

**ANNEX 1 to**  
**Prosecution response to Kosovo Police submissions on detention**

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SPO Translations of Public Sources

I. Annex 1.1

Klan Kosova, Molliqaj accuses the police of organized crime, 2016.

<https://klankosova.tv/molliqaj-accuses-the-police-of-organized-crime-video/>

Molliqaj accuses the police of organized crime

5 years ago



Several leading officials of the Security Sector have been criticized by the Self Determination Movement.

According to the leaders of this political entity, some of them receive their orders from politicians, reports Klan Kosova.

To find out more, see the full article by reporter Arbreshë Fazliu.

## II. Annex 1.2

<https://insajderi.com/hulumtime/djelmoshat-e-elmi-reqices-qe-kontrollojne-policine-e-kosoves/>

### Elmi Reçica's "boys" who control the Kosovo Police

Parim Olluri

The Kosovo Police was once considered the most trusted institution, but /the online newspaper/ “Insajderi” has revealed that this institution is currently led by a group of people who have friendly relations with the PDK /Democratic Party of Kosovo/ MP and the number 2 of SHIK /Kosovo Intelligence Service/, Elmi REÇICA.



A large group of people in leading positions of the Kosovo Police are associated with a powerful political figure: Elmi REÇICA, the influential PDK MP and former number 2 at SHIK. They were appointed to leading positions during the rule of PAN, a coalition led by the Democratic Party of Kosovo.

During the PAN /coalition/ rule, major changes took place in the leadership of the Kosovo Police.

It all started with the new director of this institution. A close friend of the powerful PDK politician, Elmi REÇICA, was appointed to the post.

Rashit QALAJ, the new /police/ director, who for a long time served in REÇICA's bastion of Ferizaj, took some decisions that were very much to REÇICA's liking.

He appointed Emin BEQIRI, a former subordinate of REÇICA at SHIK, to an important position.

The other decision concerned the appointment of another SHIK member, Kadri ARIFI, to a senior position.

QALAJ took several other decisions, which involve the name of REÇICA, the politician.

He decided to transfer his and Elmi REÇICA's friend, Fatmir KARALITI, from Ferizaj to a senior position in Pristina. He was appointed head of the financial investigations sector at a national level.

### QALAJ's suspicious meetings with Elmi REÇICA's people

The "Insajderi" /online/ newspaper has obtained some photos, which reveal how close QALAJ is to the powerful PDK politician, Elmi REÇICA and his subordinates at SHIK.

At a party, around a table with meat and beer, Rashit QALAJ was creating an atmosphere for his special guests, Elmi REÇICA, who is sitting on his right side, and Fatmir KARALITI on his left side.

KARALITI was promoted by Rashit QALAJ, from being a police officer in Ferizaj, the bastion of Elmi REÇICA, to a senior official at a national level.

KARALITI had many reasons to celebrate. Thanks to QALAJ, he was appointed head of the financial investigation sector at a national level.



/circled in photo/ Elmi REÇICA SHIK /Kosovo Intelligence Service/; Rashit QALAJ  
KP /Kosovo Police/

The second photo obtained by the newspaper, shows that the police director, Rashit QALAJ and Elmi REÇICA have also made joint /leisure/ trips.



Their close relationship is proven by another photo featuring QALAJ and REÇICA; they are together in a wider group, including the new PDK MP, Gazmend BYTYQI, who managed to get 9,097 votes.



**QALAJ responded to the British pressure to dismiss BEQIRI by giving him a promotion**



Emin BEQIRI -- the former head of the Economic Crimes Department, who was involved in the Rrahim HASHIMI scandal who had demanded a bribe of one hundred thousand euros from the relatives of the accused officials of the Centre

for Advocacy and Diplomacy (QAD), to close the case -- is still a police director in Ferizaj.

The Basic Court of Pristina had found him guilty of abuse of office. That decision was overturned by the Court of Appeals.

But his involvement in that scandal did not stop the General Director of /Kosovo/ Police, Rashit QALAJ from appointing BEQIRI, Director for the Ferizaj Police Region.

QALAJ's scandalous move was also sharply criticized by the former British Ambassador to Kosovo, Ruairi O'CONNELL.

Sharply criticizing the justice system, last year, O'CONNELL was specifically critical of the decision to appoint him /BEQIRI/. He even said that he could not tell British investors to invest in Kosovo, when at the head of the police is a person convicted of bribery.

"I have British investors who want to invest in Ferizaj. But, how can I sit in a meeting with them and say 'Do not worry because the police in Ferizaj will protect you'; when we know that the police is led by people like them; when we know that these links with crime continue and when the judicial systems make mistakes and there is no responsibility for those judges who are doing this - there is a word for that: state capture," said O'CONNELL.

QALAJ did not back down from his decision. BEQIRI still holds his post as director of the Ferizaj police region.

### **The doubts weighing on Kadri ARIFI**

Kadri ARIFI also benefited from Rashit QALAJ's position as General Director of the Kosovo Police.

ARIFI, a former member of SHIK, was promoted to the rank of Colonel by QALAJ last year.

As a former assistant director of the investigations pillar in the Kosovo Police, ARIFI had lived for about ten years in an occupied apartment of the Yugoslav State Security Service (UDB), which is located in the "Lakrishtë" neighbourhood, in Pristina.

The apartment in which Kadri ARIFI lived before 1999 was suspected to have been used by a member of the UDB, who comes from the Dukagjini plain.

The latter himself admitted that he was part of the UDB and also said that the apartment was owned by Serbia's intelligence service. But he did not want to be publicly identified.

Although the apartment had been occupied, ARIFI never accepted complaints from Habitat for the apartment to be vacated. Kadri ARIFI was also labelled as part of the Kosovo Intelligence Service (SHIK), which he himself denied.

ARIFI's name was mentioned as being part of SHIK, even by the self-proclaimed agent of this intelligence service, Nazim BLLACA.

ARIFI was dismissed from his post as head of the /anti/ crime pillar by a decision of the head of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Bajram REXHEPI. /Insajderi.com

### III. Annex 1.3

Telegrafi, MOLLIQAJ disputes the new police director: Rashit QALAJ, a man of SHIK /Kosovo Intelligence Service, 28 August 2018.

<https://telegrafi.com/molliqaj-konteston-drejtorin-e-ri-te-policise-rashit-qalaj-njeri-i-shik-ut/>



Kosovo/News

**MOLLIQAJ disputes the new police director: Rashit QALAJ, a man of SHIK /Kosovo Intelligence Service/**



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/Dardan/ MOLLIQAJ said that the new Director of the Kosovo Police is a person who has been involved in the "crimes of the Pronto Clan".

The Social Democratic Party of Kosovo (PSD) member of parliament, Dardan MOLLIQAJ, has disputed the personality of Rashit QALAJ, calling him a man of the SHIK /Kosovo Intelligence Service/ and a subordinate and friend of Elmi REÇICA.

In a Facebook post, he said that there is no democratic state with SHIK in government.

**Full article**

**THERE IS NO DEMOCRATIC STATE WITH SHIK IN GOVERNMENT**

Rashit QALAJ, a man of the SHIK, a subordinate and friend of Elmi REÇICA, a person involved in the crimes of the Pronto Clan, has become Kosovo Police Director.

This is the clearest evidence that any PDK government will end up in the clutches of SHIK.

The state continues to be criminalised and held captive and will not be liberated without sending the PDK to the /ranks of political/ opposition and the Pronto Clan to prison.  
Telegrafi /newspaper/

#### IV. Annex 1.4

Zeri, SHKRETA: The police are led by SHIK /Kosovo Intelligence Service/, 14 January 2016.

<https://zeri.info/aktuale/71760/shkreta-policia-dirigjohet-nga-shik-u/>



**SHKRETA: The police are led by SHIK /Kosovo Intelligence Service/**

**Current affairs:** January 14, 2016 - 08:53

The member of the General Council of the "Vetëvendosje" /Movement/, Mirsad SHKRETA, stated on Wednesday that the Kosovo Police has long been transformed into an institution captured by the government and is being used against political opponents of the government leaders.

"Police interventions, especially in the last five months, are purely political and aimed at protecting the LDK-PDK-'Srpska' coalition, as well as their main projects: "Zajednica" and the demarcation of the border with Montenegro. Kosovo Police is not fighting crime and corruption, actions that every police force in democratic states performs, but has engaged all of its arsenal in suppressing the opposition and arresting its activists and MPs", said SHKRETA on Wednesday during a news conference.

He added that the instrumentalization of the Kosovo Police is made possible by the fact that the leaders of this institution are accomplices in crime and corruption.

During the /news/ conference, SHKRETA unveiled a photo, showing Rashit QALAJ, director of the Kosovo Police Operations Department, who is particularly in charge of police operations against protests and the opposition, where he is seen alongside Elmi REÇICA, one of the key figures of the Kosovo Intelligence Service (SHIK).

The photo was taken during a friendly party at the luxury villa of Elmi REÇICA, in Shtraza of Kaçanik.

"They are part of criminal groups led by the leaders of this Government and facilitate the development of crime in our country. Rashit QALAJ is known to be close to Elmi REÇICA and Kadri VESELI and it is obvious that he conducts police operations based on political orders from these persons".

"On the other hand, in addition to being used as an instrument of violence against the opposition, the Kosovo Police is also being used as a propaganda tool in favour of the government. The most recent example is that of the declaration of false figures by the Police spokesman, Baki KELANI."

"With such a police force, captured by the ruling parties, Kosovo is becoming a totalitarian country. This is unacceptable and will not be tolerated by the people of Kosovo", said SHKRETA.

**V. Annex 1.5**

Insajderi, Exclusive: Kosovo Police Colonel, Kadri ARIFI, has been dismissed too, 13 April 2021.

<https://insajderi.org/ekskluzive-degradohet-edhe-koloneli-i-policise-se-kosoves-kadri-arifi/>

**Exclusive: Kosovo Police Colonel, Kadri ARIFI, has been dismissed too**

23:20 - 13 April 2021



**Kadri ARIFI, a Kosovo Police Colonel, has been dismissed from his post.**

ARIFI was dismissed from his post today, writes /the online newspaper/ "Insajderi".

This is what sources close to the Ministry of Internal Affairs told the "Insajderi" newspaper.

"Today Kadri ARIFI was dismissed as /police/ Colonel", the sources said briefly for "Insajderi".

ARIFI's dismissal follows the dismissals last week of the Ferizaj region Police Commander, Emin BEQIRI and the Director of the Border Police Department, Shaban GRUDA.

The "Insajderi" newspaper, had reported that Kadri ARIFI took advantage of the position of Rashit QALAJ as General Director of the Kosovo Police.

ARIFI was a former member of SHIK /Kosovo Intelligence Service/. In 2019, with a decision of /Rashit/ QALAJ, he received the rank of Colonel. As a former assistant director of the investigations pillar in the Kosovo Police, ARIFI had lived for about ten years

in an occupied apartment of the Yugoslav State Security Service (UDB), which is located in the neighbourhood "Lakrishtë" in Pristina.

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## VI. Annex 1.6

<https://kallxo.com/gjate/shkelqimi-dhe-renia-e-shpend-maxhunit/>



Shpend MAXHUNI – Photo: KALLXO.com



Dorentina Kastrati

06.11.2019 - 22:17

Shpend MAXHUNI belonged to one of the first generations of the then Kosovo Police Service, who was recruited by UNMIK in 1999. His promotion /trajectory/ to positions in the Police went up over the years, reaching the position of deputy director in 2011.

Shpend MAXHUNI's promotion came on the back of the /police/ operation in the north of Mitrovica on July 25, 2011. He decided to implement the order of the then Prime Minister Hashim THAÇI to extend control over border points 1 and 31, in Brnjak and Jarinje.

At the end of that operation, police officer Enver ZYMBERI was killed. The director of the Kosovo Police until the first hours of that action, was Reshat MALIQI. He was dismissed by Hashim THAÇI, on the pretext that he refused to implement the plan in full.

From the position of deputy director at the time, Shpend MAXHUNI was automatically appointed Acting Director of the Kosovo Police. He led the Kosovo Police until 2018, when after the scandal of the deportation of 6 Turkish citizens, he resigned as director of the Kosovo Police and was promoted to head of the Kosovo Intelligence Agency (KIA).

During his time at the helm of the KIA, MAXHUNI was rarely seen in public. His only appearances were when he was interviewed by the Parliamentary Committee on the /deporation of the/ "Gulenists" and during

a boat parade alongside President Hashim THAÇI in Lake Ujman, on the day when the opposition was protesting against the division of the territory of Kosovo.

Less than two years after MAXHUNI was appointed head of the KIA, he offered his resignation. He stepped down from his post shortly before the certification of the results of the October 6 elections, which according to the preliminary results, were won by the 'Vetëvendosje' Movement, with the LDK /Democratic League of Kosovo/ coming second.

In the meantime, meetings have been held between the delegations of the 'Vetëvendosje' Movement and the Democratic League of Kosovo in an effort to reach agreement on a governing coalition for the next term.



Hashim THAÇI, Abelard TAHIRI, Bedri HAMZA, Rashit QALAJ and Shpend MAXHUNI

Photo: Abelard TAHIRI FB

### **The theft of 25 kilograms of gold in the evidence room in Peja**

MAXHUNI was the director of the Kosovo Police at the time of one of the biggest scandals involving the Kosovo Police.

In the Evidence Room at the Peja police station, 25 kilograms of gold were stolen between February and April 2012.

At the time the matter had drawn attention after the gold was taken out of the /police/ station building by a police officer.

Six people were investigated in connection with the case, but in the absence of evidence the case was closed.

After that scandal, MAXHUNI dismissed Ahmet HASI from his post of Police Director in Peja.

### **The scandal on the deportation of 6 'Gulenists'**

On the morning of March the 29th, 2018, six Turkish nationals were arrested by the Kosovo Police and deported to Turkey.

The arrested were Mustafa ERDEM, the General Director of the "Mehmet Akif" school in Kosovo, his deputy Yusuf KARABINA, the director of the school in Gjakova, Kahraman DEMIREZ and two teachers, Djihen OZKAN and Hasan GUNAKANA. Among those arrested and deported was doctor Osman KARAKAJA.

When the six Turkish citizens were arrested in Kosovo, Shpend MAXHUNI was the director of the Police.

After the deportation of the six Turkish citizens, the country's prime minister convened the National Security Council, which also included the former Interior Minister, Flamur SEFAJ, and the former KIA director, Driton GASHI, who were dismissed.

After the scandal of the deportation of the Turkish nationals, Shpend MAXHUNI resigned from his post as Director of the Kosovo Police. Shpend MAXHUNI was appointed to replace Driton GASHI, who was dismissed as director of the KIA /Kosovo Intelligence Agency/ following the deportation of the 'Gulenists'. From director of the Kosovo Police, a position he held for 7 years, Shpend MAXHUNI was appointed head of the KIA.

The deportation of the 'Gulenists' provoked various reactions from local and international institutions, especially from human rights organizations, which condemned the actions of Kosovo institutions.



**The 6 Turkish citizens deported from Kosovo to Turkey**

To investigate their deportation, a parliamentary inquiry commission was set up, which interrogated over 23 senior leaders of the institutions involved in the arrest and deportation of the 6 Turkish nationals. One of them was Shpend MAXHUNI, who was interviewed by the parliamentary commission behind closed doors.

The commission established in the /Kosovo/ Assembly has investigated the circumstances to shed light on the procedures that led to the deportation of the Turkish nationals from Kosovo. Meanwhile, on several occasions, /sources from/ this commission have stated that they have come across a large number of irregularities.

A Turkish court has sentenced 2 of the 6 Turkish citizens deported from Kosovo to prison. Osman KARAKAYA and Cihan OZKAN were sentenced to seven years and six months in prison each.

They were accused of belonging to the organization of the Muslim cleric, Fethullah GULEN, which has been declared a terrorist organization by Turkey.

### **A weapon and drugs in the car of Shpend MAXHUNI's son**

At the end of 2018, the Prosecution also had to deal with Shpëtim MAXHUNI, the son of the former KIA chief, Shpend MAXHUNI. On October the 12<sup>th</sup>, he was detained by the Kosovo Police for possession of a weapon and drugs.

/The online platform/ KALLXO.com reported on the case of the son of the former KIA chief, Shpëtim MAXHUNI, who on the night of October the 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018, was detained in the village of Zllatar in Prishtina.

A long report which the Police sent to the prosecutor and which was seen by KALLXO.com, described the moments when the police stopped the car which MAXHUNI was in and the details of where the weapon, which was confiscated that night, was discovered.

According to the police, travelling in the car were Shpëtim MAXHUNI, who is the son of Shpend MAXHUNI, Selim RAMADANI and Arlind KOSUMI. The report states that the police had stopped the Golf 4 car and during the search of the jacket of Shpend MAXHUNI's son, they had discovered a "Zastava" type pistol with four bullets.

The evidence in the case specifies that MAXHUNI did not deny that the jacket was his and that the pistol was found inside it. He had said in his statement to the police that the pistol belonged to his friend, who had forgotten it in the car a few hours earlier.

This statement was also complemented by the suspect Rinor MAXHUNI, who went to the police /station/ where he admitted that the pistol was his and that he had found it a few days ago under a seat in Gërmia Park. He had claimed that the pistol was a /cigarette/ lighter.



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## **Prosecution Evidence about the son of Shpend MAXHUNI**

No one provided details to the police as to why they had not reported the illegal weapon to the police and /why/ they had decided to keep it in the car and in their clothes.

Shpend MAXHUN's son had even confessed to the police that he would return the illegal pistol to his friend when he returned from /a visit to/ his /maternal/ uncles. "I did not report it because he /my friend/ informed me that he was going to his uncles in Istog and we had agreed that I'd give it back to him when he returned," MAXHUNI declared to the police.

Other details in the criminal report described the confiscation of suspicious materials such as drugs and tools used to process marijuana before consumption. A drugs mill, a knife and a suspected marijuana cigarette were seized during the Golf 4 car search.

According to the evidence obtained by KALLXO.com, MAXHUNI's son had admitted that the knife was his own and that he needed it "for some work and for nothing else".

The Kosovo Police at that time had published a clarification in which it was stated that neither the weapon nor the narcotics found by the Police at a checkpoint belonged to Shpend MAXHUN's son.

On November 27, 2018, the Kosovo Police Inspectorate requested the suspension of police officer, Afrim KARAXHA, on suspicion of leaking confidential information, namely the media report that the son of the head of the Kosovo Intelligence Agency, Shpend MAXHUNI is involved in a criminal case.

**KALLXO.com contacted the Kosovo Police Inspectorate /or KPI/ who stated that "based on the legal powers in the interest of the criminal investigation, the KPI has recommended to the Kosovo Police the suspension of the police officer in question on the grounded suspicion that he committed the criminal offense of "Disclosing official secrets" provided for by Article 433 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kosovo."**

**In April this year, Afrim KARAXHA, the police officer who was suspended on suspicion of disclosing the case of Shpetim MAXHUNI, the son of the former KIA chief, returned to work.**

**Shpend MAXHUNI's wealth**

In the declaration of assets made while he was the head of KIA /Kosovo Intelligence Agency/, Shpend MAXHUNI stated that he owns real estate worth 257 thousand euros, where he has included two apartments worth 107 thousand euros, a house worth 30 thousand euros, and two plots of land worth 120 thousand euros.

Meanwhile, on movable property, the former head of KIA has declared ownership of two cars, one of which, he said, was bought for 10 thousand euros, while the second car, he has stated, was bought /with income/ from his savings and sale of a previous car; its value reaches 13 thousand euros.

MAXHUNI stated that he also owns shares in commercial companies, which, according to his declaration, include the "Diamond Shine shpk" firm, which is declared as a personal business, owned by his son.

MAXHUNI stated that since May 2018, that business has had a turnover of 21 thousand euros.



### **Shpend MAJUNI's wealth grows**

In addition to these assets, MAXHUNI has stated that he owns cash in financial institutions worth 89 thousand euros.

The former head of KIA has also stated that he has liabilities to financial institutions to the tune of 10 thousand euros, for a period of 5 years.

MAXHUNI has stated that he receives 33216 euros per annum.



In addition to his personal annual income, Shpend MAXHUNI has declared his wife's annual income from her salary in the Court of Prishtina of 1830 euros and per diem from the Court of Prishtina of 102 euros.

MAXHUNI's annual income is also increased by the contributions of his children, from whom, he stated, he receives an annual income of 730 euros, the source of which, according to the declaration, is the Telecom of Kosovo.

**VII. Annex 1.7**

Gazeta Projekti, Who is Shpend MAXHUNI.

<https://gazetaprojekti.com/kush-eshte-shpend-maxhuni/>



PROJEKTI Newspaper

**Who is Shpend MAXHUNI**

Shpend MAXHUNI was rumoured to be one of the senior officials responsible for deporting the Gulenists. The director of the Kosovo Police, along with the interior minister and the KIA /Kosovo Intelligence Agency/ chief sought to dismiss him.

The last two were dismissed, but Hashim THAÇI's man was rewarded with a new post. From today, he will head Kosovo's secret service. But, who is Shpend MAXHUNI, and how was his journey to the top of KIA /Kosovo Intelligence Agency/, guided by Hashim THAÇI, the Prime Minister and President, writes the Metro newspaper.

In the first part of 2010, at the end of March, the former Prime Minister of Kosovo, Hashim THAÇI, had taken the decision to dismiss Sheremet AHMETI from the position of General Director of the Kosovo Police.

Behar SELIMI was appointed acting head of the police. Following the announcement of the vacancy /and the procedure/ for the selection of the new General Director of the Kosovo Police, SELIMI had applied for the post, while none of his assistants had entered the race.

But, very soon, Prime Minister THAÇI was forced to dismiss the acting head /of the police/ Behar SELIMI because he had decided to engage politically with the Democratic Party

of Kosovo. At the end of October 2010, former Prime Minister THAÇI, on the recommendation of the then Minister /of Interior/ Bajram REXHEPI, appointed Reshat MALIQI as General Director of the Kosovo Police for a three-year term.

But MALIQI would only hold the post for less than nine months, until July of 2011. He was dismissed by former Prime Minister THAÇI without any justification. This forced MALIQI to file lawsuits in court, one against Hashim THAÇI and the other against the Government of Kosovo for termination of employment.

### **The emergence of Shpend MAXHUNI**

After MALIQI's dismissal, the then Deputy Director of the Kosovo Police, Shpend MAXHUNI, appeared on the scene. He had been appointed by the former /Interior/ Minister, Bajram REXHEPI. Until his appointment to this post, MAXHUNI was the Deputy Director for Operations at the Kosovo Police.

But, MAXHUNI aspired to become head of the Kosovo Police, which was evidenced by his application for the post of General Director of the Kosovo Police. His goal was realized only a few months later, immediately after the dismissal of Reshat MALIQI. In October 2011, by decision of the former Prime Minister Hashim THAÇI, Shpend MAXHUNI was appointed General Director of the Kosovo Police for a three-year term.

Since then, one of the most important security institutions in Kosovo was led by Shpend MAXHUNI until today. He was not demoted, but his loyalty to THAÇI was rewarded with a new trust. He will now run yet another security institution, which is even more significant than the Police. KIA /Kosovo Intelligence Agency/ in a way controls the Kosovo Police, through the vetting of police officers.

**VIII. Annex 1.8**

Telegrafi, Shpend MAXHUNI is appointed the new director of KIA /Kosovo Intelligence Agency/, 20 April 2018.

<https://telegrafi.com/emerohet-drejtori-ri-aki-se/>



Kosovo / News

**Shpend MAXHUNI is appointed the new director of KIA /Kosovo Intelligence Agency/**



20.04.2018 • 14:43

The President of the Republic of Kosovo, Hashim THAÇI, together with the country's Prime Minister, Ramush HARADINAJ, appointed today the new director of the Kosovo Intelligence Agency (KIA).

Pursuant to the Law on the Kosovo Intelligence Agency, President THAÇI and Prime Minister HARADINAJ decided to appoint Shpend MAXHUNI, director of the Kosovo Intelligence Agency.

According to the press release from the presidency, the appointment was made pursuant to Article 84 (21), Article 94 (8) and Article 129 (3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo, as well as Article 5 (3 and 5) of Law no. 03 / L-063 on the Kosovo Intelligence Agency.

Meanwhile, Shpend MAXHUNI was appointed director of the Police in 2011, and has been part of the Kosovo Police since 1999.

Prior to MAXHUNI, the post of KIA chief was held by Driton GASHI, who resigned following a resignation request by Prime Minister HARADINAJ after the mysterious deportation affair of 6 Turkish citizens. "Telegrafi" /newspaper/

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### Republic of Kosovo

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20.04.18

The President of the Republic of Kosovo and the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo, pursuant to Article 84 (21), Article 94 (8) and Article 129 (3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo, as well as Article 5 (3, 5) of Law no. 03 / L-063 on the Kosovo Intelligence Agency (Official Gazzette No 30, 15 June 2008) have issued /the following/

### DECISION

On the appointment of Mr. Shpend MAXHUNI, Director of the Kosovo Intelligence Agency.

1. Mr. Shpend MAXHUNI is appointed Director of the Kosovo Intelligence Agency
2. Mr. Shpend MAXHUNI is appointed for a five (5) year term, which can be extended once again.

3. Mr. Shpend MAXHUNI will perform his duties and responsibilities in accordance with Law No. 03 / L-063 on the Kosovo Intelligence Agency and other relevant legislation in force.

4. This Decision enters into force on the date of signing.

Ramush HARADINAJ

Hashim THACI

Signed

Signed

Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo  
Kosovo

President of the Republic of

Pristina, 20.04.2018

The Decision is sent to:

- . Committee of the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo for the Oversight of the KIA;
- . Mr. Shpend MAXHUNI, Director of KIA;
- . Deputy Director of KIA;
- . Inspector General of KIA;
- . Archive of the Office of the President;
- . Government Archive.

**IX. Annex 1.9**

Telegrafi, Azem SYLA's nephew is suspected to have been behind REXHEPI's '/stolen/ car' affair, 14 February 2014.

<https://telegrafi.com/aferen-me-veture-rexhepit-dyshohet-se-ia-ka-montuar-nipi-i-azem-syles/>



Kosovo / news

**Azem SYLA's nephew is suspected to have been behind REXHEPI's '/stolen/ car' affair**



14.02.2014 • 09:07

The affair of the "stolen" car involving Bajram REXHEPI is suspected to have been set up by Gazmend HOXHA, the former head of the Directorate against Organized Crime, a source close to the Minister of Internal Affairs told "Koha Ditore" newspaper.

HOXHA is currently the director of the Regional Police Directorate in Ferizaj.

"It is true that the minister, Bajram REXHEPI, was tricked into this affair precisely because of the changes and dismissals that had occurred in the Police. The lead person behind this is Gazmend HOXHA, the nephew of Azem SYLA, who was dissatisfied with the

dismissal. "He has always been called in SYLA's name, while the minister himself suspects him", said the source. Koha /Ditore newspaper/



**X. Annex 1.10**

Ekonomia, Appointment Article, 3 November 2021.

<https://www.ekonomia-ks.com/?page=2,21,16927>

03 November 2021



Pristina, 21 September - The Minister of Internal Affairs, Bajram REXHEPI, has appointed Gazmend HOXHA, as Acting Assistant Director of the Kosovo Police for Investigations.

This decision was taken pursuant to Article 145 (point 2) of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo, taking into account Articles 4, 21, 22 of Law no. 03 / L-189 on the State Administration of the Republic of Kosovo and based on Article 8 (paragraph 1.4) and Annex 3 of Regulation no. 02/2011, on the areas of administrative responsibility of the Office of the Prime Minister and Ministries and in accordance with the law on Kosovo Police no. 03 / L-035. This decision determines that:

1. Gazmend HOXHA is appointed to the position of Acting Assistant General Director of the Kosovo Police for Investigations, from his /previous/ position of Acting Head of the Department against Organized Crime.
2. This decision is valid until another decision is issued.

3. The decision enters into force on the day of signing.

## XI. Annex 1.11

**Shpend MAXHUNI is reinstated in the Police as advisor to the director QALAJ with who severe clashes.**

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Former head of KIA

Starting this week, Shpend MAXHUNI is reinstated in the Kosovo Police.

MAXHUNI who has the rank of colonel will be operational advisor to the Director General, Rashit QALAJ.

Kosovo Police confirmed the reinstatement of MAXHUNI in this position.

“in reference to your request, we inform you that colonel Shpend MAXHUNI is appointed advisor for operational matters to the director general”, reads the reply of Kosovo Police.

Previously, MAXHUNI was Director General of Kosovo Police, before QALAJ. When QALAJ took his functions, he had stated publicly that he was reforming and restructuring this institution. In an interview for “Koha Ditore”, QALAJ had spoken about cases of corruption when MAXHUNI led the Kosovo Police, negligence, and delayed investigations. QALAJ had further stated that he had launched an investigation into several tenders signed during the time MAXHUNI was in office because of suspicions of corruption. /Ballkani.info/

## XII. Annex 1.12

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## I. Scandal: KIA agents false witnesses –Thaçi, Veseli, Kurti e Konjufca mentioned



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**A Paparaci inquiry has uncovered the biggest scandal of the KIA and prosecution authorities' involvement in actions which gravely endanger the legal security in Kosovo. Former special prosecutor, Sylë HOXHA, in an oral agreement with the former KIA director, Driton GASHI, have involved two agents in this scandal. Their evidence became a reason for Hashim THAÇI to accuse Albin KURTI and Glauk KONJUFCA of having connections with the listed terrorist organization, "The Eye of the People". Paparaci uncovers the behind-the-scenes details of the creation of these witnesses.**

**By Vehbi Kajtazi**

Can we imagine a conspiracy to kill over 50 personalities, with on top of the list the president of the country, based on two witnesses, a cigarette seller and an unemployed?

This is what happened in Kosovo in the so-called “Eye of the People “proceedings.

These two witnesses, known by code as A2, A3, are neither cigarette sellers nor unemployed. They are members of the Kosovo Intelligence Agency.

A Paparaci inquiry has uncovered the biggest scandal of the KIA, prosecution authorities and other bodies’ involvement in actions which put Kosovo legal security in grave danger, by producing fictitious witnesses to give ungrounded evidence.

Paparaci, found out that former special prosecutor, Sylë Hoxha, in an oral agreement with the former KIA director, Driton GASHI, involved two KIA agents in this scandal. They gave false in-court testimony against Sadri RAMABAJA, member of Self-determination Movement, accused of giving assistance in the commission of a terrorist act by Murat JASHARI.

The agreement between HOXHA and GASHI, without the court being notified of this fact, led to fictitious identities being provided for them, and were granted the status of protected witnesses in these proceedings.

The court was never informed about these actions. It simply approved the request of the prosecutor to grant them the witness status.

Paparaci knows the true and fictitious identities of the two agents involved in this case.

The fact that they gave false evidence is demonstrated in the KIA report dated 16 March 2017 sent to the chief state prosecutor, Aleksandër LUMEZI, about the risk represented by a group of people to violate the legal order and the constitution of Kosovo, led by Murat JASHARI, who, in his apartment in Pristina, had wounded the lawyer Azem VLLASI.

In the mentioned report, obtained by Paparaci, based on the research of the case file documents, the institution of the state prosecutor is informed about the suspicious activity of the group, including the description of a conversation between Sadri RAMABAJA and another accused, in a café in the suburbs of Pristina.

However, the KIA report authored by two agents, does not mention killings or names of people to be killed.

While, in their in-court testimonies, the agents with fictitious identities and under protective measures, testified on how the killings of the former president Hashim THAÇI, former assembly

speaker Kadri VESELI, former prime minister Isa MUSTAFA, former minister Hajredin KUÇI, Xhavit HALITI, Fatmir LIMAJ and others, were planned, further continuing with KLA war commanders, the KTA director, religious figures etc.

These testimonies on which the indictment is based, were later used by former president THAÇI to accuse the current prime minister, Albin KURTI and the assembly speaker Glauk KONJUFCA of having ties with terrorism, namely the organisation “Eye of the People”.

According to the indictment, this group had planned attacks and assassinations of senior state officials who, as former civil servants during 1980-1991, are considered traitors to the country.

It was alleged that, with the aim of killing these persons that they considered to be traitors, this group had a separate structure based on hierarchy, they used code names and had separate tasks, states among other the indictment.

**But, how were the two agents involved and their change of identity?**

They were monitoring the group in the framework of their operative work. The main targets were Murat JASHARI and Sadri RAMABAJA. They had monitored him in restaurant “Panorama” in Zllatar in Pristina, during a meeting with Murat JASHARI and Avni LLUMNICA.

Present in the said meeting was also the former Self-determination deputy, Faton TOPALLI. However, his name was never mentioned by the prosecution authorities and he was never summonsed as a witness.

On 23 September 2021, the special prosecutor in charge of the case made an oral request to the Kosovo Intelligence Agency to continue the case with the two KIA agents, with false identities. After the case was sent for retrial they were summonsed to appear in court as protected witnesses.

The new KIA directors had asked for a meeting with the new prosecutor of the case, Burim QERKINI to clarify the situation. Then, it became clear what had happened.

The investigation and tracking led to the agreements between Sylë HOXHA and the former KIA director Driton GASHI being uncovered.

The successor of GASHI, Shpend MAXHUNI, did not know about this agreement either.

Paparaci, found out that in January 2018, Sylë HOXHA and Driton GASHI had agreed orally for KIA to provide false identities to the two officials who had monitored Sadri RAMABAJA in restaurant “Panorama” in Zllatar, on 11 March 2017.

This was stated by the two KIA agents who reported to their superiors about this case.

Based on the law and the rules, KIA has the right to provide agents with fictitious identities, however, when the mission is completed those identities are deleted from the system.

In the case at hand, their identities are still active. According to the law on KIA, the work of the agents finishes with the submission of the reports to the prosecution authorities or to the prime minister.

These reports are not and cannot be used as material evidence in court.

In the case of their mission “Eye of the People”, in January 2018, they had been given fictitious identities. They had used those identities to introduce themselves as ordinary citizens – one of them as a cigarette seller and the other as unemployed.

### **How did this happen?**

Prosecutor Sylë HOXHA, had proposed to the court to declare them protected witnesses.

Now retired, HOXHA is one of the characters of the “Pronto Clan”. While the former KIA director, Driton GASHI, after being dismissed from his position became secretary at the President’s office.

He personally went to the KIA main offices. In the meeting with the former director, Driton GASHI, were also the two agents.

GASHI had proposed to Sylë this formula. Sylë had told him: “For me it is not a problem”.

This is how the process of making the agents cooperative witnesses had started.

On 16 January 2019, they gave their evidence to the prosecutor as protected witnesses with false identities and with the code names A2 and A3.

On 25 February 2019, they testified in court.

During their testimony, they also spoke about persons and topics which had not been mentioned at all in the meeting of Sadri RAMABAJA in “Panorama”.

Paparaci, has obtained the KIA confidential document, handed over to the prosecution authorities. The report consisting of several pages had been sent to the chief state prosecutor, Aleksandër LUMEZI.

The report, dated 16 March 2017, prepared by the two KIA agents, explained what they had seen and heard in “Panorama”.

In addition to the description, there were also photographs. In the meeting, at the table was also the former Self-determination deputy, Faton TOPALLI.

Paparaci reports the full, unaltered description of the conversation:

“Sadri RAMABAJA was heard saying: The identification is dangerous. If you publish this. The conversation about forming the Army. You cannot from this perspective, because you/one need/s to go and sign. There are 38 services in Kosovo. Whoever uses banks stands no chance. It must be done with 10 people. 5 or 6 people are reliable. You cannot that way. Conversation about services. In 93-94 conversation with Ukshin HOTI. Meeting in Albania with high officials. The civil war in Africa in the service of the Americans. Every time I went to Albania they welcomed me and we talked. The ambassador in Sweden. Ramush. Sahit told me that he would rather join the [communist] resistance. Suppose 40 blocks. 40 people. These 40 people become 120 people. Unless one of them puts it out there, it’s impossible. This is why I am suggesting to not expand to more than 10 people” reads the KIA report sent to the chief state prosecutor, on page 19.

This report did not mention at all the killing of state leaders. This had been said by the KIA officials in their evidence as protected witnesses.

Therefore, it results, that they have added things that are not in the report. They had described in the report everything they had heard from RAMABAJA.

The chief state prosecutor had sent this report to the special prosecution. Sylë HOXHA had been assigned to conduct the investigation.

Paparaci has sent questions to KIA, the prime minister’s office and to the prosecution office, but has not received any reply yet.

**What did the KIA agents with false identities say in court?**

*Paparaci will next publish their full testimonies in the follow-up.*