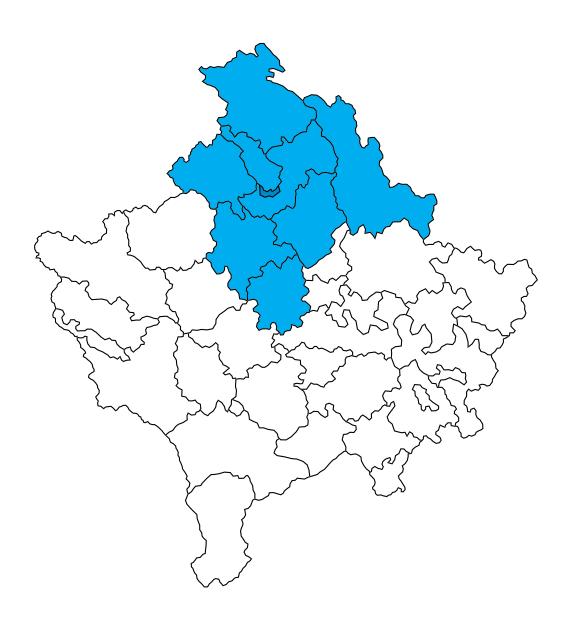
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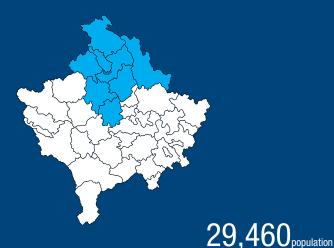
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The OSCE regional centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica covers nine (9) municipalities, including Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North where the centre's second office is located, and has teams in all of them.

AREA AND POPULATION



The municipality of Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North is located in northern Kosovo. It includes Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North and adjacent cadastral zones. No official data on population is available as the 2011 census was not conducted in the four northern Kosovo Serb-majority municipalities. However, according to the most recent estimates, Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North has approximately 29,460 inhabitants

Ethnic composition

	approximately
1.Kosovo Serbs	22,530*
2.Kosovo Albanians	4,900
3.Kosovo Bosniaks	1,000
4.Kosovo Gorani	580
5.Kosovo Turks	210
6.Kosovo Roma	200
7.Kosovo Ashkali	40

(source: UNMIK Administration in Mitrovica Local Communities Office – February 2010)

According to the census conducted in 1981, there were 66,528 Kosovo Albanians, 25,929 Kosovo Serbs and 2,000 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality of Titova Mitrovica (which included both of the current municipalities of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South and Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North); according to the census conducted in 1991*, there were 82,837 Kosovo Albanians, 9,482 Kosovo Serbs and 1,216 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality of Kosovska Mitrovica (which included both of the current municipalities of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South and Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North). Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North was not a separate municipality neither in 1981 nor in 1991 and therefore specific data for Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North from the censuses conducted in these years are not available.

According to the UNHCR statistics, 381 displaced persons have returned to the municipality since 2008, of them 40 Kosovo Serbs, one (1) Kosovo Roma, seven (7) Kosovo Ashkali and Kosovo Egyptians, eight (8) Kosovo Bosniaks, 308 Kosovo Albanians and 17 Kosovo Turks.

The current seat distribution is as follows:

14seats

3 seats

2 seats

GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

The total number of voters in Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North municipality registered for the municipal elections held in 2017 was 21,797¹, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 39.45% or 8,598 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2017 municipal assembly election results were as follows:



^{1.} The overall population figure presented above is taken from the 2011 census (or authoritative estimates where the census figure is not available), whereas the voters list is a reflection of all people with a civil registration entry in the municipality. In some cases, the voters list figure is higher than or similar to the overall population number due to insufficient updating of the civil registry or a significant proportion of people registered in the municipality but actually living elsewhere or abroad.

^{*(}of which 5,000 to 7,000 are persons displaced from elsewhere in Kosovo).

^{*}The 1991 census is not accepted by Kosovo Albanians as legitimate.

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LEGISLATIVE



The municipal assembly has 19 seats distributed amongst three (3) political entities, 17 members are Kosovo Serb, two (2) are Kosovo Albanian; seven (7) are women. The Municipal Assembly Chairperson is Dejan Gurešić (SL) and the Deputy Chairperson of the Municipal Assembly for Communities is Bashkim Cimili (PDK).

EXECUTIVE



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

The municipality is headed by Mayor Goran Rakić (SL), reelected for his second term as mayor with 67.45% of votes in the first round of the 2017 municipal elections. In the re-run of the 2013 municipal elections, held in February 2014, Mayor Rakić won with 52.84% of the votes in the first round. Deputy Mayor is Aleksandar Spirić (SL), while Deputy Mayor for Communities has not yet been appointed.

Although the municipal statute foresees the establishment of sixteen (16) municipal departments, in September 2018 the municipality operated with seven (7) departments formed in conjunction with the Mitrovica North Administrative Office established in 2012. These departments are: general administration; finance, budget and economic development; public services, infrastructure, inspections and emergency situations; urbanism, cadastre and geodesy; education, culture, youth and sport; social welfare and health; and local civil affairs and public relations, of them three (3) are women. Directors are officially not politically affiliated.

JUDICIARY



In February 2015, the parties engaged in the EU-facilitated Dialogue between Belgrade and Prishtinë/Priština reached an agreement on integrated judiciary in northern Kosovo. The process of the integration of the previously existing Serbia-run judiciary into the legal system in Kosovo started on 24 October 2017.

As a result, there is one Basic Court Mitrovicë/Mitrovica with jurisdiction over seven (7) municipalities in the region, i.e. Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South, Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North, Leposavić/Leposaviq, Zubin Potok, Skenderaj/Srbica, Zvečan/Zveçan, Vushtrri/Vučitrn. The Basic Court Mitrovica/Mitrovicë operates in two separate buildings, one in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South and one in Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North. The premises located in the Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North accommodate the serious crimes department (dealing with criminal offences punishable by ten (10) and more years of imprisonment), and the general crimes department. The premises located in the Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South contain the civil matters department, minor offences department and the department for the juveniles.

The Basic Court Mitrovica/Mitrovicë has a total of 32 judges, 15 Kosovo Albanian and 17 Kosovo Serb. The court house in Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North has 17 judges, eight (8) Kosovo Albanian and nine (9) Kosovo Serb.

The Appellate Division is also located in the building in Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North, with jurisdiction over appeals originating from the following ten (10) municipalities: Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North, Leposavić/ Leposaviq, Zvečan/Zveçan, Zubin Potok, Gračanica/Graçanicë, Klokot/Kllokot, Ranilug/Ranillug, Štrpce/Shtërpcë, Novo Brdo/Novobërdë, Parteš/Partesh. It has seven (7) judges, two (2) Kosovo Albanian and five (5) Kosovo Serb.

The Mitrovicë/Mitrovica Basic Prosecutor's Office covers the seven (7) municipalities mentioned above. It has 20 prosecutors, ten (10) Kosovo Albanian and ten (10) Kosovo Serb; 11 are women. The Prosecution Office is located in Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North (source: basic court and prosecution officials).

SECURITY PRESENCE



Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North municipality is the seat of the northern Kosovo Police regional headquarters and the municipal police station. The regional Kosovo Police headquarters, including intervention and traffic units, has 125 police officers: 106 Kosovo Serb, eight (8) Kosovo Albanian, eight (8) Kosovo Bosniak, one (1) Kosovo Turk and two (2) Kosovo Montenegrin; 13 are women.

The municipal police station has 141 police officers, 120 Kosovo Serb, 18 Kosovo Albanian, one (1) Kosovo Bosniak, one (1) Kosovo Turk and one (1) Kosovo Montenegrin; 11 are women.

As for the international military presence, multinational KFOR troops cover the area (source: Kosovo Police).

ECONOMY



The economy of Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North predominantly relies on publicly owned enterprises, local administration, as well as assistance from the Serbian government and foreign (EU) donations. There are also a few hundred small businesses which provide goods and services (source: OSCE Field Support Section).

PUBLIC SERVICES

Infrastructure



All the main roads are asphalted in Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North. The urban area of Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North and the adjacent cadastral zones are connected to Mitrovicë/Mitrovica regional water and sewage supply systems (source: OSCE Field Support Section)

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Health



In Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North, there is one Serbia-run (1) clinic-medical centre and one (1) health house. The centre serves as the main health institution for Kosovo Serbs from across Kosovo. There is also a policlinic that provides health care services for students within the university complex. Additionally, another Serbia-run health facility is located the ethnically-mixed neighborhood of Suvi Do/Suhodol (source:hospital in Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North and students' policlinic).

All communities have access to health care, whereas Kosovo Albanians mainly utilize services provided by the hospital located in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South. Kosovo Albanians of the mixed community neighbourhood of Mikronaselje/Kodra e Minatorëve have access to the health center located in their neighborhood, which formally belongs to the Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South health system. Here one (1) doctor and one (1) nurse work regularly, while a pediatrician visits once a week (source: community representative).

Education



There are seven (7) primary schools with 1,706 pupils and 165 teachers, six (6) secondary schools with 1,325 students and 271 teachers, including support staff and school management, one (1) kindergarten with preschool facility with 563 pupils and 46 teachers, and one (1) specialized school "Kosovski Bozur," which provides elementary and secondary education for children and youth with special needs, with 46 pupils and 37 employees. The majority of students are Kosovo Serb, with a number of Kosovo Bosniaks, Kosovo Gorani and Kosovo Roma also attending the school system in the municipality. Following the conflict in 1999, the Serbian language University in Prishtinë/Priština relocated to Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North, where it still operates (source: Open-data Portal of Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development, last update in October 2017).

Kosovo Albanian students access schools located in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South. In addition, there are two (2) classes with 18 pupils and six (6) employees located in the mixed community neighbourhood Mikronaselje/Kodra e Minatorëve, although these classes officially belong to the Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South-based school "Aziz Sylejmani" (source: school director).

RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES



There are two (2) Serbian Orthodox churches in the municipality, both have been built after the conflict. There are two (2) mosques in the municipality. One (1) existed before the conflict and a new one (1) was built in Suvi Do/Suhodoll village in 2016. One (1) mosque that previously existed in Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North was destroyed during the conflict and has not been reconstructed (source: Serbian Orthodox Church and Islamic Community representatives).

One (1) cultural heritage site in Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North municipality is included in the Ministry of Culture Youth and Sport list of sites under permanent/temporary protection.

KEY FACTS



In Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North there are:

- 19 seats in the municipal assembly distributed amongst 3 political entities
- 141 police officers in the stations and 125 in the regional command
- 32 judges in the Basic Court, 17 in Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North courthouse, 7 in the Appellate Court and 20 prosecutors
- 482 teachers in 7 primary and 6 secondary schools and 1 kindergarten and 37 employees in 1 specialized school
- 1 public university

