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US Forces to Offer Compensation

U.S. KFOR officials announced today that they will be instituting a program to compensate the owners whose property was damaged, occupied or used by U.S. forces since June 10, 1999.

Claims packets, which owners of property will need to complete in order to receive compensation, will be available starting December 22, 2003 at local municipal buildings. The packets contain instructions on how to file claims, which must be made by June 30, 2004.

Claimants are required to prove their identity and the ownership of the property. UNMIK travel documents, UNMIK identification card, or a passport are required for identification.

To prove ownership, claimants will need a Possession List or Partial Possession List, a Plan, and a Sketch. The documents used to prove ownership of the property will need an original stamp on UNMIK letterhead from the Kosovo Cadastral Agency. If owners cannot provide any of these documents they will need to provide other credible evidence of ownership, such as a court decision.

Each claim will be reviewed regarding ownership, location and length of military occupation and use, and proper documentation. Claimants will receive written notification of the decision.

If the claim is approved, notification will include an offer to pay a specific amount of compensation for the past occupation and use of the property. If the U.S. military continues to occupy the property, owners will be offered a continuing monthly payment during that occupancy.

If the claim is denied, notification will include the reasons for denial. Failure to respond to an approved offer within 30 days of the offer date or failure to provide sufficient information with which to contact the owner are some reasons for denial. Should the claim be denied, there is no right of appeal. However, the denial letter will explain the option to have the denial of the claim reviewed by a higher headquarters office.

U.S. Army Representatives for Acceptance of Claims will be available to receive claims at municipal building located in:

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| a. Kamenice/Kamenica | 1 st and 3 rd Tuesday of the month | 09:30 – 14:00 |
| b. Shterpce/Strpce | 2 nd and 4 th Tuesday of the month | 09:30 – 14:00 |
| c. Gjilan/Gnjilane | every Wednesday of the month | 09:00 – 12:00 |
| | every Thursday of the month | 09:00 – 14:30 |
| d, Ferizaj/Urosevac | 1 st and 3 rd Monday of every month | 09:00 – 14:00 |
| | 1 st and 3 rd Friday of every month | 09:00 – 14:30 |
| e. Viti/Vitina | 2 nd and 4 th Friday of the month | 09:00 – 14:00 |
| f. Novo Berde/Novo Brdo | 2 nd and 4 th Monday of the month | 09:30 – 14:00 |

Further information regarding the places and times these representatives will be available can be found at local municipal buildings.

A question and answer sheet regarding this program is available from the representatives or at the MNB(E) website at <http://www.mnbe.usareur.mil>.

English Copy of Press Release:

<http://www.mnbe.hqusareur.army.mil/recPReng.pdf>

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