



HRRP
Human Rights Review Panel

Outreach Campaign

INTRODUCTION

OUTREACH CAMPAIGN 2010

The Human Rights Review Panel (Panel) and Secretariat conducted a comprehensive outreach campaign from June to December 2010. The purpose of the campaign was to inform the public at large of its mandate and functions, to raise public awareness of human rights and to assist in the promotion and protection of human rights in Kosovo. The campaign included meetings with public representative and administration officials at central government, district and municipal level as well as meetings with human rights NGOs and civil society organisations and representatives. The Panel and Secretariat distributed outreach campaign materials such as information leaflets, posters and application forms in the Albanian, Serbian and English languages at these meetings. The Panel also held press conferences and conducted numerous interviews with television, radio and newspaper reporters.

OUTREACH CAMPAIGN 2011

Towards the end of 2010 the Panel and Secretariat developed an outreach campaign action plan for implementation in 2011. In addition to a resumption of the outreach campaign activities which were conducted in 2010, the main focus of the action plan for 2011 was on municipalities and includes meetings with Mayors of Municipalities, Presidents of Municipal Courts and Minor Offences Courts as well as Station Commanders of Municipal Police Stations or their Deputies or representatives. The Panel and/or the Secretariat representatives also meet with Municipal Human Rights and Gender Coordinators and Officers, Court Liaison Officers and Police Community Officers during visits to the municipalities.

The action plan also provided for the launch of the outreach campaign in Serbia which took place on 24 and 25 January, 2011. The Panel met with the Assistant Minister, Ministry for Kosovo and Metohija, Government of the Republic of Serbia, the Assistant Minister, Ministry of Justice, Government of the Republic of Serbia and Danish Refugee Council Officials as well as the President of the Association of Missing and Kidnapped Persons.

In accordance with the municipal focus of the action plan in Kosovo, the Panel met with the Human Rights and Gender Coordinators and Officers of Government Departments and Municipalities in Government Buildings on Friday, 8 April, 2011. This meeting was organized by Mr. Habit Hajredini, Human Rights Coordinator, Office of the Prime Minister, Government of the Republic of Kosovo. The meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Hajredini and by Ms. Magdalena Mierzewska, Panel member.

The meeting was attended by approximately seventy five (75) central government and municipal Human Rights and Gender Coordinators and Officers.

The action plan also provides for meetings with third level educational institutions. The Panel accordingly met with students of the law faculty in the University of Prishtinë/Pristina on 23 February, 2011 as well as students in the American University of Kosovo on 6 April, 2011. The Panel will meet with the law faculty students in the University of North Mitrovicë/Mitrovica in September, 2011, security situation permitting.

FORMAT

The format for the outreach campaign meetings in 2011 includes a short presentation on the mandate, procedures, functions and operations of the Panel as well as a brief on the applicable law under which the Panel functions. There is also provision for a question and answer session as well as discussion and debate when appropriate. The participants are also provided with Panel information materials such as leaflets, posters and complaint application forms in the English, Albanian and Serbian languages. The Panel and/or the Secretariat also meets with and briefs students collectively and individually who are reading for Masters Degrees and PhDs in the wider rule of law, criminology, human rights, international affairs and democratization disciplines upon request.

IMPLEMENTATION

January, 2011

13 January - Chairman, Kosovo Chamber of Advocates

- Secretariat meeting with Mr. Musa Dragusha, Chairman, Kosovo Chamber of Advocates.

20 January - European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratization

- Panel meeting with students on the European Master's Degree Program on Human Rights and Democratisation from the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation, Venice, Italy.

24-25 January - Launch of the outreach campaign in the Republic of Serbia

- Panel and Secretariat launch the outreach campaign in Serbia with meetings in Belgrade and Prokuplje.

The Panel met with Mr. Vladimir Ristic, Assistant Minister, Ministry for Kosovo and Metohija, Government of the Republic of Serbia and Mr. Slobodan Boskovic, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Justice, Government of the Republic of Serbia in Government Buildings, Belgrade on 24 January, 2011.

In addition, an outreach campaign meeting was held with Danish Refugee Council officials in Belgrade and participants at that meeting included representatives of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees as well as NGOs who are active in the human rights sector such as the Balkans Center for Migration, NGO "Sveti Spas" and Group 484.

The Panel's outreach campaign meeting in Prokuplje, Serbia on 25 January was organized by Ms. Snezana Zdravkovic, President, Association of Missing and Kidnapped Persons and attended by family members of missing persons.

27 January - interview with Radio Kosova and Le Courier.

- Mr. Francesco Florit, Panel member conducted an interview with Ms. Serbeze Haxhijaj, Radio Kosova and Le Courier.

February 2011

23 February - Law Faculty, University of Prishtinë/Pristina.

- The Panel held an outreach campaign meeting with approximately fifty (50) law students in the auditorium in the Law Faculty of the University of Prishtinë/Pristina.

March 2011

02 March - Interview with RTK.

- Mr. Francesco Florit Panel member conducted an interview with Mr. Nenad Radomirovic, RTK.

03 March - Interview with Zeri Newspaper

- Mr. Florit conducted an interview with Ms. Selvije Bajrami, Zeri Newspaper.

The Panel and Secretariat launched the outreach campaign at the municipal level in Gjilan/Gnjilane and Viti/Vitina on 10 March and separate meetings and other associated events were held since then as follows:

10 March – Gjilan/Gnjilane Region and Municipality

- Mr. Zuhdri Haziri, President, District Court;
- Mr. Omer Duraku, Deputy Mayor, Municipal Building;
- Ms. Dragana Maksimovic, NGO, Civil Rights Program, Kosovo;
- Mr. Shaban Azizi, Deputy Station Commander, Police Station and Mr. Ismet Hashani, Police Spokesperson.

10 March Viti/Vitina Municipality

- Ms. Ibadete Hyseny, Human Rights and Gender Officer.

16 March - Ferizaj/Urosevac Municipality

- Ms. Vjollca Krasniqi, Human Rights and Gender Officer, Municipal Building;
- Mr. Fatmir Karaliti, Head of Operations, Police Station;
- Mr. Avni Bytyqi, Executive Director, "Initiative per Progress" (NGO-INPO).

16 March – Kaçanik/Kacanik Municipality

- Mr. Mehmet Ali Hajdini, Deputy Station Commander and Chief Operations Officer, Police Station;
- Mr. Jeton Topalli, Director of Administration, Municipal Building;
- Mr. Ramadan Gudaci, President, Municipal Court and Mr. Kemal Runjeva, Administrator, Municipal Court.

22 March - Ranillug/Ranilug Municipality

- Ms. Bojana Jevtic, Human Rights and Gender Officer.

22 March - Kamenicë/Kamenica Municipality

- Ms. Nazmije Demolli, Human Rights and Gender Coordinator, and Ms. Zejnie Lenjati Human Rights and Gender Officer;
- Mr. Agim Lipovica, Deputy Station Commander, Police Station;
- Ms. Valbone Dervodelli, Administrator, Municipal Court.

23 March – Artanë/Novo Brdo Municipality

- Ms. Sadbere Vllasaliu, Human Rights and Gender Officer, Municipal Building;
- Mr. Ivica Zivkovic and Mr. Zoran Sumakovic, Municipal Court Liaison Officers;
- Mr. Goran Filic, Investigations Officer, Police Station.

29 March – Graçanicë/Gracanica Municipality

- Mr. Bratislav Trajkovic, Station Commander, Police Station;
- Mr. Trifun Jovanovic, Municipal Court Liaison Officer;
- Mr. Bojan Stojanovic, Mayor, Municipal Building;
- Mr. Sava Smigic, Secretary of the Eparchy, Graçanicë/Gracanica Monastery;
- Mr. Nenad Lazic, Judge, Municipal Court.

29 March – Press conference with Festina TV, Tema TV and Ferizaj Radio Station

- Panel member Francesco Florit held a press conference at INPO (Initiative for Progress) premises, Ferizaj/Urosevac Municipality. The event was organized by Mr. Avni Bytyqi, Executive Director, INPO Ferizaj/Urosevac Region. The interview was conducted by Mr. Besim Idrizi and Mr Shkodran Berisha, Festina TV, Mr. Petrit Ilazi, Tema TV and Mr. Driton Ramadani, Ferizaj Radio Station which covers Ferizaj/Urosevac, Kaçanik/Kacanik and Shtime/Štimlje Municipalities.

April 2011

04 April –Prishtinë/Pristina District and Municipality

- Mr. Abdullah Abazi, Deputy Station Commander, North Station;
- Mr. Isak Ejupi, Station Commander, South Station;
- Ms. Makifete Saliuka, President, Municipal Court;
- Ms. Tonka Berisha, Deputy President, District Court;
- Ms. Premtime Preniqi, Human Rights and Gender Coordinator;
- Mr. Tapio Vanamo, President of the Special Chamber of the Supreme Court of Kosovo.

06 April - American University of Kosovo

- Panel meeting with law faculty students of the American University of Kosovo in the Auditorium, American University of Kosovo, Prishtinë/Pristina.

06 April – Public outreach campaign meeting with NGOs on the name of “Violence against Women”.

08 April –Government Departments and Municipalities

- Panel meeting with Human Rights and Gender Coordinators and Officers from Government Departments and Municipalities in Government Buildings, Prishtinë/Pristina..

11 April – Ms. Alexia Pierre, Phd Student in Criminology

- Panel meeting with Ms. Alexia Pierre, Phd Student in Criminology, University of Liege, Belgium.

14 April – Prishtinë/Pristina Municipality

- Mr. Sami Halimi, Station Commander, Central Police Station;

14 April - Executive Director, Kosovo Chamber of Advocates

- Mr. Yll Zekaj, Executive Director, Kosovo Chamber of Advocates, Prishtinë/Pristina.

18 April – Vushtrri/Vucitrn Municipality

- Mr. Bajram Mulaku, Mayor;
- Mr. Blerim Hasani, Chief of Operations, Police Station;
- Mr. Fadil Beqiri, Human Rights and Gender Officer;
- Mr. Xhevat Abazi, President, District Court;
- Ms. Aferdita Tahiri, Administrator, Municipal Court.

19 April – Prishtinë/Pristina District

- Mr. Isa Mustafa, Mayor

May 2011

04 May - Executive Director, Council for the Defense of Human Rights and Freedoms

- Mr. Bexhet Shala, Executive Director, Council for the Defence of Human Rights and Freedoms, Prishtinë/Pristina;

04 May - President of the Constitutional Court.

- Professor Doctor Enver Hasani, President of the Constitutional Court.

06 May - Ms. Jana Bauerova, Masters Student in International Affairs

- Secretariat meeting with Ms. Jana Bauerova, Masters Student in International Affairs, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland.

31 May – Zvecan Municipality

- Mr. Misko Acic Deputy Mayor;
- Mr. Vasovic Predag, Chief Operations Office, Police Station.

31 May – North Mitrovica/e

- Mr. Darko Gusnic, Deputy Station Police Commander.

June 2011

06 June 2011 - Panel meeting with Mr. Jean Marc Lacourciere, Intern at the Kosovo Law Centre and law student at McGill University, Montreal who is conducting a

survey of the human rights and minority rights jurisprudence of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo

10 June – Kosovo Chamber of Advocates

- The Secretariat addressed the Kosovo Chamber of Advocates on “Lawyers Day” in the Grand Hotel, Pristina which was attended by several hundred advocates.

13 June – Strpce/Shterpce Municipality

- Mr. Dragan Ivanovic, Station Commander;
- Mr. Musa Kandjeli, Judge, Minor Offences Court;
- Mr. Dalibor Jevtic, Adviser and Chief of Cabinet, Office of the Mayor.

16 June - Lipjan/Lipljan Municipality

- Mr. Gani Zhaveli, President Municipal Court;
- Mr. Agim Gashi, Acting Police Station Commander;
- Mr. Shukri Buja, Mayor.

22 June – Fushe Kosovo/Kosovo Polje Municipality

- Mr. Burim Berisha, Mayor;
- Mr. Bekim Zogiani, Deputy Police Station Commander.

22 June – Obiliq/Obilic Municipality

- Mr. Fadil Ferati, Deputy Police Station Commander.

29 June - President, Supreme Court of Kosovo.

- Mr. Fejzullah Hasani, President, Supreme Court of Kosovo, Prishtinë/Pristina

30 June – Obiliq/Obilic Municipality

- Mr. Mehmet Krasniqi, Mayor.

July 2011

06 July – Podujeve/Podujevo Municipality

- Mr. Agim Veliu, Mayor;
- Ms. Arjeta Podvorica, Human Rights and Gender Officer;
- Mr. Naim Latifi, Police Station Commander;
- Mr. Aziz Podvorica, President, Municipal Court.

12 July – Shtime/Stimlje Municipality

- Mr. Naim Ismajli, Mayor;
- Mr. Bekim Qeriqi, Deputy Station Commander.

18 July – Chief of Party, Public International Law and Policy Group

- Mr. Henry McGowen, Chief of Party, Public International Law and Policy Group, Kosovo Project, Prishtinë/Pristina;

19 July – Skenderaj/Srbica Municipality

- Mr. Fadil Nura, Deputy Mayor;
- Mr. Agim Idrizi, Deputy Station Commander;

- Mr. Isa Shala, President, Municipal Court.

19 July – Glogovc/Glogovac Municipality

- Mr. Sherif Krasniqi, Deputy Mayor;
- Mr. Bajram Rama, Administrator.

19 July - Director, Centre for Public Safety, Education and Development

- Mr. Sadat Gashi, Director, Centre for Public Safety, Education and Development, (Police School, Vushtrri/Vucitrn).

26 July - Kline/Klina Municipality

- Mr. Jasahr Gashi, President Municipal Court;
- Mr. Zemun Zegaj, Deputy Mayor;
- Mr. Engjell Prenaj, Deputy Station Commander.

26 July – Malishevo/Maliseve Municipality

- Mr. Haki Krasniqi, Director of Administration;
- Mr. Lulzim Pacarizi, President, Municipal Court;
- Mr. Bekim Begaj, Acting Station Police Commander.

August 2011

04 August – Istog/Istok Municipality

- Mr. Hazbi Bajra, Director of Administration,
- Mr. Qazim Jahi, Deputy Police Station Commander,
- Mr. Bajram Bujupaj, President, Minor Offences Court.

09 August – Suha Reka/ Suva Reka Municipality

- Mr. Arsim Berisha, Police Station Commander;
- Mr. Nuredin Abazi, President, Municipal Court;
- Mr. Refki Bytyqi, Deputy Mayor and Ms. Habibe Bytyqi, Human Rights and Gender Officer.

15 August – Meeting with Mr. Astrit Istrefi, Saferworld

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the meeting proposed by Mr. Istrefi on 25 July, 2011 between the HRRP (Panel) and civil society organisations (CSOs) in Kosovo.

16 August – Rahovec/Orahovac Municipality

- Mr. Smajl Latifi, Mayor, Rahovec/Orahovac Municipality;
- Mr. Muharrem Perboqi, President, Municipal Court;
- Mr. Fazil Morina, Chief Operations Officer.

22 August – Gjakova/Djakovica Municipality

- Mr. Agim Koci, Deputy Mayor and Ms. Lumnie Shllaku, Human Rights and Gender Officer, Gjakova/Djakovica Municipality;

- Mr. Hilmi Hoxha, Deputy President and Mr. Rudin Elezi, Administrator, Municipal Court, Gjakova/Djakovica Municipality;
- Capt. Bekim Avdiaj, Station Commander, Gjakova/Djakovica Municipality.

September 2011

01 September – Dragash/Dragas Municipality

- Mr. Avni Nebiu, Director of Administration, and Ms. Lindita Kozmaci Piraz, Human Rights and Gender Officer,
- Ms. Sabaheta Kurtezi, President, Municipal Court
- Mr. Fahri Myrtezani, Chief Investigations Unit.

07 September – Decan/Decani Municipality

- Mr. Rasim Selmanaj, Mayor,
- Ms. Safete Tolaj, President, Municipal Court,
- Lieut. Sejd Dobraj, Station Commander,
- Father Sava, Decan/Decani Monastery.

16 September – Ombudsperson Institution

- Mr. Sami Kurteshi, Ombudsperson Institution, Pristina

SUMMARY

In 2011 the Panel and Secretariat continued its outreach campaign in Kosovo. In addition, the Panel and Secretariat launched the 2011 outreach campaign in Serbia on 24 January, 2011 and has since visited twenty-nine (29) municipalities in Kosovo in accordance with the schedule laid down in the action plan. One hundred and eight (108) meetings were held in the Republic of Serbia and Kosovo with, inter alia, Assistant Government Ministers, Presidents of the Supreme Courts, District Courts, Municipal Courts and Minor Offences Courts, Mayors of Municipalities, Police Station Commanders of District and Municipal Police Stations, their Deputies or representatives, Court Liaison Officers, Police Community Officers and NGOs.

The Panel and Secretariat also addressed the students in the Law Faculties of the University of Prishtinë/Pristina as well as the American University of Kosovo. The Kosovo Chamber of Advocates and the Government and Department Municipal Human Rights and Gender Officers were also addressed by the Panel and Secretariat at mass gatherings in the Grand Hotel and in the conference room in the Prime Ministers office respectively. The Panel and Secretariat participated in a number of human rights information seminars, conducted three interviews with television, radio and newspaper reporters and held one press conference in 2011. Finally, the Panel and Secretariat met with and assisted students collectively and individually who are reading for Masters Degrees and PhDs in the wider human rights, international affairs, democratization and criminology disciplines upon request. The campaign continues.

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