE/KVM Report (January 1999), UNHCR/HCIC Kosovo, Database (December 1999), Community leaders' information. 2002 -Directorate of Urbanism (only figures concerning K/Albanian part of the population), Local Community Office, Community leaders' information. All population figures are subject to a wide margin of error.

2. Civil Administration

UN Civil Administration (UNCA), upon its arrival in the municipality in August 1999, was confronted with a blockade established by Kosovo Albanians on the road leading to the town of Malishevë/Mališevo. This action was taken in order to prevent the planned deployment of Russian KFOR troops in the area. Kosovo Albanians claimed that Russian paramilitary soldiers had taken an active part in the Serbian offensives. The UN Municipal Administration (UNMA) has since actively participated in reconciliation round tables, together with OSCE and the other United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) pillars. Due to the initial weak position of UNMA, the relationship with the self-appointed authorities was often problematic.

The UNMA has increased involvement in consultations with political parties in order to form the new structures locally. The Municipal Council and part of the Administrative Board were simultaneously established on 25 February 2000. The two main political forces in town, LDK and PDK,, together allocated half of the available seats. Despite some objections concerning the representation of the Kosovo Serb community, (both from Rahovec/Orahovac town and from the village of Velika Hoča/Hoçë e Madhe), an agreement was found on the number of administrative departments (10) and their directors.

¹ Sources: Directorate of Urbanism, Local Community Office, and Kosovo Serbian Community leaders, May 2002. Figures concerning population of the urban area separately, not available.

² Source: Directorate of Urbanism, May 2001.

³ Sources: Directorate of Urbanism, Local Community Office, and Kosovo Serbian Community leaders, May 2002. Figures concerning population of the urban area separately, not available.

⁴ Source: Directorate of Urbanism, May 2001.

⁵ Source: UNHCR Kosovo Village List of March 1999. The estimates may have a wide margin of error.

⁶ Source: CRS: beginning of 2001.

⁷ The Gorani have completely assimilated with the Kosovo Albanian population of the municipality. Therefore for the purpose of this profile they have not been counted separately.

The 28 October 2000 Municipal Elections marked the beginning of the new period in the post-conflict history of the area. The voters elected 31 members of the Municipal Assembly (MA). Two additional members, Kosovo Serb and Roma representatives were appointed by the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG). The elected Assembly consists of 19 LDK, 7 PDK, 5 AAK, and 2 representatives of minority communities. The situation has slightly changed after LKCK and LPK left AAK in January 2001.

Table 2.1: Composition of the Municipal Assembly

Name of Municipal Assembly Member / Professional Background	Affiliation (Party, Independent Candidate or Community representative through appointment)
Mr. Esat Haxhijaha / university graduate, geography	LDK / President
Mr. Nahit Elshani / university graduate, economics	LDK / Deputy-President
Mr. Besim Morina / university graduate, economics	LDK / Member
Mr. Fadil Dellova / university graduate, chemistry, teacher in secondary school	LDK / Member
Mr. Ibrahim Bytyqi / university graduate, engineering, teacher of mathematics	LDK / Member
Mr. Ibrahim Hoti / teacher in secondary school	LDK / Member
Mr. Ibrahim Ukaj / university graduate, philosophy	LDK / Member
Mr. Ismet Berisha / university graduate, agriculture	LDK / Member
Mr. Kujtim Popaj / university graduate, engineering	LDK / Member
Mr. Muharem Krasniqi / university graduate, agriculture	LDK / Member
Mr. Milazim Bajraj / university graduate, Albanian language	LDK / Member
Mr. Nasip Gashi / teacher of Albanian language	LDK / Member
Mr. Nezir Berisha / university graduate, history	LDK / Member
Mr. Osman Vuqiterna / university graduate, medicine	LDK / Member
Mr. Ramadan Kryeziu / post-secondary school, teacher in primary school	LDK / Member
Mr. Vadet Thaqi / university graduate, biology	LDK / Member
Mr. Xhafer Gashi / teacher of Albanian language	LDK / Member
Mr. Xhemajli Zeqiri / post-secondary school graduate	LDK / Member
Mrs. Sahedete Dula / faculty of economics, incomplete	LDK / Member
Mr. Idriz Vehapi / university graduate, biology	LDK / Member
Mr. Xhevdet Duraku / university graduate, economics	PDK / Member
Mr. Sabahajdin Cena / university lecturer of Albanian language	PDK / Member
Mr. Qazim Qeska / attorney, Rahovec/Orahovac	PDK / Member
Mr. Jahja Shehu / secondary school graduate	PDK / Member
Mr. Hysni Thaqi / university graduate, economics	PDK / Member
Vacant after resignation of PDK representative	PDK / Member
Mr. Ramadan Krasniqi / secondary school graduate; university student	LKCK (former AAK) / Member
Mr. Salih Hoti / university graduate, economics	LKCK (former AAK) / Member
Mr. Ruzhdi Kabashi / post-secondary school, pedagogy	LKCK (former AAK) / Member
Mr. Agim Thaqi / university graduate, economics	AAK / Member
Mr. Durmish Gashi / university graduate, engineering	LPK (former AAK) / Member
Mr. Slavisa Kolasinac / two years of law faculty	Kosovo Serb Community Representative / Appointed Member
Mr. Idriz Berisha / tradesman	Roma Community Representative / Appointed Member

Source: OSCE Office Rahovec/Orahovac

The MA set up the three mandatory committees including the Policy and Finance Committee, Communities Committee, and Mediation Committee.

Table 2.2: Municipal Assembly Committees

Committee	Chairman	Affiliation
POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE	Mr. Esat Haxhijaha	LDK/ President of the Assembly
COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE	Mr. Hysni Thaqi	Municipal Assembly member, deputy president of PDK Rahovec/Orahovac branch
MEDIATION COMMITTEE	Mr. Samedin Dula	non-Assembly member

Source: OSCE Office Rahovec/Orahovac

On the 10 January 2001 11 Directors and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) were appointed, with a majority affiliated with the LDK.

Table 2.3: Chief Executive Officer, Board of Directors and Municipal Departments

Director/ Professional background	Municipal Department
Mr. Myrvet Durguti / LDK	Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Fetah Berisha / LDK	Department of Education
Mr. Bedredin Shehu / LDK	Department of Economy
Mr. Ibrahim Kryeziu / LDK	Department of Finance and Budget
Mrs. Teuta Jaha / independent	Department of Urbanism and Public Utilities
Mr. Avdullah Kryeziu / LDK	Department of Agriculture
Mr. Sadri Kastrati / N/A	Department of Reconstruction
Mr. Qemajl Kadiri / LDK	Department of Geodesy and Cadastre
Mr. Shefqet Cena / LDK	Department of Civil Protection and Environment
Mr. Musa Raba / LDK	Department of General Administration
Mr. Nexhat Duraku / PSDK	Department of Culture, Sport, Youth and Women Empowerment
Mr. Fehmi Cena / LDK	Department of Health, Social Policy, Employment Policy, Insurance.

Source: OSCE Office Rahovec/Orahovac

In February 2001, the Kosovo Serb Community Office was established in the enclave of Velika Hoča/Hoçë e Madhe and a sub-office in Upper Rahovec/Orahovac.

3. Political Parties

The relation between the two main Kosovo Albanian political parties, LDK and PDK dominates the local political climate. The 2000 Municipal Elections changed the political scene of the municipality. Out of eight parties contesting the elections, only three received seats in the Assembly and visibly continued their activities. Other parties largely lost their political significance.

The electoral campaign of the 17 November 2001 Kosovo Assembly Election showed the weakness of party support for smaller political parties. Neither KP nor PNDSh held any political rallies. The remaining small political parties held only a few, though had little attendance. In April 2002 PNDSh ceased to be active in the municipality. Finally, only the PDK candidate managed to receive a seat in the Assembly of Kosovo.

Table 3.1: Political Parties

Party	Municipal Branch Leader	Kosovo-wide Leader	Vote in Municipal Elections	Seats in MA
Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK)	Ibrahim Kryeziu	Ibrahim Rugova	61.3%	19
Democratic Party of Kosovo (PDK)	Xhelal Canziba	Hashim Thaci	20.2%	7
Alliance for the Future of Kosovo (AAK ⁸)	Agim Thaci	Ramush Haradinaj	15.2%	5
Coalition for Independence (KP ⁹)	Ahmet Hoxha	Rexhep Qosja	0.2%	0
Liberal Party of Kosovo (PLK)	Sadri Miftari	Gjergj Dedaj	0.6%	0
Albanian National Democratic Party (PHDSH)	Idris Vuqiterna	Skender Berisha	0.6%	0
Liberal Centre Party of Kosovo (PQLK)	Ahmet Dermala	Ibrahim Shala	1.4%	0
Social Democratic Party of Kosovo (PSDK)	Xhemajl Hairullaga	Kaqusha Jashari	0.5%	0
New Democratic Initiative of Kosovo (IRDK)	Halim Abazi	Bislim Hoti	N/A	N/A ¹⁰
United Roma Party of Kosovo (PREBK)	Idriz Berisha	Haxhi Zulfi Merxha	N/A	N/A

Source: OSCE Office Rahovec/Orahovac

Kosovo Serb entities reflect multiple political views in different political parties. In 1999, the community placed a moratorium upon parties and political activities in order to focus on representing the interests of the community as a whole. A Kosovo Serb community representative has been appointed to the MA from Upper Rahovec/Orahovac. A seat remains vacant for a representative from Velika Hoča/Hoçë e Madhe.

Coalition Return (Koalicija Povratak) was established before the 2001 Kosovo Assembly Election, but no local structure exists. KP attempted to nominate a person from the outside, as a representative of two enclaves did not bring any concrete results.

⁸ Compare Civil Administration section.

⁹ There is no independent Rahovec/Orahovac branch of the party. A. Hoxha is the leader of Prizren branch.

¹⁰ Branches of political parties, IRDK and PREBK, were established after the 2000 municipal elections.

4. Local and International NGOs

There are several local and international NGOs operating in the area. The most active local NGO is Hareja, a Kosovo Albanian women's NGO that offers various courses to Kosovo Albanian women and activities for children. Funding for local and international NGOs continues to be a concern.

Table 4.1: Local NGOs active in the municipality

Name	Main Focus	Contact Person (phone/fax/e-mail) (phone / fax / e-mail)	Headquarters (phone/fax/e-mail)(phone / fax/ e-mail)
Action for Revitalisation	Agricultural Aid	Qami Cena – aksioniperrevitalizim@ hotmail.com	Luan Haradinaj 27 029. 77.648 / 76. 008 Rahovec/Orahovac
Women to Women (Roma Women NGO)	Humanitarian Aid, Economic Develop., Environment Protection	Shemsije Xhaferi 044 / 155 286	B. Kidric 33; Roma Quarter, Rahovec/Orahovac
Involved	Youth activities	Fihnete Kasapi 029 / 77 417 Hidie Pista, 044 / 243 317	Rahovec/Orahovac Xh.Hajda Toni
Direct Humanitarian Aid	Humanitarian Aid and Relief, Charity, Education, Health	Selami Xh. Hoti 044 / 128 233 044 / 119 687	Krusa e Madhe/Velika Krusa
ART – Studio	Youth Activities	Fahredin Shehu 044 255 091	Xhehel Hajda – Toni 029 / 76 071
Humanitarian Association of Education	Humanitarian Aid, Charity, Education, Culture, Human Rights Promotion	Murat Kryeziu 044 / 117 628	Shkolla Fillore "Ganimete Tërbeshi". Xërxë, Rahovec
Association of Independent Craftsmen and Tradesmen	Protection of Craftsmen and Tradesmen Interests	Avni Vehapi 029 77 742	St. Xhehel Hajda 98, Rahovec/Orahovac
Hareja (Albanian Women NGO)	Humanitarian Aid, Education, Promotion of Human Rights, Gender Equality	Judith Brand brandjudith@hotmail.com tel. 029 77 411, 044 / 200 618	St. Hotel Park Rahovec/Orahovac Tel/Fax 029 / 77 411
Youth Council	Youth, Culture, Education	Enis Berisha 044 / 200 674 enco1977@hotmail.com Shedat Ukaj, Daut Rama	Rahovec/Orahovac
Council for the Defence of Human rights and Freedoms, (KMDLNU)	Legal affairs, human rights	Naim Qela 044 / 221 950 nqela@hotmail.com	Prizren Tel./fax 029 / 32 038 Kmdlujpz@hotmail.com
HandiKos	Medical Assistance for handicapped people	Ymer Hoxha 029 / 77 198	Rahovec/Orahovac
Mother Teresa	Humanitarian aid	Xheladin Rama Tel. 029 76 031	Rahovec/Orahovac
Ngjala (under registration)	Breeding fish Fish sports Preventing water pollution	Xhemajl Rama 029 76 609	Rahovec/Orahovac Xhelal Hajda Toni street 80
Red Cross	Humanitarian aid	Qerim Cena, 029 76 485	Rahovec/Orahovac
Balthazar-Orion	Kindergarten Psychological help for traumatised children		Rahovec/Orahovac (upper and lower parts) Velika Hoca/Hoca e Madhe
Rinia Drejt se Ardhmerise (Youth Towards Future) NGO of R/A/E youth	Youth: sport, education, culture	Ramdan Hamza 044 / 180 655	Rahovec/Orahovac Roma Quarter
Centre for the Protection of Women and Children	Psycho-Social-Women and Children	Luljeta Kadiri 044 / 129 467	St. Luan Haradinaj Rahovec/Orahovac
Radio Focus	Radio station	Gligorije Saric Dalibor Vasiljevic 029 76 478, Ljubisa Saric Radiofocus@yahoo.com	Rahovec/Orahovac Serb Quarter Dragutin Jankovic 1
Mladi Istrazivaci Orahovca I Velike Hoce Young Explorers from Orahovac and Velika Hoca (under registration)	Youth Education, Culture, Human Rights	Ranko Grkovic Usimarit55@yahoo.com	Rahovec/Orahovac Serb Quarter Ustanickastreet 39
Humanost na Delu Humanity in Action	Humanitarian Aid, Sport, Culture, Youth Empowerment, Employment Project	Blagoje Radić Zvezdan Baljošević Humanityinaction@yahoo.com 029 / 76 812	St. Bora Vukmirovic Serbian Quarter Rahovec/Orahovac

Source: OSCE Office Rahovec/Orahovac

Table 4.2: International NGOs active in the Municipality

Name	Main Focus	Contact Person (phone / fax /Contact e-mail)	Headquarters (phone/fax/email)rters (phone / fax/ e-mail)
Christian Aid	Women issues Education	Lina G. Cosico 029 / 77 917, 044 / 230 601 caidkosovo@yahoo.com	N/a
Amica	Psycho-Social-Women and Children	Judith Brand (49).37.381/24.788 brandjudith@hotmail.com tel. 029 77 411	N/a
Tareas Solidarias	Children activities	Carmen Martinez Tareaskosova@hotmail.com 029 / 77 951	N/a
Schueler Helfen Leben (SHL)	Youth Activities	Philipp Appel 044. 200 671	N/a
ASB Arbeiter – Samariter – Bund	Reconstruction	Jens U. Hasse 029 / 32 743 asb-ahi02@t-online.de	Prizren 029 32 743 sat tel 00871 761 616 480 sat fax 00871 761 616 481
Norwegian Refugee Council	Legal Affairs	Besim Luli 044 / 136 896 lulibesim@hotmail.com	Prizren Tel./fax 029 43 209 Nrc.pz@nrc.ipko.org
Malteser	Women's issues; NGO capacity building; Minority issues	Anja Šimić 0390/ 26603 Malteser.Gjakova@gmx.net	Gjakovë/Đjakovica
IRC International Rescue Committee	Youth activities	Charlotte Philips 044 / 177 213	Prishtinë/Priština 038 / 549 033 – 36 fax 038 / 548 228 irc_yc@hotmail.com
ICRC	Refugees, IDPs, Missing persons	Yann Bonzon 044 / 168 850 pro.pri@icrc.org	Prizren 029 / 43 539
World Vision		Rachel Muiru Rachel_muiru@wvi.org	Prizren 044 / 174 156
Daikone	Psycho-Social	Dr. Mumin Sadiku Muminsadiku@hotmail.com	Prizren 044 / 204 049
ICMC – International Catholic Migration Commission	Tolerance building social	Annett Gerber 00493738124741 icmc.socpz@kosovaonline.net	Prizren

Source: OSCE Office Rahovec/Orahovac

5. Other Civilian International Presence

The international civilian presence in the town of Rahovec/Orahovac includes the UN Civil Administration and the OSCE Field Office. The UN Civil Administration arrived in August 1999, with the local OSCE Field Office operational in October 1999. The UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) covers the area from its office based in Prizren/Prizren.

Table 5.1: The Pillars

Name	Number of Staff (international; national)	Contact Person	Title	Phone / Fax / E-mail
UN Civil Administration	7 international; 5 national	Anthony Thomson	Municipal Administrator	044 / 161 336
OSCE	4 international; 25 national	Michaela Bauer	Head of OSCE Office	029 / 77 375

Source: OSCE Office Rahovec/Orahovac

6. Religion, Places of Worship, and Cultural Institutions

The Islamic community organises religious life in Rahovec/Orahovac town and in the municipality. the Serbian Orthodox Priests represent both a moral authority and political power for the Kosovo Serbs.

Table 6.1: Primary Religious Leaders

Name	Religious Organisation
Imam Shani Sylka	Islamic Community
Sheh Baki Shehu	Islamic Community
Sheh Besim Shehu	Islamic Community

Monk Antonije	Orthodox Church of Serbia
Priest Srdan	Orthodox Church of Serbia
Priest Milenko	Orthodox Church of Serbia

Source: OSCE Office Rahovec/Orahovac

The religious heritage consists of approximately 17 Islamic mosques, three Islamic teqes (only in Rahovec/Orahovac town) and numerous Serbian Orthodox churches (the municipality area constitutes part of Serbian Metohija, Church Land). The two oldest mosques in the municipality were the mosques in the village of Brestoc/Brestovac and in the centre of Rahovec/Orahovac town, both from beginning of the 17th century. There are the mosques also in Krusha e Madhe/Velika Kruša, Nagavc/Nagavac, Celinë/Celine, Hoçë e Vogël/Mala Hoça, Brestovc/Brestovac, Opterushë/Opteruša, Zoçisht/Zoçiste, Reti e lët/Donje Retimlje, Reti e Lartë/Gornje Retimlje, Bellacërkë/Bella Crkva, Zatriq/Zatriçe, Ratkoc/Ratkovac, Drenoc/Drenovac, Pustosel/Pustoselo, and Xërxe/Zrxe. There are three teqes in the municipality including one in the centre of the town. All teqes and mosques are under the protection of the Islamic Community.

The Kosovo Serb village of Velika Hoça/Hoçë e Madhe, a famous religious site during the medieval centuries, had 24 churches and approximately two monasteries. Now there are 13 churches including those in ruins. The churches and monasteries can be found in Brnjaqa/Brnjača, Reti/Retimlje, Opterushë/Opteruša, and Zoçisht/Zoçiste. The list of churches includes the 19th century church in the Kosovo Serb area of Rahovec/Orahovac town. Those churches intact outside the enclaves remain under Kosovo Force (KFOR) protection.

There are few catholic families living in Dobërdol/Dobri Dol village, but there is not a Catholic Church in the municipality.

(Source: OSCE Office Rahovec/Orahovac)

Table 6.2: Primary Mosques, Churches, etc.

Towns/Place	Type of Building
Kadiri, Ali Dermal (Imam)	Mosque
Sokoli Qemajl Durguti Imam	Mosque
Çmega Sadat Kollari Imam	Mosque
Serbian Quarter	Serbian Orthodox Church
Brnjaqa/ Brnjača	Serbian Orthodox Church of the Saint Sunday
Sheh Baki	Teqe (Muslim 'monastery' of the Dervish order)
Sheh Medini	Teqe

Source: OSCE Office Rahovec/Orahovac

The cultural buildings in the municipality include one library in Rahovec/Orahovac town and 10 cultural centres with the largest, Mensur Zymberaj in Rahovec/Orahovac town.

7. Media

There are two radio stations operating in the municipality, Radio Start operating in the Kosovo Albanian area of Rahovec/Orahovac town and a smaller Kosovo Serb radio for youth, Radio Focus. Correspondents from the bigger newspapers are living in the municipality while the Prizren/Prizren radio station Helix's correspondents operate on a daily basis in Rahovec/Orahovac.

Table 7.1: List of Primary Newspaper, TV/Radio Stations, etc.

Name of media	Type of Media (newspaper, radio, etc.)	Editor/Correspondent	Language of Programmes/News
Koha Ditore	Daily newspaper	Bejatullah Sokoli	Kosovo Albanian
Bota Sot	Daily newspaper	Isuf Bytyqi	Kosovo Albanian
Zeri	Daily newspaper	Rifat Bytyqi, Shaip Shala	Kosovo Albanian
Rilindja	Daily newspaper	Qemajl Krasniqi	Kosovo Albanian
Focus	Radio	Gligorije Sarić	Kosovo Serbian
Start	Radio	N/a	Kosovo Albanian
Helix	Radio (Prizren)	Xhevdet Krasniqi	Kosovo Albanian

Source: OSCE Office Rahovec/Orahovac

8. Judicial System

On 29 December 1999, the judges for both the Municipal Court and the Minor Offences Court in Rahovec/Orahovac were sworn into position. There are a total of 11 judges in Rahovec/Orahovac, all of which are Kosovo Albanians, assisted by two lay judges.¹¹

Table 8.1: Judges

Name	Title	Ethnicity
Mr. Myhedin Beker	President – Municipal Court Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Hysen Gashi	Municipal Court Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Rasim Zllonga	Municipal Court Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Agim Metbala	Municipal Court Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Shaqir Zika	Municipal Court Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Jonuz Bugari	Municipal Court Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Flamur Hasku	President – Minor Offences Court	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Gani Kastrati	Minor Offences Court Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Mezhahir Shabani	Minor Offences Court Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Sefer Morina	Minor Offences Court Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Muharem Bytyqi	Minor Offences Court Judge	Kosovo Albanian

Source: OSCE Office Rahovec/Orahovac

9. Police, Civil Protection, and Military Presence

The Kosovo Police Service (KPS) consists of 71 Kosovo Albanians, one Roma, and one Kosovo Serb. UNMIK Police consists of 39 international police officers and employs a number of local interpreters from both Kosovo Albanian and Kosovo Serb communities. The Kosovo Protection Corps (KPC) detachment consists of 51 people.

The multinational police force operating in the area is well accepted, and most areas can be described as peaceful. The situation differs in proximity of the Kosovo Serb enclave in the upper part Rahovec/Orahovac town, where burnt houses create borders among Kosovo Albanian, Kosovo Serb, and Roma areas.

Security, in terms of ethnic tension is perceived not only through Kosovo Albanian and Kosovo Serb inter-ethnic conflict, but also through the Roma/Egyptian/Ashkali community that is exposed to minor threats. A considerable number of the Roma/Egyptians/Ashkali are able to move freely to Gjakovë/Đakovica and Prizren/Prizren.

Table 9.1: Police, Civil Protection, and Military Presence

Name	Phone/fax/e-mail	Number of Police Officers, Soldiers, etc.	Ethnic Composition, Nationality
KPS	Tel./fax. PTK 029 82 42	73 (1 female)	Kosovo Albanian, Kosovo Serb, Roma
UN Civil Police	Tel./fax. 029 82 42	39 international staff	US, German, Romanian, Jordanian, Egyptian, Indian; Ghanaian
KPC	Rahovec/Orahovac; Prizren road Contact person: Selim Gashi,	51	Kosovo Albanian, Roma, Bosniak
KFOR	PTT: 434 36 – operator – 54 11 107	Approx. 400	German (Task Force ZUR), Italian (one village of Mrasor)

Source: OSCE Office Rahovec/Orahovac

10. Economics

The economy rests largely on agriculture, including vegetable crops and vineyards. There is some production of wheat and corn and cattle breeding. There are a total of eight enterprises dealing with agricultural production, production of plastics, heaters, and freezers, and recycling. These nominally state-owned companies have partly resumed their activities.

¹¹ Acting in a legal capacity but without having had legal training.

10.1 Major Employers in the Region

Employer	Products/Service	Production on going?	Size of Workforce
Tehnoemont Factory	Plastic recycling	Yes	22
18 th November Factory	Plastic	Yes	266
Termosistem (former Termovent)	Heaters; freezers	Yes	41
Rahoveci (former Orvin)	Wine and spirits	Yes	545
Korenica	Windows; doors	Yes	20
Silos	Flour	Yes	370
1 st May	Construction	Yes	39
Podrima	Trade	Yes	40

Source: OSCE Office Rahovec/Orahovac

11. Infrastructure

The water situation remains one of the greatest problems in the municipality, as the only natural water reservoir for the municipalities of Rahovec/Orahovac and Gjakovë/Đakovica is the Radoniqi/Radonić Lake.

Also, the electricity supply remains a problem in the municipality. The electricity provider, Korporata Elektroenergetike e Kosovës (KEK) suffers from old transformers. The situation worsens significantly during the winter when electricity needs frequently exceed capacity.

The garbage collection, previously done by the German Governmental Agency Technisches Hilfswerk (THW), is now carried out by the municipal enterprise Komunalia. The company owns two trucks delivered by THW, one tractor given by OXFAM and three tractors bought by the Komunalia. Currently the collected garbage is dumped in the outskirts of the town. Still the garbage storage and garbage utilisation remains an unsolved problem.

As far as communications are concerned there are approximately 2,000 telephones in the municipality. Local and international calls have gradually become easier. The private company in the centre of the town offers much better connections for outside calls. Alcatel has been operational since June 2001 and Internet connections can be made in the local Internet café in the Kosovo Albanian area of town and in the Kosovo Serb Youth Centre.

12. Social Services, Health, and Education

Health;

The local health sector includes one health house in Rahovec/Orahovac town, two clinics, and seven health centres, also known as ambulanta. A few small, private health-centres also exist. With the help of German, and previously Dutch, KFOR, these structures provide basic medical treatment. There is no hospital in the municipality. For urgent and more complicated cases, the nearest hospitals are located in Gjakovë/Đakovica (Argentinean Military Hospital) and in Prizren/Prizren (Prizren/Prizren civilian hospital and German Military Hospital).

Education:

The Education sector reflects the ethnic division of the province and all schools are ethnically segregated. The Kosovo Albanian children are served by 19 primary schools and one secondary school with two branches in two villages, where five of the primary schools are in Rahovec/Orahovac town. Kosovo Serbs have access to two primary schools and one gymnasium. In December 2001 a 'multiethnic' school was opened. Although the primary aim of the school was to accommodate children of all ethnicities, only Kosovo Albanian and Roma/Egyptian children attend classes here because of security reasons.

(Source: Department of Education, Rahovec/Orahovac.)