

Discussion Roundtable "Emergency situations in Kosovo - citizen mobilization and institutional capacity"

Pristina, February 24, 2012 - Forum for Civic Initiatives (FIQ), supported by Saferworld from London, organized a roundtable on "Emergency Situations in Kosovo - citizen mobilization and institutional capacity", attended by representatives from MFSK/MKSF, FSK/KSF, PK/KP, municipalities, OSCE, ICITAP, representatives of civil society organizations and media.



Discussion focused on: what is considered an emergency situation; which steps should be taken by institutions in an emergency, based on existing legal framework; what are the parameters to declare an emergency situation and other issues of this nature. Deputy / Minister of the Interior Ministry, Ismet Ibishi, said that Kosovo has laws that really fit well, and from these laws, are approved two strategies regarding emergency situations, which are included in the "integrated

system of emergency reaction" and "National Response Plan". Meanwhile, he noted that municipalities do not have followed strictly the procedures provided by law, in the latter case, where snow almost paralyzed the country. Fadil Hadërgjonaj by the Ministry of Kosovo Security Force said that "When local and regional capacities are consumed, we are the second force required to intervene." Colonel Sami Shabanaj from the Kosovo Police, noted that KP has now been taken up with work that is not its duty, in the meantime been established several agencies that coordinate the work under responsibilities.

In general, the participants noted that Kosovo has good legislation on emergency management, but noted that the central system should be respected and procedures outlined in this legislation. In this roundtable, participants presented good examples from several municipalities in Kosovo, as in Stimje and Ferizaj, where the municipality has contacted various companies, paid cleaning and derivatives, in the meantime other work has been voluntary, and in Gjakova, Rotary Club has provide Community Safety Action Teams with tools for cleaning.

Reaction associated with the approval of tender package for TC "Kosova e Re" by the Steering Committee for Privatization

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Pristina March 9-Regarding the adoption of package bidding for TC "New Kosova" by the Steering Committee for Privatization The above-mention civil society organizations, oppose the decision of the Steering Committee of the project "New Kosovo" to approve the package of tenders for new power plant, in

the form of how it is proclaimed by the Government of Kosovo, especially in sections dealing with the



inclusion Kosovo in package B bidding and selling 51% stake in the mine and 69% stake in generation. Civil society, consistently opposed the contents of the Energy Strategy 2009-2018, as a strategy which is not complete, it is designed without public discussion, was approved under government pressure in the Assembly on April 1, 2010, and it create a monopoly. Therefore, we request that the Government of Kosovo, in accordance with Section 3.4 of the Energy Law nr.03/L-184, to send to the Assembly, the Energy Strategy for revision. Energy Law obliges the government of Kosovo for every

three years to review the Energy Strategy and to submit modification to the Assembly for approval. Energy Strategy 2009-2018 should be amended in the following points: - Separation of "Kosovo B" of the tender package "New Kosovo"; - Completing the Strategy; also studying alternative energy sources, - Percentage of shares that will be sold. Arbitrators decision of the Steering Committee of Privatization "New Kosovo" to sell the majority stake in mining and generation, is an unacceptable decision, not transparent and in violation of applicable laws. Under Article 9.1 of the Law on Enterprises nr.03/L-087, sale of shares of a public enterprise should be made by the Assembly. Therefore, only the Assembly decides to sell public enterprises shares. We ask the Ministry of Economic Development to make public all tendering package and inform the public about the decisions taken by the Steering Committee for Privatization.

Discussion roundtable "Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons in Kosovo-Progress and Challenges"

At the round table organized by Forum for Security, on "Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons in Kosovo-Progress and Challenges", attended by officials from the security institutions in Kosovo, representatives from various municipalities, representatives of international and local organizations, media and others, the report with the same title was presented. The purpose of this research is to promote the impact of policy making and decision making in strengthening the control of small arms and light weapons in Kosovo. The "Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons" analyzes and evaluates the progress made in drafting of the legal framework, which regulated SALW control, focusing on laws, policies and strategies, developed institutional capacity and mechanisms to ensure effective control of SALW, implementation of laws and strategies etc. Recommendations from this report, regarding the control of small arms and light weapons in Kosovo, are as follows: For Kosovo Government: - All actors involved on implementation of the Law on Weapons and the Strategy on Weapon Control and Collection of SALWs, should be coordinated in

order to effectively implement these acts that ensure fight, prevention and control over SALWs. In order to achieve this success, exchange of information is necessary within legal and periodical settings. For the Ministry of Internal Affairs: - A national Coordinator should be urgently appointed for implementation of the Strategy for SALWs. - Legalization and amnesty should be organized at the same time throughout Kosovo, by not making territorial nor ethnic divisions. - Civil society organizations should become a part of initiatives to review



the Strategy on Weapon Control and Collection of SALWs, so that a more active and higher participation of social society is provided in formulation and successful implementation of this strategy. For Kosovo Police: KP should change its approach by undertaking actions for confiscation of SALWs based on intelligence information. While, they should urgently increase capacities for investigation so that they prevent any kind of danger that trafficking of illegal SALWs present. For institutions of justice: Prosecutors should specify in their appeals, the request for coarsening of effective imprisonment. This research report of the Forum for Security is welcome and appreciated as realistic from the Ministry of Interior officials, noting that frequent analysis help the long and complex process of legislation on the issue of arms control.

Analysis “The budget of Kosovo Police– needs for additional funds and better financial planning”

Pristina, 29.03.2012 - The Forum for Civic Initiatives (FIQ) and GAP Institute, published today the policy analysis paper “The budget of Kosovo Police– needs for additional funds and better financial planning”. This analysis sights and analyzes the annual budget of the Kosovo Police, its division into different categories, investments, services, wages and other, by analyzing the annual budget in recent years and its management, operational needs of police equipment and general improvement of cooperation condition, capacity building and achieving the objectives outlined in the Development Plan of Kosovo Police. In this roundtable, after the presentation of the contents of the analysis, the Deputy / Minister of Interior Affairs, Izmi Zeka said that "obviously there are deficiencies and weaknesses; however, Kosovo Police has several devices that are best in the region." Zeka said that the respective institutions are in the process of finding solutions to all problems outlined in this analysis, especially for heavy equipment.”

Hamdi Hyseni, Director of Budget and Finance Committee of the Kosovo Police, spoke for the budget categories, efforts to rationality and budget planning, the needs of Kosovo Police for the construction of new



facilities, operational needs and other segments. He said that the new uniforms for the police have not yet been designed, whereas also helicopters and armored vehicles are not budgeted for this year. He highlighted that IMF emphasized that the budget category for operational expenses should be fixed, whereas additional budget should be foreseen for capital investments. According to him, the main objective of PK remains equipping special units with heavy equipment. Burim Ejupi, Indep Institute, highlighted that “The worrying fact is that 64% of the police budget is going to salaries which do not include health and life

insurance." Ismail Smakiqi, head of the Kosovo Academy for Security said that in each segment, KP needs better planning. Ferdinand Nikolla from Saferworld said that there were continuous inconsistencies between the development plan and budget planning for the Kosovo Police. In general, participants discussed and admitted as concerns: the lack of heavy equipment, helicopters, armored vehicles, police health insurance; life insurance; variety of vehicles causing significant maintenance costs, obsolescence of patrol vehicles, transfer of the officers in whom KP invested, age of officers, time of their retirement etc.

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