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# **BULLETIN OF BASIC PROSECUTION IN MITROVICA**

January – March 2025

*This bulletin reflects main activities which have been carried out at the Basic Prosecution in Mitrovica, for the period January – March 2025*

## **Acting Chief Prosecutor Rexha meets with heads of the Kosovo Correctional Service**

**Mitrovica, January 15, 2025**

The Acting Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Mitrovica, Njazi Rexha, held a meeting with heads of the Kosovo Correctional Service, led by Besar Gashi, Acting Deputy General Director for Operations and Security of the KCS, along with his associates.

During the meeting, various topics were discussed regarding the cooperation between the Basic Prosecution in Mitrovica and the Kosovo Correctional Service, as well as the different challenges in their work.

At the conclusion of the meeting, both institutions agreed to hold regular meetings and to continue the existing cooperation.



## **Acting Chief Prosecutor Rexha Meets with Representatives of the U.S. KFOR**

**Mitrovica, January 24, 2025**

The Acting Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Mitrovica, Njazi Rexha, hosted a meeting with representatives of the U.S. KFOR, led by Captain Laura Eckstein.

During the meeting, discussions focused on various aspects of the work and functioning of the Basic Prosecution in Mitrovica, the parliamentary elections, and challenges related to the prosecution's operations.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Acting Chief Prosecutor Rexha acknowledged the role of U.S. KFOR in maintaining security, peace, and stability in the country and agreed to continue the ongoing cooperation.



## **Motion for Detention on Remand for Aggravated Murder in Skenderaj**

**Mitrovica, February 14, 2025**

The Basic Prosecution in Mitrovica, Serious Crimes Department, has submitted a motion for the imposition of detention on remand against the defendants H.I. and B.I., as there is a well-founded suspicion that, in co-perpetration, they committed the criminal offenses of "Aggravated Murder" under Article 173, paragraph 1, subparagraph 1.5, in conjunction with Article 31, and "Unauthorized Ownership, Control, or Possession of Weapons" under Article 366, paragraph 1, in conjunction with Article 31 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kosovo.

On February 12, 2025, in a venue located at "Adem Jashari" Square in Skenderaj, the defendants, acting together and fully aware of their actions, deliberately deprived the now-deceased I.I. of life. Specifically, while the victim was having coffee at the venue, the defendants entered, drew their firearms, and fired at I.I., with the shots proving fatal.

The defendants have been held in custody by decision of the state prosecutor since February 12, 2025.

The hearing for the imposition of detention on remand is expected to take place at the Basic Court in Mitrovica.

## **The Basic Prosecution in Mitrovica Holds a Meeting within the Framework of the National Strategy against Human Trafficking in Kosovo 2022-2026**

**Mitrovica, March 14, 2025**

Prosecutors of the Basic Prosecution in Mitrovica, Fetije Bajrami, Coordinator for cases against human trafficking, and Shpëtim Peci, Coordinator for criminal offenses against sexual integrity, held a meeting with stakeholders involved in handling human trafficking cases and criminal offenses against sexual integrity in the Mitrovica region.

The meeting was attended by investigative police officers from the South Mitrovica, North Mitrovica, Vushtrri, and Skenderaj police stations, representatives of Social Work Centers in Mitrovica and Skenderaj, as well as victim advocates.

During the meeting, participants discussed: The implementation of the National Strategy Against Human Trafficking in Kosovo 2022-2026, Cooperation among all stakeholders and handling of human trafficking cases, Challenges and obstacles in addressing these cases, Prevention of human trafficking, Improving victim identification, protection, and reintegration, Criminal investigations into human trafficking cases in general, and offenses against sexual integrity in particular. At the conclusion of the meeting, it was decided that regular coordination meetings will be held.



## **Indictment Against the Person Found in Possession of an Arsenal of Weapons in Leposaviq**

**Mitrovica, March 19, 2025**

The Basic Prosecution in Mitrovica – General Department has filed an indictment with the Basic Court in Mitrovica – Leposaviq Branch against the defendant R.M. for the criminal offense of “Unauthorized ownership, control, or possession of weapons”, under Article 366, paragraph 1, of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kosovo.

The Prosecution informs the public that on October 31, 2024, in the village of Soqanica, Leposaviq Municipality, the defendant R.M., deliberately and in violation of the law, kept in his ownership and control firearms without the authorization of the competent authority – a hunting rifle and sixteen (16) rounds of hunting ammunition.

Additionally, the following items were found and seized from the defendant’s home:

- One (1) semi-automatic rifle,
- One (1) automatic rifle,
- One (1) air rifle,
- One (1) military gas mask,
- Five (5) different knives,
- Two (2) Serbian police caps,
- Twenty (20) bullets placed in military pouches,
- Ninety (90) bullets of various calibers,
- One (1) rifle scope,
- One (1) rifle bayonet,
- One (1) police baton,
- Eighty-seven (87) hunting rifle cartridges,
- One (1) radio communication device.

The State Prosecutor has proposed to the court that the defendant be found guilty of the committed criminal offense and be punished in accordance with the law.

## **Mitrovica Basic Prosecution and Kosovo Police joint media release - Police operation carried out in 21 premisses and several persons arrested**

**Mitrovicë, March 20, 2025**

Mitrovica Basic Prosecution in coordination with Kosovo Police, respectively the Organized and Serious Crime Investigation Directorate, supported by the relevant police units and Kosovo Police Inspectorate, on 19.03.2025 after several months of investigations have realized Mitrovica Basic Court order and were searched in total 21 premisses in the Mitrovica South, Mitrovica North, Vushtrri, Skenderaj and Leposaviq.

From this police operation were accompanied to the police in total 16 persons suspicious on committing the criminal offence of "coercion" and also imports, supply, transportation, produce, exchange, intermediation or illegal sale of weapons or explosive materials.

As material evidence during the search were seized 9 firearms, 200 cartridges, different ammunition, 15 mobile phones, two pair of handcuffs, knives, gun barrels, gun holsters and 1 DVR.

After the interviewing by the decision of the Prosecutor, 13 persons were detained for 48 hours.



## **Motion for Imposing Detention on Remand for Eight Individuals Arrested in the March 19 Operation in the Mitrovica Region**

**Mitrovica, March 20, 2025**

The Basic Prosecution in Mitrovica – General Department has submitted a motion to the Basic Court in Mitrovica for the imposition of detention on remand for eight (8) individuals arrested on March 19 in Mitrovica during an operation conducted across a total of 21 locations in the Mitrovica region. The operation resulted in the seizure of nine firearms, 200 rounds of ammunition, various munitions, 15 mobile phones, two pairs of handcuffs, a knife, firearm barrels, firearm holsters, and one DVR.

A motion for the imposition of detention on remand has been filed against the defendants B.H., I.P., and O.B. on suspicion that, in co-perpetration, they committed the criminal offenses of "Coercion" under Article 328, paragraph 1, in conjunction with Article 31 of the CCRK, as well as "Unauthorized Import, Export, Supply, Transport, Production, Exchange, Mediation, or Sale of Weapons or Explosive Materials" under Article 364, paragraph 1, in conjunction with Article 31 of the CCRK.

For the defendants A.S., T.R., A.B., Sh.S., and N.R., a motion for the imposition of detention on remand has been filed on suspicion that they committed the criminal offense of "Unauthorized Import, Export, Supply, Transport, Production, Exchange, Mediation, or Sale of Weapons or Explosive Materials" under Article 364, paragraph 1, in conjunction with Article 31 of the CCRK.

The hearing for the imposition of detention on remand for the eight accused individuals will take place today, on March 20, 2025.

## **Indictment Against Officials Caught Using Cocaine in the Municipality of Leposaviq**

**Mitrovica, March 21, 2025**

The Basic Prosecution Office in Mitrovica – Serious Crimes Department has filed an indictment with the Basic Court in Mitrovica against the defendant S.S. for the criminal offense of "Unauthorized purchase, possession, distribution, and sale of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, and analogs." Additionally, defendants D.M. and S.M. are charged with "Unauthorized possession of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, or analogs."

In November 2023, inside the Municipality of Leposaviq, defendant S.S. allegedly invited D.M. into a municipal office, where he provided cocaine, and both consumed the substance by inhalation.

Furthermore, in another incident during the same month, S.S. allegedly invited S.M. to a municipal office, placed a quantity of cocaine on the table, which S.M. then consumed by inhalation.

Additionally, during November 2023, S.S. is accused of distributing cocaine without authorization at a local establishment. The prosecution alleges that he called D.M. into the café's restroom, where he provided her with cocaine, which she then consumed by inhalation.

With the filing of the indictment, the Basic Prosecution Office in Mitrovica has requested that the court declare the three defendants guilty and impose penalties in accordance with the law.

## **Request for detention on remand for aggravated murder in Vushtrri**

**Mitrovica, March 24, 2025**

The Basic Prosecution in Mitrovica – Serious Crimes Department has requested the Basic Court in Mitrovica to impose detention on remand for the defendant with the initials B.D., on suspicion of committing the criminal offenses of “Aggravated Murder” under Article 173, paragraph 1, subparagraph 1.5 of the CCRK, and “Unauthorized Ownership, Control, or Possession of Weapons” under Article 366, paragraph 1 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kosovo.

The defendant, B.D., on March 23, 2025, at around 20:30, on “Galip Badivuku” Street in Vushtrri, intentionally took the life of the victim with the initials A.Z. by shooting and striking the victim at least three (3) times with a firearm, type pistol. As a result of the gunshot wounds, the victim succumbed to injuries at the Emergency Department of Vushtrri Hospital.

During questioning, the defendant admitted to committing the criminal offense.

The hearing for the determination of detention on remand for the accused will be held at the Basic Court in Mitrovica.

## **One Person Killed and One Suicide in Stanoc, Vushtrri**

**Mitrovica, 24 march 2025**

As a result of gunfire, two people have been found dead in the village of Stanoc, Vushtrri.

It is suspected that a man first took the life of a woman before committing suicide.

The on-duty prosecutor from the Basic Prosecution in Mitrovica has arrived at the scene.

Several shell casings, believed to have been used in this crime, have been found at the scene. Witnesses are being interviewed, and in coordination with the police, all circumstances leading to this tragic event are under investigation.

## **Meeting on Handling Domestic Violence Cases at the Basic Prosecution in Mitrovica**

**Mitrovica, March 25, 2025**

Aiming to discuss and strengthen inter-institutional cooperation in addressing domestic violence cases, a meeting was held today at the Basic Prosecution in Mitrovica, initiated by the Coordinator for Domestic Violence Cases at the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor, Laura Pula, and the Coordinator of the Office for Protection and Assistance to Victims, Burhan Maxhuni.

Participants in the meeting included the Acting Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Mitrovica, Njazi Rexha, the prosecutor and coordinator for domestic violence cases, Ajtene Zoni, and staff from the Office for Protection and Assistance to Victims.

The meeting focused on addressing current challenges in the investigation and prosecution of domestic violence cases, as well as improving support for crime victims through protective measures and specialized assistance.

Laura Pula, the Coordinator for Domestic Violence Cases at the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor, emphasized the importance of a unified approach among institutions to ensure the swift and effective handling of cases, guaranteeing the protection of victims and punishment of perpetrators.

Burhan Maxhuni, Coordinator of the Office for Protection and Assistance to Victims, highlighted the need for continued psycho-social and legal support for crime victims, and the importance of effective implementation of protective measures to prevent repeated instances of violence.

Acting Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Mitrovica, Njazi Rexha, confirmed the institution's commitment to treating these cases as a priority, emphasizing the importance of coordination between the prosecution, police, and support institutions in ensuring a more efficient and just system for domestic violence victims.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the parties agreed to deepen inter-institutional cooperation and to undertake concrete steps to strengthen protection mechanisms and the punishment of domestic violence.

