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# ***UNMIK Police PRESS UPDATE***

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THIS UPDATE COVERS THE 24-HOUR PERIOD CONCLUDED AT MIDNIGHT 16 APRIL 2000.  
PREPARED BY 1100 HRS. ON 17 APRIL 2000.

### ***GNJILANE REGION***

#### **BODIES FOUND**

Kabasch-1500 hrs. Two badly decomposed bodies of Albanian males were found. The causes of death were unknown at the time of this report.

#### **EXPLOSIONS**

Strpce-2000 hrs. Two explosions were heard in the Orthodox Church courtyard. Extent of damage unknown at the time of this report. No suspects at this time.

#### **ATTEMPTED ARSON**

Germova. An Albanian male reported that unidentified suspects attempted to set his shop wall on fire but failed to do so. They also damaged the door to the shop with rocks.

### ***MITROVICA REGION***

#### **GRIEVOUS ASSAULT**

Vucitn-2300 hrs. One Albanian male was taken to the hospital with gun shot wounds in his stomach. There is no motive known at the time of this report and no suspects. Investigation is ongoing.

#### **ASSAULT**

Mitrovica South -2130 hrs. While engaged in traffic duty, two UNMIK Police officers were physically assaulted by three Albanian males. The officers defended themselves with pepper spray and the suspects fled.

Mitrovica North -0015 hrs. A Serb male assaulted one UNMIK Police officer. The incident occurred while the officer was trying to prevent an auto theft. The suspect was arrested. Another Serb male was arrested for interfering with the arrest.

Mitrovica North 1846 hrs. Two Serb males were assaulted by a group of Albanians. At the time of the incident, the victims were traveling by car. The victims were escorted by KFOR and taken to the hospital for treatment. KFOR arrested two Albanian suspects.

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## **HUNGER STRIKE**

Serb prisoners, in the Mitrovica detention facility, are continuing their hunger strike which began on 10 April.

## ***PEC REGION***

### **ARMED ROBBERY**

Grabaj-1600 hrs. An unidentified suspect shot several times into the air and robbed an Albanian man of five of his cattle. No injuries reported.

### **ILLEGAL WOOD CUTTING**

Klina-1030 hrs. Three Albanian males were arrested for illegal wood cutting. The suspects were identified and released.

## ***PRISTINA REGION***

### **ARMED ROBBERY**

Pristina 2330 hrs. Four suspects, armed with handguns and a knife robbed the office of Director, Agriculture High School. One of the suspects sustained injuries when a security guard confronted him. The suspects were arrested and weapons recovered.

Kosovo Polje 2230 hrs. An Albanian male and his girl friend were robbed of cash and jewelry. The couple was confronted by three suspects armed with handguns.

Pristina-2330 hrs. Two unidentified suspects, armed with a knife, robbed an Albanian male of his taxi. No arrests have been made.

### **FATAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENT**

Grmija Road-2130 hrs. A vehicle hit and killed a 10-year-old Albanian boy. At the time of the incident, the victim was walking on the side of the road. The driver fled the scene but was later identified as a 16-year-old Albanian male.

## ***PRIZREN REGION***

### **ARSON**

Prizren. An unoccupied Serbian house was set on fire. No suspects were identified.

### **ILLEGAL BORDER CROSSING**

Restelica-1330 hrs. KFOR arrested two Albanian males for illegal border crossing. The suspects were returned to Albania.

## ***BORDER POLICE***

### **EXPLOSION**

Globocica-2040 hrs. An explosion occurred on the property of a local resident. The device was found to be a hand grenade. The daughter of the owner of the residence was outside at the time of the incident. There were no injuries and no suspects. Ethnicity not reported.

## ***DAILY INCIDENT REPORTS***

INCIDENT	REPORTED
MURDER	0
KIDNAPPING	0
ARSON	2
THREAT/INTIMIDATION	4
GRIEVOUS ASSAULT	1
SIMPLE ASSAULT	6
EVICITION	1
ROBBERY	3
BURGLARY	9
THEFT	9
AUTO THEFT	11
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	5
LOOTING	0
RAPE	0
SHOOTING/GUNFIRE	1
BOMB THREATS	0
ILLEGAL WEAPONS	1
UXO/MINE/GRENADE	5
PEOPLE INJURED	0
PEOPLE KILLED	0
NEW MASS GRAVE SITE	0
MISSING PERSON	1
DEAD BODIES	2
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	15
CURFEW VIOLATIONS	62
ARRESTS	18
DETAINEES	327

#### KOSOVO POLICE SERVICE

REGIONS	STRENGTH
PRISTINA	178
GNJILANE	49
PRIZREN	40
MITROVICA	38
PEC	36
IN TRAINING	235
TOTAL	341
DEPLOYED	

#### UNMIK POLICE

ASSIGNMENT	STRENGTH
IN THEATRE	2900
DEPLOYED	2750
IN TRAINING	1
MAIN HQ	126
KPS	136
ITC	35
PRISTINA	661
GNJILANE	386
PRIZREN	347
MITROVICA	537
PEC	158
BORDER POLICE	207

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### WEEKLY STATISTIC REVIEW FOR THE WEEK ENDING 15 APRIL

Since January 2000, 6860 offenses have been reported in Kosovo. Out of these various offenses, 298 have been reported in regard to major crimes (murders and attempts, kidnappings and attempts, and armed-aggravated assaults). To date 142 people have been arrested in regard to these crimes by UNMIK Police and out of about 330 people actually in detention centers within the Province, 103 are detained for murders and attempted murders.

The weekly crime index indicates that the number of major crimes has slightly decreased in comparison to the last two weeks with figures of 89-94-99.

Six murders were reported in comparison to 10 the previous week. Victims were four Albanians, one Roma and one Serbian.

Four kidnappings were reported last week in the Pec, Prizren and Gnjilane regions.

Cases of arson, especially against the remaining Serb population increased again. During the week, there were 20 cases of arson reported in comparison to 14 the previous week. Nine cases were reported in Pristina, one in Prizren, one in Pec, three in Mitrovica and six in Gnjilane. Ten cases were against Serb owned properties, three against Romas and six against Albanians.

During the past week, 112 arrests were made throughout the Province in comparison to 153 the previous week.

Of the 112 arrests last week, 17 people were arrested for major crimes and the breakdown is as follows: two for murder, three for kidnapping, three for rape, four for attempted kidnapping, one for attempted murder and four for armed assault.