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**KPS AND KFOR COOPERATION UNCOVERS  
POSSIBLE SMUGGLING OPERATION**

**CAMP BONDSTEEL, Kosovo** – Kosovo Police Service officers detained seven individuals after U.S. soldiers from Multi-National Brigade (East) discovered a shipment of 250 cases of cigarettes during a routine vehicle inspection on Dec. 10 south of Zegra.

In total, 12,500 cartons of cigarettes were seized by the KPS. The cargo's estimated value is 300,000 Euros.

The seven individuals, all males, were taken into custody by KPS officers after it was determined their shipping documents did not match the cargo.

At least three of the men were arrested by KPS.

“This an example of the Kosovo Police Service and KFOR working in a cooperative effort in their commitment for a safe and secure environment in Kosovo, said Capt. Mike Bush, MNB(E) spokesman. “KPS and KFOR will not tolerate illegal activities.”

KPS is investigating the incident.