

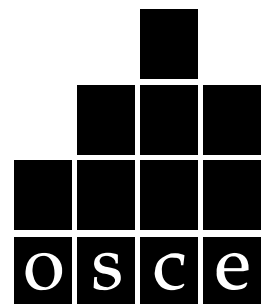
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1. Introduction: Area and Population

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 are ethnically mixed, while the remainder is Kosovo Albanian.

Since the 1999 conflict, the town has been divided along the Ibar River. To the south, the population is predominantly Kosovo Albanian. Almost all of the 300 Kosovo Serb families who used to live there have moved to the north. Fewer than 20 Kosovo Serbs remain, living under 24-hour KFOR protection in the vicinity of the Serbian Orthodox Church. The northern part of the town adjoins the municipalities of Zvečan/Zveçan and Zubin Potok, which were always predominantly Kosovo Serb. The north of town is now home to approximately 15,000 Kosovo Serbs, some 5,000 of whom are internally displaced persons (IDPs). Before the conflict, at least 50 percent of the population in the north of town was Kosovo Albanian; today fewer than half of those remains. 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 Muslim Slavs (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 Ibar. The pre-conflict Roma population (some 6,000) of the south of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica has been displaced to the northern municipalities and Serbia proper. Approximately 275 people live in a collective centre in the north of town and a small number of families live in private accommodation in the south. More than 40 Ashkali families 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.

Table 1.1: Ethnic Composition, Including IDPs

Population	Kosovo Albanian		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	N/A		N/A		2,000	1.76	545	0.48	600	0.53

Source: 1991 census: FRY Institute of Statistics and UNHCR statistics of 1998/OSCE estimates. Current and accurate population figures are impossible to obtain. It is noted that the 1991 census was highly politicised and is thus unreliable.

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 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. The latest development is an attempt to include the administration of the northern part of the town into the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) structure, which began with the set up of a Community Office in February 2002. 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 multi-ethnic 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 2000 Municipal Elections brought a change to the civil administration. The 41 Assembly seats were distributed among LDK, which gained 29 seats, PDK, 11 seats, and AAK, one seat. One Kosovo Muslim Slav was appointed. However, he failed to attend the appropriate number of meetings in the last six months and UNMIK has decided to replace him. Currently, the identification of a successor is in process. While the PDK parallel structure now seems to have disappeared and the Municipal Administration seems to be respected by all political groups in the southern part of the Municipality, the effort to integrate Kosovo Serbs into the administration has been difficult thus far. Only a few Kosovo Serbs are currently employed by the administration and Kosovo Serb political groups in the north of

Mitrovicë/Mitrovica have not accepted their appointments for 11 seats in the Municipal Assembly. They refuse to recognise the elected Municipal Assembly (MA).

In order to provide minimum municipal services, through the end of last year, 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 recently been changed, and now only a few Civil Servants of the pre-conflict administration, especially teachers in the schools, still receive UNMIK payments. Earlier this year, UNMIK has 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 will eventually employ 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 reorganised by the Serbian Government, naming a new head and new department heads. There was strong Kosovo Serb pressure on anyone from their community to not be work for the Local Community Office. Nevertheless, the Office started working at the end of February 2002, providing first services to the Kosovo Serb Community.

A serious backlash happened on 9 April 2002 in consequence of an arrest of one leader of the so-called "bridgewatchers", a gang of Kosovo Serbs that monitor movements on the north side of the bridge that separates the city. During the arrest, more than a dozen UNMIK Police and a small number of Kosovo Serbs were wounded. Demonstrations began and serious threats were uttered toward the international community and Kosovo Serb staff in international organisations. Local Kosovo Serb political leaders used the occasion to re-issue claims for a separate Kosovo Serb municipality in the north, combined with a threat to boycott the upcoming 2002 Municipal Elections.

Despite this incident, considerable progress has been made over the last year in the establishment of the municipal structures. Municipal structures have begun to function 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.

The 26 October 2002 Municipal Elections were contested by fourteen political parties, one coalition, one citizen's initiative. The new Mitrovicë/ Mitrovica Municipal assembly is made up of 41 members, LDK with 24 seats, PDK 15, AAK 2 and PD 1.

Table 2.1: Composition of the Municipal Assembly

Name of Municipal Assembly Member / Professional Background	Political Affiliation
Mr. Faruk Spahija, Engineer, Party president LDK	LDK President
Mr. Mursel Ibrahim, Economist, Vice president LDK	LDK Deputy-President
Mr. Fatmire Berisha	LDK Member
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
Mr. Sanije Behrami	LDK Member
Mr. Bajram Kajtazi	LDK Member
Mr. Mehmet Sylja	LDK Member
Ms. Naxhije Kabashi	LDK Member
Mr. Mensur Kelmendi	LDK Member
Mr. Osman Hasani	LDK Member
Mr. Shyqri Kelmendi	LDK Member
Mr. Bajram Mustafa	LDK Member
Mr. Ismet Sylja	LDK Member
Mr. Bektesh Vidishiqi	LDK Member
Mr. Ahmet Tmava	PDK Member
Mr. Vehbi Beqiri	PDK Member
Mr. 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. Nazmi Fejza, President AAK	AAK Member
Mr. Qerim Hamiti	AAK Member
Mr. Halit Morina	PD Member

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

Table 2.2: Municipal Assembly Committees

Committee	Chairperson / Affiliation	Vice-chairperson / Affiliation
Policy and Finance Committee	Mr. Faruk Spahija, LDK	Mr. Mustafë Pllana, LDK
Communities Committee	Mr. Osman Haziri / LDK	Ms. Vjollca Meha / PDK
Mediation Committee	Mr. Istref Jashari / Independent	Mr. Shaqir Demiri / PDK

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

Director / Professional Background / Affiliation	Municipal Department
Mr. Mustafa Pllana, Economist, (LDK)	Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Mursel Ahmeti, Jurist (LDK)	Dept. of General Administration
Mr. Besim Kurti, Economist (LDK)	Dept. of Inspection
Vacant	Dept. of Public Enterprises
Mr. Murteza Berisha, Professor (LDK)	Dept. of Education, Culture and Sport
Mr. Gani Beshiri, Engineer (LDK)	Dept. of Urbanism
Mr. Vahid Avdiu, Agronomist (PDK)	Dept. of Agriculture
Mr. Tefik Ujkani, Master of Economy (LDK)	Dept. of Economy and Finance
Ms. Sadie Asllani – Bilalli, Doctor (Independent)	Dept. of Health and Social Services
Mr. Fadil Selmanaj, Engineer Geodesy (Independent)	Dept. of Geodesy, Cadaster and Property

Source: OSCE Regional Centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

3. Political Parties

Nineteen political parties in total contested 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 elections' results showed the support for PDK, who had control over the municipality, post-election, had decreased. LDK won a sound majority in the Municipal Assembly. After the Assembly of Kosovo Election on 17 November 2001, the situation changed a little. There are now 9 Kosovo Albanian political parties and one coalition remaining. Some political parties do not exist anymore in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica. As former president of PDK, Dr. Bajram Rexhepi became Prime Minister. At the same time newly elected Kosovo Assembly member Ramadan Kelmendi replaced Municipal Assembly President Faruk Spahija as LDK branch leader.

Seven Kosovo Serb political parties have municipal branches in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica municipality. The pro-Milosević parties SPS, SRS, and JUL are less visible, whilst the opposition parties DSS, DS, SPO, and ND 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 Povratka" (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 more obstructive elements within the SNC.

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	Mr. Ibrahim Rugova	53.5%	23
Democratic Party of Kosovo (PDK)	Mr. Ahmet Tmava	Mr. Hashim Thaqi	34.2%	15
Alliance for the Future of Kosovo (AAK)	Mr. Nazmi Fejza	Mr. Ramush Haradinaj	5.7%	2
Albanian National Unification Party (UNIKOMB)	Mr. Istref Latifi	Mr. Ukshin Hoti	0.13%	0
People's Movement of Kosovo (LPK)	Mr. Ismet Kadriu	Mr. Emrush Xhemajli	0.4%	0
Kosovo Citizens Initiative (IQK)	Mr. Enver Gashi	Mr. Qemajl Sokoli	0.25%	0

National Movement for Liberation of Kosovo (LKCK)	Mr. Emin Begu	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
Party of Justice (PD)	Mr. Halit Morina	Mr. Sylejman Qerkezi	1.3%	1
Democratic Party of Serbia (DSS)	Mr Dragiša Đoković	Vacant ¹ Mr. Vojislav Kostunica, Serbia proper	0.23%	0
Democratic Party (DS)	Dr Momcilo Savic, President of Municipal Board	Dr Momcilo Savic, President of Kosovo Board Dr Zoran Djindjic, Serbia proper	N/A	N/A
Democratic Alternative (DA)	vacant ²	Prof. Gojko Savic, President of the Regional – Provincial Board Mr Oliver Ivanovic, DA Vice President Dr Nebojsa Covic, Serbia Proper	N/A	N/A
Serb National Council (SNC)	Mr Nebojsa Jovic, Acting President Mr Miodrag Ralic, President of MI Executive Board	Dr Milan Ivanovic, President of Regional SNC Mr Momir Kasalovic, President of Regional EB	0.34%	0
Coalition Return (KP)			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 Ljubo Kragovic, member of the Serbian Parliament	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)	Mr Raso Rojevic, president of municipal board	Mr Raso Rojevic, president of regional board Dr Mira Markovic, Serbia proper	N/A	N/A
New Democracy (ND)	Ms Aleksandra Jovanovic, president of municipal board	Mr Nenad Radosavljevic, Regional President Mr Dusan Mihajlovic, Serbia proper	N/A	N/A
Kosovo Turk Democratic Party (KDTP)	Mr. Erhan Koroglu		0.74%	0
Party for Democratic Action (SDA) VATAN	Mr. Nexhat Ugljanin	Mr. Numan Balic	0.91%	0
Ashkali Democratic Party of Kosovo (PDAK)	Mr. Ali Ismajli	Mr. Sabit Rrahmani	0.4%	0
Albanian Democratic Party of Kosovo (PDASHK)	Mr. Bajram Avdiu		N/A	N/A

Source: OSCE Office Mitrovicë/Mitrovica

4. Local and International NGOs

Most non-governmental organisations (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 forming to confront issues related to civil society and overall democratic development of 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 INGO's or donor's requirements established multiethnic NGO's consisting of Albanians and Serbs. There is still widespread misunderstanding among political leaders and the public at large of the nature of civil society, the purpose of forming associations, and the role of the non-governmental sector. An educational program to tackle this is under way.

The main problem for all local NGOs is funding and the challenge to achieve any degree of sustainability. NGOs are handicapped as donors tend to be Prishtinë/Priština-based and functioning financial institutions are absent. Despite this, some 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.

¹ Dr Marko Jaksic was President of DSS Kosovo Board until 26. October when he was dismissed from that position since he advocated boycott of Kosovo elections in Mitrovica North.

² DA has not still elected the municipal board for Mitrovica municipality.

The OSCE Community Centre in the north of town provides technical and logistical assistance to the NGO community.

Table 4.1: Local NGOs based in the Municipality

Name:	Main Focus:	Contact Person	Address/Tel/Email:
Action of Joint Aid	Humanitarian assistance	Srdjan Kosanin	063/8251879 ZAPYU@yahoo.com
Agim Hajrizi	Foundation	Qemajl Sokoli	Agim Hajrizi 4 028/24 365 028/29 792 044 174 069 063 8190418
Agricultural Association 'Eko – Fshati'	Agriculture	Selim Citaku	Fshati Qubrel 044/ 189995
Air-"Zrak"	Civil Society Development	Vojkan Milic	Kralja Petra 1 st Nr. 175 063/829 0310 ilenone@hotmail.com
Association of the Blind	Assistance to blind persons	Mr.Xhevdet Ceroviku	Kumanova 1 028/ 35 585, 044/147 002 uvkm@hotmail.com
Association of the Blind	Assistance to blind persons	Mr. Vladica Jakovljevic	Kolasinska 36/41 028/25 842
Association of Fisherman	Environment, Fishing	Mr. Gani Beshiri	044/147 552
Association of Fisherman "Ibri-Sitnica"	Environment, Fishing	Luan Qabra	Mbretresha Teuta 31 023/22 520, 044 157 335 luancabra@hotmail.com
Association for Children Solidarity	Solidarity	Xhavit Lani	Mbretresha Teut 7 044 214 462, 044 214 461
Association of Dumb and Deaf	Assistance and promotion of persons with limited abilities	Mr. Nysret Gubetini Mr. Fatos Ismaili	Atra 75 028 23 817, 044 147 001 lshskm@hotmail.com
Association of Expelled and Displaced Persons of Kosmet	Humanitarian assistance, Human Rights	Mr. Rade Spasojevic	Kralja Petra 1 st 028/ 34 800
Association of Electrical Engineers	Engineering, Development	Mr. Adnan Krasniqi	Xhafer Deva 028/29 316, 24 527
Association for Care and Rehabilitation of the Expatriates and Survivors of the torture	Human Rights and Social Protection of the victims of torture	Hamit Xhoshja	Kodra e Minatoreve 122 063 816 24 83
Association of Mathematicians "Gausi"	Education	Nezir Hajdini	Drejtorija e arsimit 063 840 3 992
Association of Musicians	Art, Culture	Mr. Arian Haxhibeqiri Mr. Afrim Avdyli	Lux Department store 1 flour 028/37 245, 37 240 haxhibeqiri@hotmail.com
Association for Unity and Diversity and against cleavage and partition 'Mitrovica'	Civil Development	Mr. Skender Sadiku	Posta e vjeter,Mitrovica 028/29 905, 32 167 n_mitrovica@yahoo.com
Association for returning of the displaced Albanians	Human Rights	Fahredin Berisha Afrim Voca	028/29/ 769 044/147 675
Association of Mitrovica Lawyers	Assistance to Juridical Affair	Mr.Ramadan Kelmendi Mr.Faik Jashari	
Association of Mitrovica Intellectuals	Cultural, education,	Hamëz Rrecaj	044/ 165 063
Association for Psycho-social Protection of families "Toleranca"	Psycho-Social assistance	Hamdi Boja	Sheshi Agim Hajrizi (Pensioners Building) 028/ 33 007 044 164 007 063 81 62 452
ATHG Kacageli	Art, Culture	Mr. Adem Zhitipotoku	ArtimJashari 69 028/29 358 063/744 612
Albanian-Austrian Cultural Humanitarian Association	Psycho-social activities	Mr.Osman Hasani	Muhamet Gashi 1 028/ 21 471
All together(Svi Zajedno)	Community development	Gordana Jerotijevic	Lole Ribara 33/3 063 8 375 480 stejer2002@yahoo.com
Agoi Dielli	Youth issues	Luljete Prekazi	Mbretëresha Teutë nr.351 044 / 208-055 lulejete_p@hotmail.com
Ashkali Youth Assotiation "Bashkimi Bën Fuqin"	Youth issues	Luan Shala	063 8503569 luan-shala007@hotmail.com
Bosniak Cultural Information Center – "Selam"	Community Development	Mr.Izetdin Feratovic	028/35 489
Bosniac Women Club- KZB	Women Issues	Hajrija Mahmutovic	028-39 691 or 063 866 99 34
Bosnian Independent Club of	Culture, Education, Information	Tasim Jusufi	Bislim Trepca 19

Name:	Main Focus:	Contact Person	Address/Tel/Email:
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Business Women Association	Empowerment of women and Economical Development	Imran Avdiu	Sheshi Agim Hajrizi 028/26 725
Bright Future(Svetla Buducnost)	Women issues	Rada Djuric Natalija Prelevic	Sutjeska st. 22 063 8 217 682
Center for Democratisation of Civil Society-CORALET	Education & Culture	Drita Kadriu	Meto Bajraktari 028/31 443 dritakadriu@hotmail.com
Center for Technological Creation –QKT	Technology	Mr. Ramadan Bunjaku	Mhamet Gashi 24 028/39 458, 25 449 zyrja@g.k.t.8m.com
Center for Protection of Women and Children	Women Issues	Ms.Emine Kabashi Ms.Emine Balaj	Ruzhdi Batovci 5 044/149 378
Citizens' Initiative	Environmental protection	Ms. Boris Dobrac	Cika Jovina 12/3 063/818 0161 borisdrobac@yahoo.com
CIP	Culture, environmental protection, promotion of democratic practices	Miodrag Savic	063/ 8448755
Council for Peace and Tolerance	Peace-building	Tef Vokri Radomir Janicijevic Nedzat Ugljanin	Confidence Zone 044/ 147 646
Cultural bridges	Cultural issues	Avdi Azemi	Mbretresha Teute 8 044 233 045 valdet_rama@yahoo.com
Center for Promotion of Children and Youth Rights	Children and Youth Rights	Nebojsa Antic	Kralja Petra I 143/16 063 8 200 antico_al@yahoo.com
Center for Democracy and Low CEDELEX	Community Development	Nebojsa Vlajic	Lole Ribara 22 028 665 295
CHRONOS	Youth issues	Edina Ajdinovic	Kralja Petar I 63/26 063 81 87 685
Charity Association 'Zonja Fatime'	Humanitarian Aid	Miradije Krasnici	Meshtrovica 48 028/27 569
Children –Street Sellers	Education ,Culture	Driton Ismajli	Fadil Deliqi no.34 028/26 524
Children Happiness	Education ,Culture	Sebahata Djekovic	Sheshi Agim Hajrizi 028/25 481
Children's Hope	Education, youth issues	Jovica Miljkovic Diane Brown	063/ 8422604 chidrenshopemitrovica@hotmail.com
Council for the Defence of Human rights and Freedom	Human Rights	Mr. Halit Barani	Rrokaqielli I Kaltert 028/30 072, 044/147 719
Ecological Association Eko-2002	Environmental protection	Bedri Kotorri	Riza Kotorri 5 028/24 311
Ecological Association EKO – Trepca	Environmental protection	Ramadan Uka	Parku Industrial-Trepca 028/29 297 044 141 110
Ekologija-Spas za Sve Nas'	Environmental protection	Tatjana Jaksic Danuta Radovic	Ul.Vojvode Putnika br.16 063 81 94 864 tatjana_jaksic@hotmail.com
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Education Public Supervision	Education	Mr. Marko Radulovic	Kralja Petra 1 st S 2/8 028/35 533
Education Center "QESH"	Education	Flora Mikullovci	028/21048 044/ 173669 qesh @hotmail.com, floramikullovci@hotmail.com
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French-Kosovar Asociacion	Education	Mr. Mehmet Sadiku	Agim Hajrizi 2 028/33 811 or 044/176 314
HANDIKOS	Promotion of equal rights of people with limited abilities	Ms Myrvete Hasani	Agim Hajrizi 45 028/29 722 044 157 335
Humanitarian &Charity Society "Ndihm popullit te Kosoves"	Humanitarian Assistance	Ms.Miradije Zahiti Mr.Xhevat Veseli Mr.Agim Pllana	Ismail Qemaiili 77 028/24 658 044/73 727
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Foundation "Agim Hajrizi"	Humanitarian & Social assistance	Mr.Qemaiij Sokoli	Agim Hajrizi 4

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Future of Kosovar Intelligence	Students Issues	Mrika Kotori	Agim Hajrizi 6 028/27 854
Forum for Human Rights	Human rights issues	Safet Voca	Ahmet Zogu 55 028/33674, 028/20649
Futura	Women issues, culture, education	Brikena Sylejmani	Mbreteresha Teute 9 038 243 796 044 212 214 soc-co2@drc-kosovo.org
Jelena Anzujska	Educational, promotion of democratic practices and civil society	Ms. Nevenka Medic	Ivo Lola Ribar 25 063/8310381 nmedic2001@yahoo.com
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Kosovo Knot – “Kosovska Petlja”	Empowerment of women	Savica Stevanovic Nada Pavicevic	Kralja Petra 1 st 063/816 0080 KPETLJA@yahoo.com
Kinological Assosiation ‘OSCAR’	Raising of racial dogs and animal protection	Milivoje Smiikic	Kralja Petra I 176/8 063 81 88 503 milana2000@yahoo.com
Klubi 2 I Shpezetarise	Environment and animal protection	Xhavit Ahmeti	Agim Hajrizi nn. 028/ 35563
League of Mitrovica Journalists	Advancing of journalism	Cerkin Ibishi	Lux market department 3 flour 028/ 38 980 044/ 165685
Little People of Kosovo	Assistance to the persons with muscular distrophy	Hilmnijeta Apuk	Adem Trepqa 4 028/24 670 hilmnijetaapuk@yahoo.com
Life with the smile(Zivot sa Osmehom)	Charity, education, health and culture	Vesna Ordic	Kralja Petra I 136/39 063 8 063 087
Local Red Cross	Humanitarian Aid	Dr Adem Nura	Adem Jashari 7 028/20 085
Media House TV Mitrovica	Television	Besfort Hasanaj	G.Baliu 87 028/37 743
Mitrovica Initiative for NGO Support (MINGOS)	Community development	Elza Bitic Aferdita Tahiri	Adem Jashari 145028/30 594 063/ 861 61 20, 063/ 817 76 60 ngomitrovica@yahoo.com
Mission of Good Will People	Community development	Aleksandar Gvozdic	Karadordeva 37 063/816 4796
Mothers close to Mother and Child	Women and Children Issues	Lirije Sadiku	Ilirida 028/ 26 213 044 149 378
Mitrovica 028	Empowerment of women	Fadrije Jusufi	Mretresha Teut 267 3/12028 30 655, 044 215 194
Mitrovica Voice	Cultural	Hamdi Rama	Kumanova 1 Unioni I të verbërve -Mitrovicë 028/35 585
Multiethnic Children and Youth Peace Centers(MCYPC)	Youth Issues	Florent Hajrizi	Cilirmi –Ilirida nr.371 063 800 72 55 mcyipc_mitrovica@yahoo.com
Mitrovica Scouts	Sport youth activities	Tahir Demiri	Agim Hajrizi 7 028 25 829 mitrovicascaut@hotmail.com
Mother Theresa Society	Humanitarian aid	Mustafe Ademi	Zona Industriale 028/21 086 044 147 850
Motrat Qiriaz	Women Issues	Sanije Voca	Ruzhdi Batovci 6 028/21 238, 044/165 753 or 750
Mundesia	Women Issues	Nanny Stenmman Turkan Konjusha	Xhafer Deva 1 028/39 576, 30 360, 044 166 061 mundesia@hotmail.com
Multiethnic Council of North Mitrovica	Community development	.Adem Mripa Erhan Koroglu Sadija Nikšić	Boshnjak Mahalla 044/147 609 028/25 097
Nansen Dialogue Mitrovica	Inter-ethnic dialogue and co-operation	Abdullah Ferizi Vladimir Rajevic	Lux Department store 3 flor 044/175017 ferizi@yahoo.com 028/424 125rajo@eunet.yu
New Day	Orphan Issues	Myrvete Suhogërlla	Ndërtesa e entit sigurimit 028 32 660 ditaere@hotmail.com
NGO Board of North Mitrovica Region	NGO support	Nevenka Medic	Drvarska st.9 063 8 310

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Open Society for Democratic Development	Democratic development	Mladin Lukic Mira Janicjevic	Triglavska 7/11 028/31 594
Orthodox Christian Solidarity	Youth issues, solidarity	Proveleggios E.Vasilios	Kralja Petra I 106/2 063 8 494 277
Organisation for Humanity	Humanitarian Aid	Shpend Sejdiu Enver Gashi	028/ 26 298 063/ 792 999
Peace Doves	Youth Issues	Ali Ahmeti	Agim Hajrizi nr.5 044/174 679
Peace Lovers(Paqedashesit)	Youth Issues	Valbone Shala	Paqedashesit@hotmail.com kosova24@hotmail.com
Peace Waves	Youth Issues	Valon Peci Ylli Saqiri	028 32 783 044 214 020
Progress of Mitrovica Ashkali Youth (PRAM)	Youth Issues	Milaim Ramadani	063 85 03 569 pramashk@yahoo.com
Peace and Love "Paqe dhe Dashuri"	Youth issues	Adem Zhitopotoku	Artim Jashari 9 028/ 29 358 063/744612
Psycho-social Association House of Friends	Psycho-social Issues	Hajrullah Mustafa	Mbreti Agron 028/36 610, 028/ 36 611 hajrulahmustafa@hotmail.com
Peace Angels "Engujt e Paqës"	Youth issues	Naim Seferi	Koshtovë e Bobit 044/ 213 947
Roma Folklore Group 'Gipsy Kings'	Culture and Folklore	Florim Masurica	Cesmin Lug, Mitrovica 063 8 166 539
Roma Women for Roma Women	Empowerment of Roma Women	Elizabeta Bajrami	Cesmin Lug Mitrovica 063 80 19 444
Regional Association of Business men	Development of business	Eset Shaciri	Dan Doroci 2 028/ 32443 044/ 147900
Return to Life	Ex-political prisoners Issues	Fuat Buqinca	Muhamet Gashi 88 028 28 603 063 80 55 766
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
Sport association 'BALKAN'	Sport	Kuc Slavisa	Kralja Petra 34
Sabor	Handicraft, sewing courses	Milanka Ordic	063 8 465 592
Sunshine	Culture, women issues	Snezana Nestorovic	063 8 665 424
Serbian Network Woman Organisation	Humanitarian aid	Milena Cvetkovic	Lola Ribara 8/21 028/35 146 063/846 8060
Sport & Culture for Peace in Balkan	Cultural, Sport	Adem Dauti Haki Shkreli	Ruga e stacionit 69 044/146 647 or 165 669
Sport's Hunter association Trepca	Sport hunting	Rizah Hoti	Cetinjska 9
Show Meselation	Art, Culture	Fehmi Ferati Blerim Peci	Mitrovica 028/29/744, 23 740 044/176 393,174 771 meselation@hotmail.com
Technology & Students	Education	Elheme Mustafa	028/ 71 717 or 044 186583 elimustafa@yahoo.com
Towards Future	Youth leadership, education, culture, sport	Remzi Kurshumliu	Mbreti Bardhyl 7 da@yahoo.com
Women Future	Women Issues	Sadete Agolli	Tianes 116 028 27 596 063 82 68 715
With Hand in h Heart (Me Dore ne Zemer)	Cultural activities for youth and children	Ergin Brahimi	
Union of Amateurs	Cultural activities	Blagoje Stevic	Ivo Lola Ribar 19 028/39 767
Union of Beekeepers	Environment, beekeeping	Aleksandar Saveljic	Ivo Lola Ribar 19 028/39 767
Union of Hunters	Hunting	Novak Mirkovic	Kralja Petra 1st 90/2 028/27 355
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
Youth Initiative of Mitrovica	Youth issues	Vlaskovic Jelena	Knjaza Milosa St.n.n.,Mitrovica 063 81 65 044 vlasko@eunet.yu

Name:	Main Focus:	Contact Person	Address/Tel/Email:
Youth of JAZAS	Health and Youth Issues	Zoltan Mihok	Strahinic Bana 5 063 8 564 438 zoltan_mihok@yahoo.com
Youth Group 'Milenijum 2000'	Youth issues	Dragan Jovanovic	Kralja Petra I 146 063 8 700 030
Youth Organisation 'Zajedno'	Youth issues	Aleksandar Drnovsek	Kralja I 82 063 8 139 689
Youth Initiative 'ZRAK'	Youth Issues	Vojkan Milic	Kralja Petra I 57 063 8 171 704
Youth Initiative	Youth leadership, education, culture, sports	Nadica Hristov Jelena Vlaskovic	Krnjaza Milosa, Mitrovica 028/34-285 or 063/815-93 47 yim@eunet.yu
Youth Union	Youth	Sasa Borisavljevic	
Yugoslav Red Cross	Humanitarian aid	Ruzica Simic	
'Galactic Stars' ('Yjet e Galaktikës)	Youth issues	Migjen Abrashi	Tel-fax 028/ 23 140 ngo_yjetegalaktikes@hotmail.com
Vullneti	People with mental, psychiatric problems and their families	Sanije Mikullovc	Kumanova 3 028/30019 044/273 832, 044/176 443 bsekiraga@hotmail.com
Woman Right	Women Issues	Ruzica Simic	Vlade cetkovica no10/11 063 8 465 629
World of Angels	Assistance to the children with limited abilities	Vasiljka Vojinovic	063 8 362 839 svetandjela@yahoo.com
WTEOK – Selfdefence	Youth sport activities	Halit Beqiri	044/ 208 055 vetmbrojje@yahoo.com

Source: UN, OSCE, and UNHCR NGO Databases

Some 15 international NGO's continue to operate in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica municipality. The number of projects aimed at peace building and conflict resolution has been increasing, as well as those aimed at youth and women. Several micro-credit projects and infrastructure rehabilitation projects are under way. It has been noticed that some INGO has been transformed into the local NGO's led by the local staff that used to work in such organisations with some available funds.

Table 4.2: International NGOs based in the municipality

Name	Main focus	Contact Person	Address/Tel/Email:
ACT- The Lutheran World Federation (LWF)	Reconstruction, Agriculture, Social Development Program	Hermine Nikolaisen Maarten Romijn	Deshmoret e Kombit 424, Sipol 028/30 308,30 307 044/120 071 or 063/815 7025 nikolaisen@yahoo.com
ACT-UMCOR	Social Development	Hasan Kelmendi	Confidence Area(Close to main bridge) 044 672 392 hasankel2001@yahoo.com
Norwegian Church Aid	Humanitarian aid, civil society support	Bjorg Hope Galtung	Tetovska 20, 063 82 90 923 ,028 422 972 Kir-no@online.no
Advancing the Ministries of the Gospel (AMG) International	Center for children and youth, orphans and widows, Future project: agriculture center	William Prime Peter Hoffman	Bislim Halili at.nr.32 Bislim Bajgora 028/30-156 044 245 683 amg@amg-kosovo.de
Community Building Mitrovica	Small-grants for Community Development	Erwin Brouwer Valdete Idrizi	Confidence Zone, Mitrovica 028/30-335 or 063/846-28 85 erwinbrouwer@hotmail.com
Caritas France, Secours Catholique	Education, culture ,social assistance, Minorities, children and youth, women and multiethnic activities, micro-economy	Henry Xavier De Charentenay Gaelle De Charentenay	c/o Sahatqiu-Muharem Bekteshi 6 028/30 250, 028/30 297 044 213 565 044 186 071 caritas_france_kosovo@hotmail.com
Caritas Italiana-Diocesi di Roma e Pisa	Psycho-social, Community Services	Francika Milorad Sevic	028/423 099 GULIA@PTT.YU
Catholic Relief Service (CRS)	Educational Programs for children and youth	Petar Prica Enisa Medic	Mbreti Agron,Confidence Area 044 176 255 crs-mnor@Eunet.yu petarprica@hotmail.com
Finnish Refugee Council	Women empowerment	Nanny Stenman	028/39 576 30 360 044 166 061 frckosovo@yahoo.com
French KFOR Civil Military Cooperation (CIMIC) Center	Civil-military co-operation	Mayor Vandenogaerde Gerard	038 507 2521 uniteacm.kfor@caramail.com

Danish CIMIC Center	Civil-military co-operation	Captain Jesper Hovgaard-	028/30/178 044 157 088 cimicdanbn@hotmail.com
Danish Production School	Education & Production	Niels Glahn	Sylë Vokshi 72 Zhabare 028 39 572 063 8 248681 p.skole.kosovo@hotmail.com
Danish Red Cross	Humanitarian aid, grant-giving programs	Abby Mogens Spasic Ilinka	Pop Andjelka Nesica br.4 Mitrovica North 028 422 290, 063 86 86 572 drc_mitro@ipko.org
Great Youth Europe Mission	Youth and educational activities	Aferdita Sylaj	Ilirida 044/ 198 965
International Rescue Committee (IRC)-KWI	Gender Issues, Women empowerment	Arijeta Turku Tatjana Jaksic	Zelengora st.7028 39 569
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	Prison visits, missing persons issues, appeals, protection of minorities and returnees, mine awareness	Avni Alidemaj Dragan Peric	Brigada nr141,(S) Kralja Petra 187(N) 028 30 004, 063 344 159 pristina.pri@icrc.org
IOM	Infrastructure Projects, Microgrants, Civil Society Projects, Income generation, Employment opportunities	Matt Huber	Zelengora 26 028 39 491,028 39 490 hsomitrovica@iom.ipko.org
Kinderhilfswerk	Orphan Issues	Maria K. Waldschmidt Halil Qela	Artim Jashari 52 044 157 147 kosovomaria@hotmail.com
Multiethnic Children and Youth Peace Center (MCYPC)	Peace Building, Education, monthly magazine, multiethnic activities	Miranda Hochberg Florent Hajrizi (south) Nenad Maksimovic (north)	Confidence Area, Center I, close to the main bridge 063 88 13 127, 044 245 087 mcypc_mitrovica@yahoo.com
Nansen Dialogue Center (NDC)	Peace Building and Dialogue, Capacity building programs	Abdullah Ferizi(south) Vladimir Rajevic(north)	Lux building third floor, 044 17 50 17, 063 403 227 aferizi@hotmail.com
Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC Legal Aid Centre)	Employment of minorities, IDP's and refugees in the region	Ali Rexha Aleksandar Olenic	Confidence Area,028 39 547,39 458 nrc.mi@nrc.ipko.org
OXFAM-GB	Infrastructure	Mohan Murali Mensur Haxhani Ivan Prodanovic	Mehë Uka 1(S) 028 35 140,028 424 149, 044 502 213 sutjeska 25(N) mmohan@oxfam.org.uk mhaxhani@oxfam.org.uk ivanprodanovic@yahoo.com
Sport Sans Frontieres	Sport and youth activities	Virginie Segalen	Mbreti Agron p.n, 063 88 09 881 v_segalen@yahoo.com
IOM USAID/KTI 2	Infrastructure, NGO Support, Rehabilitation Programme	Faton Kelmendi Shkumbin Hasani	Zelengora 028 39 490 ktimitrovica@iom.ipko.org
UNICEF	Education, health, children and youth protection	Momcilo Arlov Milan Dimitrijevic	Rudarska Ceta 13,(N) 028 421 031 063 8 173 221, 044 501 677 marlov@unicef.org
World Vision	Community Development	Rudy Scholaert Kenan Beciri	Confidence Area, near the main bridge 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

The main international organisations are all present in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica. The UN, OSCE and European Agency for Reconstruction (EAR) have regional centres 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.

Table 5.1: The Four Pillars

Name of Organisation	Title of Head	Contact Person	Telephone	Location
UN Civil Adm.	Regional Administrator	Mr. David Mitchels	028 – 32096	Jugobanka Building
UN	Municipal Administrator	Mr. John Rogers	028 – 32096	Municipal Building
OSCE	Head of Office	Mr. Zurab Lomashvili	028 - 33944	Bankos Building

EU	Director	Mr. Victor Gomes	028 – 32096	Jugobanka Building
UNHCR	Director	Ms. Jun Shirato	028 – 34510, 028 – 34509	

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

Table 5.2: Other International Organisations and Agencies

Name	Main focus	Contact Person (phone/fax/e-mail)
Council of Europe		063 – 823 07 20
EU Agency for Reconstruction	Mr. Victor Gomes	028 – 32 096 Ext. 7292
ICRC		028 – 30 004
IOM	Mr. Matt Hubert	028 – 39 491
UNDP	Mr. Emanuel Ingon	028 – 32 566 ext. 7284
UNICEF		028 – 34 509
WFP	Mr. Jan Kolaas	063 – 456612
WHO		028 – 32 096 Ext. 7283
USAID		028 – 39 490

Source: OSCE Office 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. Two others were damaged during the conflict; they have since been or are being repaired. There are plans for a new Serbian Orthodox Church in the north but first steps of construction were stopped due to lack of a valid permit. The old Serbian Orthodox Church in the south is under 24 hour KFOR protection. The Catholic Church, also 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, Croats, 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/Zvečan. 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/Suhadoll, a suburb of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica to the north of the Ibar. For security reasons, only the inhabitants of this suburb are using it. Another Muslim cemetery is in Shupkocv, approximately 2 kilometres south of the town, on the western side of the main road to Prishtinë/Priština. The only accessible Muslim cemetery at the moment is in Shipol.

Mitrovicë/Mitrovica has only one Serbian Orthodox cemetery, close to the Church 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.

Table 6.1: Main Religious Leaders

Name	Title	Religious Organisation
Mullah Aslan Murati	Head of the Islamic Community	Islamic Community
Father Svetislav Nojić,	Orthodox priest	Serbian Orthodox Church
Father Jak Prenku	Catholic priest	Catholic Church

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	Orthodox Church
Holy Cross Church	Catholic Church

Source: Various religious leaders.

7. Media

The major daily newspapers from Prishtinë/Priština and the main Serbian newspapers have correspondents in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica. There are no 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 Serb in the north. In addition, French KFOR broadcasts on two frequencies, one directed at the local population; the other for their own troops.

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

Table 7.1: Local Print and Broadcast Correspondents

Name of media	Type of Media	Correspondent	Language of Programmes
Kosova Live	News Agency	Ms. Violeta Hyseni	Albanian
Kosova Press	News Agency	Mr. Izedin Krasniqi	Albanian
Epoka e Re	Daily newspapers	Ms. Florije Ademi	Albanian
Epoka e Re	Daily newspaper	Mr. Hamdi Miftari	Albanian
Koha Ditore	Daily newspaper	Mr. Blerim Xhemajli	Albanian
Koha Ditore	Daily newspaper	Mr. Musa Mustafa	Albanian
Bota Sot	Daily newspaper	Mr. Hysni Syla	Albanian
Rilindja	Daily newspaper	Mr. Qerkin Ibishi	Albanian
Bota Sot	Daily newspaper	Mr. Aslan Beka	Albanian
Zëri	Daily newspaper	Mr. Beke Abazi	Albanian
Radio Kosova	Radio	Mr. Latif Voca	Albanian
24 ore	Daily Newspaper	Mr. Izedin Krasniqi	Albanian
Radio 21	Radio	Mr. Selatin Kaqaniku	Albanian
Radio Blue Sky	Radio	Mr. Enver Bajrami	Albanian
Beta	News Agency	Ms. Slavica Radulovic	Serbian
Tanjug	News Agency	Ms. Vera Popov	Serbian
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
Novo Jedinstvo	Weekly newspaper	Ms. Nada Smikic	Serbian
Radio Belgrade	Radio	Ms. Desanka Milosavljevic	Serbian

Table 7.2: Radio Stations

Name of media	Type of Media	Owner / Director	Language of Programmes
Radio Mitrovica	Radio	NGO "Mitrovica", Mr. Nexhmedin Spahiu	Albanian, Bosnian
Radio Globi	Radio	Mr. Selatin Kaqaniku	Albanian
Radio Ylberi	Radio	Mr. Ylber Durmishi	Albanian
Radio Contact Plus	Radio	Ms. Valentina Cukic	Serbian
Radio Kiss	Radio	Mr. Miodrag Radomirovic	Serbian
Radio Accord FM	Radio	French KFOR	Albanian, Serbian, French
Radio Azur FM	Radio	French KFOR	French only

Table 7.3: Television Stations

Name of media	Type of Media	Owner / Director	Language of Programmes
TV Mitrovica	Television	NGO "Mitrovica", Mr. Nexhmedin Spahiu	Albanian

8. Judicial System

Three courts are located in the District Court building in the north part of the town, including the District Court, Municipal Court and Minor Offences Court. The District and Municipal Prosecutors' Offices are also there. There are currently 28 national and two international judges and seven national and one international prosecutor. The first trial in the Municipal Court was on 25 May 2000 and in the District Court on 6 June 2000.

The national judges are all Kosovo Albanian, except for one Kosovo Slavic Muslim (Bosniak). None of the Kosovo Serb judges who had been appointed were willing to be sworn in. Court staff is escorted to work by KFOR. UNMIK Police runs the Detention Centre in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica.

Table 8.1: Judges

Name	Title	Ethnicity
Mr. Gani Rexha	President of the Municipal Court	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Ram Hyseni	Judge (civil judge)	Kosovo Albanian
Ms. Emine Kaciku	Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Shyqri Syla	Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Xhevdet Bislimi	Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Enver Peci	Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Ms. Elheme Kelmendi	President of the Minor Offence Court	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Zehra Vrbovci	Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Namon Merovci	Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Halil Derguti	Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Ms. Majlinda Kasumovic	Judge	Slav Muslim (Bosniac)
Mr. Kaplan Baruti	President of the District Court	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Osman Tmava	Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Avdi Dinaj	Judge	Kosovo Albanian
Mr. Shukri Sylejmani	Judge	Kosovo Albanian

Source: OSCE Human Rights Department and Legal System Monitoring Section

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 Ibar.

The Kosovo Police Service (KPS) currently has a total of 581 officers in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica Region, 488 are Kosovo Albanian, 71 Kosovo Serb, 16 Bosniak and 6 Turkish; and of these male police officers 65 are female. The KPS officers are under UNMIK Police command and are patrolling with UNMIK Police officers.

In Mitrovicë/Mitrovica municipality there are two Police Stations and a Regional Command Centre. There are 520 UNMIK Police officers in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica Region. In the south, relations with the local population are good while in the north; there is little active policing possible, with large-scale civil disturbances occurring in most cases where arrests are attempted.

The fourth zone of the Kosovo Protection Corps (KPC) includes four detachments (each detachment is composed of 50 people) and one detachment composed of 100 people, covering the municipalities of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica and Vushtri/Vucitrn. 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. The headquarters of KFOR Multinational Brigade North, MNB (N) is to be found in the south of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica town, housing the general staff of the Brigade. The KFOR presence in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica region is made up of approximately 8,000 troops under French command. Troops are provided by France, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Luxembourg, and Morocco.

Table 9.1: Police, Civil Protection, and Military Presence

Name	Phone/fax/e-mail	Number of Police Officers, Soldiers, etc.	Ethnic Composition, Nationality
KPS	028-32566 ext 7388	581 in Region, 237 in Mitrovicë/a Municipality	226 Kosovo Albanian, 6 Bosniak, 2 Serb, 2 Turkish, 1 Roma
UN Civil Police	028-32566 ext 7182	520 Region, 164 in Mitrovicë/a Municipality	International
KPC	N/A	Five Detachments	Majority Kosovo Albanian
KFOR	028-30054		MNB (N)

Source: French KFOR, UNMIK Police

10. Economics

There is extensive unemployment among all communities throughout the municipality. This is due to a number of factors, including the closure of the Trepca mine and Lead smelting plant, looting and destruction at the battery and fertiliser factories, and influx of IDPs in the north and south. To some extent, it is offset by employment opportunities with international organisations.

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 banking and investment services, and above all, the reestablishment of confidence between the communities. To this end, the Kosovo Serb and Kosovo Albanian communities, together with UNMIK, have developed proposals for the creation of an economic development zone in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica City that will provide

approximately 200 job opportunities in 11 different businesses. The main focus will be on the agricultural sector both in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica and the surrounding region. Funds for these programmes are being sought. The banking problem has also been addressed by the opening of UNMIK approved branches of Kosovo bank agencies.

In spring a donors' conference in Toronto, Canada discussed the issue of privatisation of the viable parts of the Trepca complex. If successful, this approach could provide for an economic nucleus in the municipality and encourage new economic development. However, the complex is unlikely to employ the number of personnel as it did in the past, approximately 20,000 persons.

10.1 Prominent Employers in the Region

Employer	Service/Products	Production ongoing?	Size of Workforce
Social Enterprise "LUX"	Retailer – Shops	No*	300
Flour – bread Industry	Production	Yes	160
Public Enterprise "PTK"	Postal Services	Yes	97
Municipal Public Enterprise "Uniteti"	Public Services Sewage and Refuse collection	Yes	106
Municipal Public Enterprise "Regional water – supply"	Public Utilities	Yes	109
Kosovatrans	Public Transport Service	Yes	300

Source: Mitrovicë/Mitrovica municipality. * The Social Enterprise is not operational as such. The space is on lease to small shopkeepers. The LUX employees are paid small stipends from the income generated from the shopkeepers.

11. Infrastructure

The roads are generally in a poor condition, although they tend to be better in the north. The street across the Shipoll quarter towards Skenderaj/Srbica is one of the worst roads in Kosovo. Some repairs have been completed, however, a general overhaul is yet to be completed. Traffic discipline has been considerably increased by setting up road signs and traffic lights, but the rapidly increasing number of cars leads to a chaotic and slow flow of traffic. Rail passenger services operate twice daily in each direction between Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje and Zvečan/Zveçan, although occasionally interrupted due to security reasons. In Mitrovicë/Mitrovica, only Kosovo Serbs use them. However, other communities also use the rail service as the train stops in different stations. 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 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 network covers Mitrovicë/Mitrovica, Vushtri/Vucitrn, Skenderaj/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 and treated in Shipollj (in the south of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica).

Electricity supplies are reasonably stable compared to the rest of Kosovo, although extreme disturbances have occurred during winter. Power is taken both from Obiliq/Obilić and from Serbia proper, through the Vallac station in Zvečan/Zveçan. Again, separate companies operate north and south, with technical co-operation being handled through UNMIK.

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. While this has technically improved services there considerably, it leads to a situation that new telephone connections there can no longer be reached from the south. Mobile networks Mobtel and Alcatel cover the area, with Alcatel operational mainly in the southern parts of the region.

Two separate companies (Unitet and Standard) provide sewage and refuse collection services with support from DANIDA, who have invested heavily in new equipment. The landfill site in the south of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica has been restored by DANIDA. It is used by Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South and Vushtri/Vucitrn. There is no official landfill site in the north; a new site is being sought.

Charges for public utilities are being introduced, but their collection raises economic, political, and security issues.

12. Social Services, Health, Education and Cultural Institutions

Social Services

Since May 2000 social welfare, largely income related, has been provided through the UNMIK Permanent Financial Assistance Programme. Implementation is the responsibility of the Centres for Social Work (CSW), which have offices, in both north and south Mitrovicë/Mitrovica. CSW staff assesses clients for eligibility and provides a wide range of services, including both cash payments and counselling. The municipality monitors the payments of cash assistance and has a wider support role. The Centres work closely with the World Food Programme to administer food supply. Several NGOs collaborate with the Centres in their day-to-day operations.

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. Its staff does not receive stipends from UNMIK. The Paediatric Hospital is also located in the north; it includes a primary health facility. The 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 Health House runs 12 *ambulanta* (local clinics) covering southern Mitrovicë/Mitrovica. Kosovo Albanian communities in the north who cannot travel to the south for security reasons are presently transported by KFOR to the southern facilities. Once a week, mobile teams visit a number of Kosovo Serb enclaves within the region, with a KFOR escort. The Institute for Public Health, located in the south, covers only this part of the town. Kosovo Serb staff is presently operating from the Institute for Public Health in Zvečan/Zveçan.

Education

Restrictions on freedom of movement and displacement of the population have had a significant impact on education. Educational establishments are accessible only to a specific ethnic community. In the southern part of the municipality there are two kindergartens, 10 primary schools (two of them attended by children displaced from the north), and four secondary schools (including three specialist schools of medicine, technical studies and economics respectively). There are also two high schools specialising 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. KFOR provides transport to the south for those Kosovo Albanian children under ten years of age whose freedom of movement is restricted for security reasons. The Kosovo Muslim Slav and the Turkish communities hold classes in a school in the south of the town.

In the north, there is one kindergarten, eight primary schools, and four secondary schools (three specialising in medical, technical, and economics). There are also two high schools specialising in computing and electrical engineering respectively. Finally, 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 was founded, comprising of the former rectorate and four faculties (Electro-technical, Mechanical Engineering, Architecture/Civil Engineering and Law) of the pre-conflict University of Prishtinë/Priština. The establishments attended by the Kosovo Serb students follow the Serb curriculum, but is attached to the UNMIK structure. There are two student dormitories in the north of Mitrovica.

Leisure facilities

The cultural and the sport centres are located within the Confidence Area, just at the south end of the main bridge, and a KFOR checkpoint is based in its immediate vicinity. The Cultural Centre contains a significant number of facilities including a big hall and a theatre/cinema. The Centre was recently refurbished by Kosovo Albanian and KOSOVO SERB companies funded by EU, UNDP, and Bolzano Province of Italy. It is under supervision of the UN Municipal Administrator and some celebrations and other events have taken place there. Also located in the south part of the town is the City Library that provides a functioning library and internet facilities, run by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM). The City Library is used for public tribunes and for different cultural performances. 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 of the town. The UN Administration has established two commissions, on culture and on sport, in which members of both Kosovo Albanian and Kosovo Serb communities are represented.

(Source: Mitrovicë/Mitrovica municipality)