The municipality of Ranilug/Ranillug is located in eastern Kosovo covering an area of 77.62 km² and includes Ranilug/Ranillug town and 12 villages. According to the 2011 Kosovo Population and Housing Census, the total population is 3,866.

GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

The total number of voters in Ranilug/Ranillug municipality registered for the last municipal elections held in October 2017 was 5,578, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 58.16% or 3,244 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2017 municipal assembly election results were as follows:

- SL Serbian List: 78.91%
- PDS Serbian Progressive Party: 8.72%
- SLS Independent Liberal Party: 7.55%
- GI SDP – OI Citizens Initiative SDP Oliver Ivanović: 3.37%

The current seat distribution is as follows:

- 12 seats
- 1 seat
- 1 seat

Ranilug/Ranillug was not a separate municipality in 1981 and 1991 and therefore data from the censuses conducted in these years are not available.

According to the UNHCR statistics, 233 displaced persons have returned to the municipality since 1999, all of them Kosovo Serbs.

Ethnic composition

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(source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)
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LEGISLATIVE

The municipal assembly has 15 seats distributed among four (4) political entities, all members are Kosovo Serb; five (5) are women. The Municipal Assembly Chairperson is Dejan Jovanović (SL).

EXECUTIVE

Structure of municipal executive and the executive’s political affiliations.

The municipality is headed by Mayor Vladica Aritonović (SL), elected for his first term as mayor with 78.25% of votes in the first round of the 2017 municipal elections. In the previous term, the mayor was Gradimir Mikić (Gradanka Inicijativa Srpska - GISL), who was elected in the second round of the 2013 municipal elections with 52.34% of votes. Deputy Mayor is Davor Petković (SL).

There are six (6) municipal departments, all run by men directors: general administration and personnel (SL); budget, finance and economy (PDK); education, health, social welfare, culture, youth and sport (SL); public services (SL); urbanism, cadastre, geodesy and property (SL); and agriculture, forestry and rural development (SL). In the previous mandate (2013-2017), all directors were men (source: municipal department of general administration and personnel).

JUDICIARY

There are no courts in Ranilug/Ranillug municipality. The Gjilan/Gnjilane Basic Court and the Basic Prosecution Office cover the municipality (source: Gjilan/Gnjilane basic court).

SECURITY PRESENCE

Kosovo Police station in Ranilug/Ranillug has 28 police officers, 17 are Kosovo Serbs and 11 are Kosovo Albanians; three (3) are women.

As for the international military presence, the United States KFOR covers the area (source: Deputy Mayor).

ECONOMY

The economy of Ranilug/Ranillug is predominantly based on dairy, milk and cheese, production and small businesses. There are approximately 110 registered private businesses operating in the municipality. There is no reliable data on the number of employees in the private sector (source: Deputy Mayor).

PUBLIC SERVICES

Infrastructure

The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality is assessed as good. Most of the main roads connecting villages with the urban centre are asphalted. Ranilug/Ranillug town and nine (9) out of 13 villages are connected to water supply, while eight (8) are connected to sewage system. Sufficient power supply is still a problem, especially in the remote villages (source: municipal information officer).

Health

There are eight (8) Serbia-run healthcare facilities, financially and materially assisted by the municipality of Ranilug/Ranillug. The health sector has 28 employees, including doctors and support staff; 16 men and 12 women.

All communities have access to health care and all health facilities (source: municipal directorate of health and social welfare).

Education

There are two (2) primary schools with 532 pupils, 65 teachers and 18 support staff, two (2) secondary schools with 354 students, 32 teachers and five (5) support staff and six (6) kindergartens with 226 children, 18 teachers and three (3) support staff, all following Serbian curriculum.

RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES

Ranilug/Ranillug has nine (9) Serbian Orthodox churches, none of which were destroyed or damaged. Most of them are in use (source: municipal development plan and information officer).

KEY FACTS

In Ranilug/Ranillug there are:

- 15 seats in the municipal assembly distributed among 4 political entities
- 28 police officers
- No courts physically present in the municipality
- 115 teachers in 2 primary and 2 secondary schools and 6 kindergartens