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MNB (E) Medical Civilian Assistance Program in Mogille/ Mogila

Mogille/ Mogila, Kosovo: Task Force Bayonet of Multi-national Brigade (East) held a Medical Civilian Assistance Program event in the village of Mogille/ Mogila, June 20. The medical mission aided local residents in minor medical, dental, and optical problems, and included medical personnel from MNB (E) as well as Kosovar doctors and nurses from communities around the MNB (E) area of operations, creating a multi-ethnic medical staff.

According to Lt. Col. Paul Zimmerman, Task Force Bayonet commander, having a multi-ethnic group of medical personnel work at MEDCAP events is a key step in promoting ethnic tolerance in the region.

“By having multi-ethnic healthcare providers at our MEDCAPs, local Kosovars are treated by people from different ethnic background,” Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman also said MEDCAP missions encourage responsible behavior and ethnic tolerance from community leadership.

“Local leaders know that to get a US KFOR MEDCAP they need to work together to solve local issues and bridge differences,” he said.

The MEDCAP mission, which was the first in the town since October 2003, provided care for 317 Kosovars. Of those people, 151 were ethnic-Serbs and 166 were ethnic-Albanians.

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