

## 1. Area and Population

The municipality of Pejë/Peć is located in western Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 603 km<sup>2</sup> and includes Pejë/Peć town and 76 villages. According to the municipal information officer the total population is estimated at 115,000.

Ethnic composition:

1. Kosovo Albanians: approximately 105,800 residing in the town and all 76 villages.
2. Kosovo Serbs: approximately 900 residing in the town and in five (5) villages.
3. Kosovo Bosniaks: approximately 3,300 residing in the town and in seven (7) villages.
4. Kosovo Roma, Ashkali and Egyptians: approximately 5,000 residing in town and villages (source: municipal return and community officer and the OSCE communities' profile).

Prior to the 1999 conflict the number of Kosovo Serbs in the municipality was higher. They are since displaced; there is no data on their current whereabouts.

## 2. Governing Structures and Political Overview

A total number of voters in Pejë/Peć municipality registered for the last municipal elections held in November 2009 was 89,156 including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 42.02 percent/36,050 voters (source: Central Elections Commission).

The election results were as shown to the right:

### a. Legislative

The Municipal Assembly has 41 seats distributed amongst 12 political entities. Thirty-seven (37) members are Kosovo Albanians, three (3) are Kosovo Bosniaks, and one (1) is Kosovo Roma; 13 assembly members are female.

According to the law on local self-government, municipality with more than ten (10) percent of residents belonging to communities not in majority in that municipality is required to appoint a deputy municipal assembly chairperson for communities. Municipal assembly deputy chairperson for communities in Pejë/Peć is Mr. Rustem Nurković (Kosovo Bosniak).

### b. Executive

The municipality is headed by the mayor Ali Berisha (AAK) and deputy mayor Shefqet Uka (LDD). It has 14 municipal directorates: administration (AAK); education (AAK); finance (AAK); urbanism (LDK); economic development (LDD); cadastre and geodesy (AAK);

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AAK Alliance for the Future of Kosovo	33.0%	13 seats
LDK Democratic League of Kosovo	15.0%	6 seats
PDK Democratic Party of Kosovo	15.0%	6 seats
LDD Democratic League of Dardania	10.0%	4 seats
ORA Reformist Party	7.0%	3 seats
AKR Alliance New Kosovo	5.0%	2 seats
PSD Social Democratic Party	5.0%	2 seats
IRDK Democratic Initiative of Kosovo	2.0%	1 seat
PD Justice Party	2.0%	1 seat
SDA Democratic Action Party	2.0%	1 seat
SDP Party for the Democratic Changes	2.0%	1 seat
VAKAT Coalition	2.0%	1 seat

health and social welfare (AAK); foreign investments (LDD); culture, youth and sport (AAK); inspection (AKK); emergency and protection (AAK); property-legal issues (AAK); municipal work and public services (AAK); agriculture, forestry and hydro-economy (LDK) (source: municipal assembly secretariat).

## 2. Judiciary

The municipal court in Pejë/Peć has ten (10) judges; four (4) are female (all Kosovo Albanian).

The minor offences court in Pejë/Peć has six (6) judges; one (1) is female (all Kosovo Albanian).

The district court in Pejë/Peć has ten (10) judges; nine (9) are Kosovo Albanians and one (1) is Kosovo Roma, while two (2) are female. It covers Klinë/Klina, Deçan/Deçane, Gjakovë/Đakovica, Istog/Istok and Junik municipalities (source: district court, municipal court and minor offences court)

Additional information:

Pejë/Peć district prosecutor's office has six (6) Kosovo Albanian prosecutors, five (5) male and one (1) female.

Pejë/Peć municipal prosecutor's office has five (5) Kosovo Albanian prosecutors, three (3) male and two (2) female.

## 3. Security Presence

The Kosovo police station in Pejë/Peć municipality has 175 officers in the main police station and in its two (2) sub-stations in Goraždevac/Gorazhdevc and Vitimirica/Vitomiricë. Fifty-three (53) of these officers are from the Kosovo Serb, Bosniak, Egyptian and Gorani communities, while 36 officers are female (source: Kosovo police).

As for the international military presence Italian KFOR is in charge of the area (source: Kosovo police).

## 4. Economy

The economy of the municipality of Pejë/Peć is mainly based on the agriculture and construction business. There are some 4,973 registered private businesses operating in the municipality. There is no reliable data on the number of people employed in private sector in Pejë/Peć (source: directorate of finance).

## 5. Public Services

### a. Infrastructure

The overall status of the infrastructure in the municipality of Pejë/Peć is assessed as good. All the main roads connecting major villages with the urban centre are asphalted. Pejë/Peć town is connected to water supply and sewage systems. 30 out of 76 villages are connected to water supply system and only six (6) are connected to the sewage system. The power supply is still a problem especially in winter especially in the villages

(source: municipal development plan and directorate for municipal work and public services).

### b. Health

Pejë/Peć has one (1) main family health centre; six (6) family health centers and 13 health houses. Health sector has 163 employees, 90 female and 73 male, including doctors, nurses and support staff.

Access: All communities have access to health care and all health facilities. The Kosovo Serb community mainly uses two (2) local health clinics in Goraždevac/Gorazhdevc, while more serious cases are treated in northern Mitrovica/Mitrovicë (source: municipal directorate of health).

### c. Education

There are 28 primary schools with their 16 satellite schools and subclasses with 24,159 pupils and 845 teachers. Besides six (6) secondary schools, with 6,427 students and 446 teachers there is also a school for visually impaired students, and a primary and secondary music school opened in February 2008. While Kosovo Roma, Ashkali and Egyptians attend classes in Albanian language, 782 Kosovo Bosniaks are receiving education in the Bosnian language. There are also two (2) primary and one (1) secondary schools in Goraždevac/Gorazhdevc, that follow Serbian curriculum and have approximately 310 pupils. In addition, Pejë/Peć municipality has three (3) kindergartens (source: municipal directorate of education).

## 6. Religious and Cultural sites

Pejë/Peć municipality has 20 mosques. Ten (10) of them were renovated following the conflict. There are six (6) Serbian Orthodox Churches in the municipality. Five (5) are functional while one (1) in Sige/Cigë is not. There are five (5) Catholic Churches in Pejë/Peć municipality and all function (source: Kosovo institute for monument protection).

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175

police officers in the main police station and sub-station in Goraždevac/Gorazhdevc and Vitimirica/Vitomiricë.

26

judges.

1291

teachers in 28 primary and 6 secondary school and 3 kindergartens.