



27 May 2000

SRSB Bernard Kouchner Statement on Haradinaj Incident

On 23 May, Mr. Ramush Haradinaj, chairman of the Alliance for the Future of Kosovo, was stopped as all other cars at a KFOR checkpoint near Malisevo in a routine operation during which Mr. Haradinaj was regrettably injured. The incident is being followed up to determine that all KFOR units behaved in a professional manner and according to standard rules of procedure.

I have personally conveyed my concern over the incident to Mr. Haradinaj. At the same time, I should like to underline that no discriminatory action is being taken by individual KFOR contingents or any other international law enforcement personnel against particular groups or persons in Kosovo. Statements that have been made to the contrary, including by the Kosovo Protection Corps (KPC) of which Mr. Haradinaj is no longer a member, are unfounded and inappropriate.

I should like to underline that all KFOR units from all nations professionally implement their mandate according to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244. Attacks against Russian KFOR, which forms an integral part of KFOR, following the incident involving Mr. Haradinaj, are not acceptable and will be punished.