
KOSOVO RISKS LOSING US MILITARY AID BECAUSE OF TAX

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US Iowa National Guard commander, Major General Timothy Orr, has cancelled a planned visit to Kosovo over refusal to revoke the 100 percent tariffs on goods from Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. The General Commander of the Kosovo Security Force (KSF), Rrahman Rama, told Pristina based TV Kohavision that General Orrs visit has been cancelled because of tax, noting that he has already informed the Government and President of the country. Kohavision reports that newly established Ministry of Defence of Kosovo risks losing a 12-million-euro aid of the US Military, namely a donation of military vehicles Humvee, if authorities in Pristina resist the US call to suspend the tax on Serbian goods. The Kosovo Security Force commander Rama says he is concerned with the latest development and he is afraid that Kosovo is losing its crucial ally who supported transition of the KSF from a civilian force into a full-fledged army last year. US authorities are asking Kosovo Government to suspend tax and resume dialogue with Serbia, but despite calls Kosovo Prime Minister Ramush Haradinaj reiterated Monday the tax will not be suspended until Serbia recognises Kosovo.

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