



Ministry for the Kosovo Security Force

~ A Year of Achievement ~

On 17 February 2008 Kosovo declared independence. That historic day marked the beginning of a new reality for Kosovo, and the need for institutions, including the Kosovo Security Force and the Ministry for the Kosovo Security Force.

On 15 June 2008 the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo entered into force and with it the Laws on the Ministry for the Kosovo Security Force, the Kosovo Security Force and Service in the Kosovo Security Force. NATO also established the NATO Advisory Team to support the development of the Ministry.

On 04 August 2008 Fehmi Mujota was appointed the first Minister and Dr. Shkelzen Syla was named as the acting Permanent Secretary, thus effectively starting the Ministry for the Kosovo Security Force.

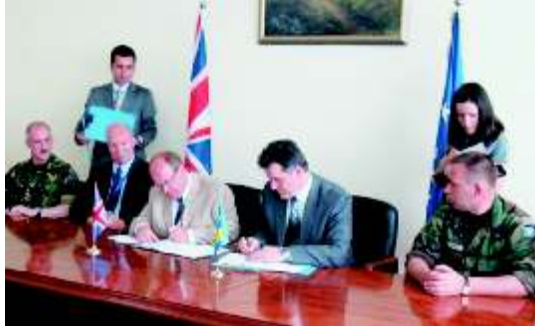


April 2009

The Minister and COMKSF visited Turkey to meet with Turkish Minister of Defence, Vecdi Gonul.

May 2009

The Minister signed the first Memorandum of Understanding on Security Co-operation with the United Kingdom.



June 2009

The KSF General Officers took their Oath of Office in the presence of the President, Prime Minister, Minister and COMKSF.

The first 106 New Recruits completed basic training and became KSF members.



July 2009

The Minister met with NATO's new SACEUR, Admiral James Stavridis. They discussed the success of the Ministry over the past year and the ongoing progress with the stand-up of the KSF.



September 2008

The Minister hosted his first foreign dignitary, Lithuanian Minister of Defence, Juozas Olekas.

The Kosovo Assembly approved the first budget for the Ministry: 746.000 Euros.

The Minister met with NATO's Supreme Allied Commander (SACEUR), General Craddock, and discussed the development of the Ministry.

October 2008

The Minister approved the organizational structure for the Ministry which will ultimately employ 106 Civil Servants and 63 KSF members. He also signed the first KSF regulation which covered recruitment, the first of 21 regulations signed to date.

November 2008

The Minister briefed NATO's North Atlantic Council on the Ministry's progress during their country visit to Kosovo and met with NATO's Joint Force Commander, Admiral Fitzgerald, to discuss the Ministry's stand-up and recruitment.

December 2008

The Ministry's website was activated and the Minister held a press conference to introduce the new KSF uniforms, emblems and insignia.

Mr. Behxhet Brajshori was appointed Deputy Minister for the KSF and Lieutenant

General Sylejman Selimi was appointed Commander of the KSF.



January 2009

The KSF was formally established at 00:01Hrs on 21 January. Over 1400 former KPC members were selected for the KSF and invited to attend training.

At the same time, a Kosovo-wide recruiting campaign began during which some 4900 applicants applied for over 400 positions.

February 2009

Training began for the first 254 KSF members and the Minister accepted the first of 204 vehicles donated by the German government. The Minister briefed the International Steering Group (ISG) in Vienna.

