

Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša

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1. Area and Population

Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša is located 19 km north of Prizren town and is predominantly inhabited by Kosovo Turks (rough estimation 95%), Kosovo Albanians, Roma and Ashkali communities. The total population is estimated at 5,500 inhabitants.

2. Governing Structures

On 13 September 2005, the UN Special Representative of the Secretary General signed the executive decision on the provisional municipal assemblies, establishing Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša as a pilot municipal unit. Prior to that Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša was part of Prizren municipality. As of 2 October 2008 Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša obtained the status of fully-fledged municipality.

• Legislative

The Municipal Assembly is composed of 15 members; 13 are affiliated with the Turkish Democratic Party of Kosovo (KDTP), one is an independent member (Kosovo Roma representative), and the only Kosovo Albanian position has been vacant since the former Kosovo Albanian independent municipal assembly member, Ms. Ganimete Sadiku, was appointed as the deputy mayor for communities and has become part of the executive. Out of the current 14 members three are female. On 1 December 2008, the Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša municipal assembly approved the municipal statute and on 29 December 2008, Ms. Seylan Mazrek, member of KDTP, was elected as the municipal assembly chairperson. The position of deputy assembly chairperson is currently vacant.

• Executive

By the decision on the establishment of the municipality, president of the former provisional municipal assembly, Mr. Arif Bütüç, was appointed as the municipal mayor until the next elections are held. In December 2008, mayor Bütüç appointed the chief executive officer of the former pilot municipal unit, Mr. Abdulhadi Krasnic, as the deputy mayor. The municipality has four directorates: health and education; budget and finance; spatial planning, urbanism and inspection; and general administration.

• Judiciary

There is no court in the municipality. All civil, juvenile and criminal cases with a maximum sentence of up to, and including, five years imprisonment, from Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša fall under the jurisdiction of the Prizren municipal court, whilst all other criminal cases are dealt with by the Prizren district court.

• Security presence

The security situation is stable. No inter-ethnic related incidents have been reported since Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša was established as a pilot municipal unit in 2005. Currently there are four Kosovo police officers serving in the municipality in two shifts. There is an on-going discussion about the need to transform the current police sub-station (part of Prizren police station) into a municipal police station and to increase the number of police officers who would provide 24-hours service. A Kosovo Force (KFOR) base in the municipality is composed of some 80 members of the Turkish Navy. Owing to a peaceful atmosphere KFOR soldiers have focussed their efforts on community development activities rather than security monitoring.

3. Political Overview

The political landscape of Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša is dominated by the Turkish Democratic Party of Kosovo (KDTP) and its local branch. The Democratic Party of Kosovo (PDK) and the Alliance for the Future of Kosovo (AAK) are the only Kosovo Albanian parties that have established sub-branches in the municipality.

4. Economy

Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša is characterized by a high level of unemployment. Most of the inhabitants are engaged in small scale farming activities but this sector lacks investment. Employment therefore predominantly falls on public sector, mostly within the municipality, the primary and secondary school, and in the family health centre. A number of small local

entrepreneurs trades with spare vehicle parts produced in Turkey. Recently the municipality has become more active in developing the infrastructural conditions for food producers, as Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša is one of the biggest fruit and vegetable producers in Kosovo. The municipality is started organizing the annual “Tomato Festival”, first one taking place in July 2009, aiming to bring together food producers and traders from all the Balkans countries. The municipality is also making efforts to support food producers by negotiating with foreign investors to build a regional market place and refrigerated warehouse in the municipality.

5. Public Services

● Health

Primary care services are provided at the main health house, which was financed by the Kosovo ministry of health and became operational at the end of 2008. The facility is fully functional and is accessible to all residents of Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša, as well as to some surrounding communities. The health centre works in two shifts and is open from 7am to 9pm. There are 16 employees in total, including three doctors and one dentist. For more serious health issues, inhabitants are referred to Prizren regional hospital.

● Education

There is one primary school in the municipality with 47 teachers (16 of whom are Kosovo Albanians). The total number of students attending school is 906, which includes 72 Kosovo Albanian and a small number of Kosovo Roma pupils - the remainder are Kosovo Turks. Primary education is provided in Turkish and Albanian languages. There is one secondary school in the municipality, which was constructed by Turkish KFOR in 2003, and provides classes in Turkish language. It has 18 employees, 13 of whom are paid by Prizren municipality; the rest are paid by Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša municipality. The number of students in the secondary school is 94 with a medical school/class of 26 students (which remains part of the medical high school in Prizren). A new school building for both primary and secondary students is currently being constructed, and is expected to be operational by September 2009.

● Civil Registration

A civil registration office was opened in the municipal building on 22 May 2009. Now along with the birth certificates, the inhabitants can also obtain other personal documents such as ID cards and passports. Other offices providing different services such as vehicle registration and driving licences are yet to be opened.

6. Map of the Region

