

# UPF Kosovo Extends to Divided Town of Mitrovica

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*A group picture in Mitrovica city hall. MP Hydajet Hyseni in the center.*

Kosovo UPF was funded just before its independence declaration on February 2008 through a peace conference held in the capital Pristina associated with high level appointments of Ambassadors for Peace, including current PM Hashim Thaçi and current President Mrs. Atifete Jahjaga.

Since then the number of ApPs has reached beyond 200 – among them some from the Northern city of Mitrovica, still caught in the ethnic tensions between Serbs and Albanians. However it's this city's Council that has supported many projects of UPF, especially multicultural youth activities involving STF teams from Europe and local NGOs.

Looking at the positive response from the local government and some key ApPs that are still ready to support UPF involvement in the area, UPF Kosovo organized a small event to officially organize the Local Peace Council of Mitrovica.

Mr. Hydajet Hyseni, a current MP and Chairman of UPF Kosovo traveled with Kosovo and Albania UPF Secretary Generals – Mr. Rexhino Icka and Mr. Sokol Rexhepi – and FFWPU president, Mr. Gani Roshi to “give their blessing” to the founding group of Mitrovica Peace Council and its chairman, Mr. Ali Ahmeti, a local resident and active member of Mitrovica city Council.



*Group picture at Mitrovica bridge, a dividing point between Serbs and Albanians living in the city*



*Mr. Gani Rroshi explains UPF Principles*

The meeting itself was held in the press room of Mitrovica City Hall and was chaired by Mr. Hyseni who kindly introduced UPF and shared his experience in Mitrovica from the time he worked there illegally for the independence movement. After that Mr. Rroshi explained the basic principles of UPF followed by another presentation from Mrs. Ejona Icka, summarizing the activities of UPF in Kosovo and Mitrovica. After that Mr. Hyseni introduced the list of ApP who would form the Local Peace Council and proposed Mr. Ahmeti as its chairman and principal imam of Mitrovica, Rexhep Luzha as his substitute.

With the agreement of all ApPs present this structure was made official and will, from now on work as a branch of UPF Kosovo. Latter on a press release was sent to media correspondents.

On the occasion a women leader was appointed as Ambassador for Peace. She looked quite happy and enthusiast to contribute to UPF work in her hometown.



*UPF Kosovo Chairman Hyseni passes on the certificate of ApP to Mrs. Gjylsine Feka*



*Mr. Rexhino and Mrs. Ejona Icka, Kosovo missionaries in Kosovo receive the recognition from UPF Headquarters for their investment in 2011*