



AMK

ASSOCIATION OF KOSOVO MUNICIPALITIES



The Association of Kosovo Municipalities (AMK) was established by the founding Assembly in **June 30, 2001**, following the first municipal democratic elections in post-war Kosovo. Members of the Association are the local governments of Kosovo. The establishment of the Association of Kosovo Municipalities is based on **Article 10 of the European Charter of Local Self-Government of the Council of Europe** (right of association). AMK see the need to clarify the local government competences in different fields and strengthen the relationship between the Central and Municipal Levels.

The Association holds observer status in the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities in Europe and is a Permanent Member of NALAS (Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe), and as "Invited Association" in the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR).

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CONDOLENCE TELEGRAM



**President of Kosovo
Dr. Ibrahim Rugova
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On the occasion of the death of the President of Kosovo Dr. Ibrahim Rugova, the President of the Association of Kosovo Municipalities and the president of the Municipality of Prishtina Mr. Ismet Beqiri has issued a condolence telegram:

Dear Family Rugova, Dear LDK leaders and Dear Kosovo Population Association of Kosovo Municipalities and Kosovo Municipalities with deep grief received the message of the death of the President of Kosovo Dr. Ibrahim Rugova. In the name of Association of Kosovo Municipalities, in the name of Kosovo Municipalities and in my personal name I express my deepest condolence to Family Rugova, the LDK leaders and to entire Kosovo population. Local Government is determinate in following the untouchable road of President Rugova for Kosovo Independence. The President Rugova for us as much as for Kosovo population is known as the articulator and the architect of the project for Kosovo and its population for Independence and Sovereign State of Kosovo. The death of the President Rugova in the time when was the most expected the realization of the Kosovo Independence is a great loss for Kosovo, but we should find the courage, valuing his creation to overpass this grief so that together to realize the idea and the project of President Rugova for the Independence of our country, his dear Kosovo. God bless Our President Dr. Ibrahim Rugova.

Ismet Beqiri

The President of Association of Kosovo Municipalities

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The meeting opened the president of the Association of Kosovo Municipalities and meantime the president of the Municipality of Prishtina Mr. Ismet Beqiri in the name of these two institutions which are leaded by him he welcomed the guessts. I have the pleasure that in the name of AKM to welcome you in the beginning of the project implementation on “Training of the new members of the Municipal Assemblies after the local elections of the year 2006”. This project is realized in financial support of the Association of Norway Municipalities and is implemented only for new members of MA. Minister of Ministry of Local Administration Government Mr. Lutfi Haziri participating in the beginning of the implementation of this project in his word of honor except the others he stressed that I am honoured to be here with You within the beginning of this project for the needs of the training for the next municipal consultants. The support of this project from the Association of Norway Municipalities means a lot not only as a simple support but as one of the AKM fellowships and as so leaves behind many projects and trainings that have pretended to help in the trainings for municipal consultants of Kosovo Municipalities. We are in this phase where we want to takwe all the needs and to perform their identification for future consultants. MESP and OSCE are working for next local elections and are working to organize elections direct for municipal presidents and we hope that until March this dilemma will be ended..

Koosovo Municipalities after next elections will look different like the number also regarding the regulative documentation. For this must be prepared the municipal consultants to act their roles in front of duties and responsibilities. The Municipality of Prishtina within the next organization of the local government will have a new and different status from other



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municipalities as this for the capital city is regulated in a special form in other contries too. In the end I want to add that with regard to this project that we today are starting its implementation I want to stress that the main scrounggers will be municipal consultants of the Kosovo Municipalities. This project will be realized only for the new members of MA who will start the work after the next municipal elections. The mentioned project is consisted of three components.

I Component: First of all will be performed the evaluation for training needs. In the way that it is going to be performed? AKM will organize 15 work meetings with some of MA members and with local NGO's which perform the monitoring of the MA works. So, in one meeting will be together representatives of MA from two municipalities and also the NGO's from two municipalities. From these meetings will come out reports that in what subject new members of MA after the local elections of the year 2006 will be trained.

II Component: Will be trained local trainers. From every municipality will be a member of MA who has experience in MA's works. These people will be trained by local experts in subjects who will be identified from the first Component.

III Component: the implementation of the training in all Kosovo Municipalities after the local elections of the year 2006. These trainings will be implemented from people who will participate in the second Component.

Meeting with municipal advisors and NGO's that perform monitoring of the MA sessions has continued to keep meeting in Skenderaj with the Skenderaj and Drenas Municipalities. While next two meetings are cancelled as a cause of the death of President of Kosovo Dr. Ibrahim Rugova while they will be held in meantime.

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CONDOLENCE TELEGRAM

For: Diocese of Kosovo and Family Sopi

The president of the Association of Kosovo Municipalities Mr. Ismet Beqiri on the occasion of unexpected death of the pontiff Mark Sopi - Bishop in the Kosovo Diocese by this telegram has condoled the Diocese of Kosovo with the deepest grief has taken the notice of unexpected death of the pontiff Mark Sopi - Bishop in the Kosovo Diocese. "The death of the pontiff Mark Sopi is a great loss for Kosovo when we remember that pontiff Mark Sopi was a bright man in Kosovo, a man with high human virtues, national and institutional and especially we evaluate highly the contribute of the pontiff Sopi for Kosovo independence. Respected Kosovo Diocese, Respected Family Sopi and that in very difficult moments, you must find the force to face the loss of the cacique and your most beloved. We are with You".

Ismet Beqiri

The President of the Association of Kosovo Municipalities

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CONDOLENCE TELEGRAM

For: KFOR Commander general lieutenant Giuseppe Valotto and the Commander of the Slovak Contingent Lubos Balucha

In the name of Association of Kosovo Municipalities, in the name of Kosovo Municipalities and in my personal name I express our console on the occasion of the tragic accident where 42 Slovak soldiers lost their lives who served in Kosovo within the KFOR mission in Kosovo. The lost of the soldiers who served in Kosovo is fatal and Kosovo Local Government experienced it with very much sadness this tragic case. Their military service within the KFOR troops in Kosovo for a long time was exemplary and very human since they were in service of security and peace in our country. We please you Mr. Commander Balucha, to send our consolation to the soldiers families too and to the entire State of Slovakia.

Ismet Beqiri

The President of the Association of Kosovo Municipalities

Albanian Association of Municipalities condoles AKM

The Albanian Association of Municipalities on the occasion of death of the President of Kosovo Dr. Ibrahim Rugova, with one telegram sent to Association of Kosovo Municipalities has send condolence Family Rugova, the local Government of Kosovo and the entire Kosovar population.



Dear Mr. President Ismet Beqiri

In the name of the Albanian Association of Municipalities, please receive our most sincere condolence for the greatest loss of Kosovo President, Dr. Ibrahim Rugova. We have to take into consideration that this is a loss for Kosovo in its most difficult days, Kosovo lost its big peace, freedom and human dignity missioner, Kosovo has lost a person who was a statesman even though Kosovo was not a republic the grief is still bigger. For the entire his contribute for almost two decades, he remained a unchallengeable leader of Kosovo. Through you we express our condolences to the family of President Rugova, Association of Kosovo Municipalities and entire Kosovar population.

The Albanian Association of Municipalities

The Macedonian municipalities condolence AKM



On the occasion of the death of the President of Kosovo Dr. Ibrahim Rugova, Union of Self-Governmental Local Units of the Republic of Macedonia condole the

Association of Kosovo Municipalities.

"Union of Self-Governmental Local Units of the Republic of Macedonia USLU (ZELS) expressed deepest condolence on the occasion of death of the Your President Dr. Ibrahim Rugova. We hope that condolence you will find in the great and human works that left for You and Kosovo."

Union of Self-Governmental Local Units of the Republic of Macedonia

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In the Kosovo Municipalities were held Commemorative Meetings and were opened Mourning Books

MLGA instructed local governments for the ceremony of the President Rugova's burying

Prishtina, 22nd January - On the occasion of the death of Kosovo President, Dr. Ibrahim Rugova, within its competences for work coordination in the municipality of Kosovo, the Ministry of Local Governmental Administration has issued an administrative guideline for municipal leaders where is requested that the municipal leaders to overtake a rank of activities to assure the normal functioning of the municipal institutions and to offer quality services and on time for Kosovar citizens and foreign delegations which will come in Kosovo on the organization of the burying ceremony.

On the occasion of the death of the President of Kosovo Dr. Ibrahim Rugova, the Kosovo Municipalities have held commemorative meetings where was honored the work and the life of the president Rugova. Also in all the municipalities of Kosovo were opened the Mourning Books where citizens have signed honoring the glorious work of Kosovo President Dr. Ibrahim Rugova. We are giving stresses of the commemorative meetings in some municipalities, the spokesmen of which have sent material for AKM Bulletin. "President Rugova was one and Kosovo won't have no

one like he was, was the message of the president of Prishtina Ismet Beqiri, for the death of the President Rugova. "President Rugova was one of the first personalities, who in support of the European leaders, bravely turned the back to the communist camp and was the leader of their population with a direction on the freedom, democracy and civilized world", said the president of the MA Prishtina Mr. Ismet Beqiri in the commemorative meeting. "The President Rugova is one and unrepeatable", said he. Whereas in the commemorative meeting in the munic-



ipality of Istog, the president Mr. Fadil Ferati said that the President Rugova, not only was the our leader but spiritual leader too of the Kosovar Albanians, he was a pillar where Kosovo population relayed and trusted strongly in the vision of Dr. Rugova. The President Rugova, established first base on the statehood of Kosovo, kept alive the democracy in the most difficult moments that had our population, only with intelligence, wisdom and his far seeing, opened the ways for Kosovo to euro-Atlantic integration. In the national and European history he brought a new era of Albanian letters, opening the ways of knowing the Albanian history and cul-

ture. With his identity that he created in this environment, using his entire human, diplomatic and philosophic potential, found the best form and way to penetrate in foreign diplomacy. He created the Democratic League of Kosovo, which became a national League and gathered over 99% of the Albanians all around the world, union this unseen ever in history of any population. In commemorative meetings in MA of Mitrovica the president Mr. Mursel Ibrahim said that President Dr. Ibrahim Rugova, in the memory of the Kosovo population and the Albanian nationality, but also in all the freedom-loving people, will remain one of the most charismatic and beloved leaders of its population, because this was made possible from his intelligence, wisdom and love that he had for his population, a virtue which makes him a symbol of population freedom and Kosovo independence.

Within the delegations which came in Kosovo to honor the President Rugova was the delegation of presidents of the Albania Unions and Society of Albania Unions, headed by Mr. Ferdinand Pone, acting minister of Local Government. Apropos, the representatives of the local government of Albania have given homage to the dead body of the Kosovo President Dr. Ibrahim Rugova and have participated in the burying ceremony. Also the president of Albania Unions and representatives of the Society of the Albania Unions have met the president of AKM, Mr. Ismet Beqiri where they have expressed condolence of the Albania Unions for AKM and presidents of Kosovo Municipalities.