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UNMIK-Police receive medical care at Camp Bondsteel Medical Facility

Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo: Six United Nations Mission in Kosovo Police officers wounded in a shooting incident in Mitrovica on Saturday were brought here for medical care.

Two were pronounced dead upon arrival at the facility, two are in stable condition; one is in guarded condition, and one is in critical condition. Col. Donald Harris, the commander of Task Force Medical Falcon said that the medical facility received the six patients Saturday night. One officer was flown to Macedonia for treatment and returned today. He expects the total number of UNMIK-Police officers brought here to be 11 by the end of today.

“The quality of care here is as good as it gets in the United States for the level of care we provide.” Harris said.

Several senior government officials visited the police officers today. Greeted by Multi-National Brigade (East) Commander Brigadier General Rick Erlandson, the officials included Special Representative of the Secretary General Harry Holkeri, Deputy SRSR Charles Brayshaw, UNMIK Chief of Staff Saber Azam, UNMIK-Police Commissioner Stefan Feller.

Erlandson said, “I’m saddened by the unfortunate incident, and the resulting deaths of dedicated professionals who have come to facilitate Kosovo and it’s people on a road to a better future. My heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased, to the UNMIK-Police and to the nations they represent. My thoughts and prayers will be for all who were touched by the terrible incident.”

“We’re already distressed at this event. We really express our condolences to their families and community.” Brayshaw said.

Feller stated, “This is beyond words. We are speechless with what has happened here.” Feller also said that the UNMIK-Police would undertake all efforts to keep the relatives informed.

Harris also said that the Camp Bondsteel Medical Facility is the only U.S. facility in the province capable of handling this level of emergency. He said the facility provides treatment for U.S. and NATO military, federal civilian employees, American Non-Governmental Organizations and others. Five other UNMIK-P officers wounded in the shooting were treated at

the French military hospital near Mitrovica, the Mitrovica north Hospital and the Mitrovica Health House. All five are expected to arrive here later today.

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