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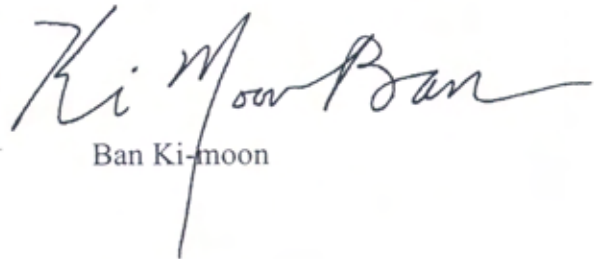
8 February 2008

Dear Mr. President,

Pursuant to Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), I have the honour to convey the attached report on the international security presence in Kosovo covering the period from 1 to 31 December 2007 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would bring it to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
Ban Ki-moon

His Excellency  
Mr. Ricardo Alberto Arias  
President of the Security Council  
New York

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To: Mr. Nambiar,

Please find attached, for your approval and SG's signature a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council transmitting the monthly KFOR report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Haysom'.

Nicholas Haysom  
6 February 2008

Cc: KWS

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**MONTHLY REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ON KFOR OPERATIONS**

1. This report covers the period from 1 to 31 December 2007.
2. As of 31 December 2007, the total number of troops in theatre was 15,002. This includes 2,357 troops from Non-NATO countries.

**Political Situation**

3. The Troika completed its mandate on 10 December 2007 shortly after the Contact Group submitted its report on the Troika-led status negotiation process to the UN Secretary General. Subsequently, the UN Security Council discussed the report and the situation in Kosovo at a closed door session on 19 December 2007.
4. At their meeting in Brussels on 7 December 2007, NATO Foreign Ministers agreed that KFOR troops will remain in Kosovo on the basis of UN Security Council Resolution 1244, unless the Security Council decides otherwise. They also renewed their commitment to maintain KFOR's national force contributions, including reserves, at current levels and with no new caveats.

**Security Situation**

5. On 2 December 07, an explosion was reported in a bar in Prizren in Southwest Kosovo, which injured seven people. The motive remains unclear. Authorities believe rival gangs involved in human trafficking could be behind this attack.
6. On 6 December 2007, Multi-National Task Force (MNTF) Centre and the Kosovo Police Service (KPS) reported that a civilian bus with 40 passengers of different ethnicities was stopped by 10 masked and armed men on the administrative boundary line. No one was harmed and the bus eventually continued on its way under Police escort.
7. On 10 December 2007, a student demonstration sponsored by the Albanian Student Union group took place in downtown Pristina. There were approximately 1800-2000 participants. No incidents were reported.
8. On 18 December 2007, a Kosovo Serb demonstration took place in Mitrovica North (Multinational Task Force North). The demonstration, organized by the Serbian National Council of Northern Kosovo, was attended by approximately 2,500 participants. No incidents were reported.
9. On 21 December 2007, the former Prime Minister of Kosovo, Ramush Haradinaj, and his associate Laji Brahimaj, were provisionally released by the International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia to spend the holidays and New Year in Kosovo until 07 January 2008.



10. During December 2007 no incidents against KFOR were recorded. The threat level against KFOR remained low.

11. A total of 484 incidents related to drugs (5), counterfeit currency (54), smuggling (24), explosions (6), miscellaneous criminal incidents (240), illegal weapons possession (80), weapons and ammunition seizures (42) and unexploded ordnance (33) were reported during this period. The total number of incidents has slightly increased compared to November 2007 (417).

#### **KFOR Operations**

12. The overall situation in Kosovo remained calm but tense throughout December 2007. All Multinational Task Forces continued to focus on interoperability and intelligence gathering, while conducting high visibility operations throughout Kosovo to deter any possible attempt at destabilization and to maintain the Safe and Secure Environment. The Operational Reserve Force (ORF) battalion, provided by Germany, deployed for an additional Operational Rehearsal (OPREH) from 16 November to 16 December 2007. KFOR also conducted an OPREH from 01 to 07 December 2007 for the 2008 ORF Battalions from Germany, UK and Italy and for the EUFOR Tactical Reserves (TACRES). COMKFOR updated his guidance to his subordinate commanders in December, directing them to be able to react quickly, to maintain mobility and flexibility, to ensure KFOR freedom of action, to coordinate with UNMIK-Police and the Kosovo Police Service, and to stress the importance of the reserves.

#### **Compliance with COMKFOR's Statement of Principles and UNMIK Regulation 1999/8**

13. During the month of December, there was one session of the Disciplinary Board which resulted in the dismissal of four KPC members. Two of these members are from minority communities.

#### **The Kosovo Protection Corps**

14. There was no recruitment campaign in December 2007.

15. The current active Personnel Establishment (PE) is 2,908. There are 193 (6.63%) active ethnic minority members (169 Male, 24 Female). The total numbers of ethnic minorities remains the same compared to last month. The percentage of minorities within the KPC remains short of the Special Representative of the Secretary General's (SRSG) goal and there are 113 open posts left in the active PE list. The Reserve PE list includes 2,000 positions, with 1,892 filled (including 48 ethnic minority members, which equates to 2.45%).

16. Training of the KPC members continues according to plan. A joint KPC/KFOR senior leader seminar on the subject of "Strategic Communications" was conducted at KPC Headquarters on 26 December 2007 with 22 COL and LTC participating, and at the Training and Doctrine Centre (TRADOC) on 27 December 2007 with 20 LTC and MAJ participating. English language courses continued at TRADOC with 150 KPC participants.

17. During the month of December, 13 ceremonies involving 387 KPC members took place. No incidents were reported.

**Conclusion**

18. The situation remained calm and stable despite continued political uncertainty related to Kosovo's future status. Planning for the post-settlement period continues. KFOR remains fully prepared to deal with unrest and would respond adequately to any attempts to disrupt the safe and secure environment, regardless of where it comes from.

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**Note to Mr. Nambiar**



Monthly Report to the Security Council on KFOR Operations ✓

Please find attached, for the Secretary-General's signature, a draft letter addressed to the President of the Security Council conveying the monthly KFOR report.

  
Jean-Marie Guéhenno  
5 February 2008