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MISSION & VISION

BIRN Kosovo is an independent non-governmental organization dedicated to advancing Kosovo's democratic transition by promoting accountability, the rule of law, and evidence based policy reform across public and private institutions.

BIRN's vision is to consolidate its position as Kosovo's leading investigative and analytical journalism organization, responding to the need for objective, high-quality, and sustainable reporting on the country's political, economic, and social challenges. Through its work, BIRN actively promotes freedom of expression, human rights, and democratic values, and remains a respected and influential media actor across Southern and Eastern Europe.

Founded in 2005, BIRN has grown from a small team of fewer than five people into an organization of 83 professionals, including investigative journalists, editors, researchers, technical specialists, and administrative and legal staff, producing in-depth analysis and high-impact journalism.



METHODS & APPROACH

BIRN Kosovo's journalism includes fact-checking articles, investigative reports, televised debates, televised reports, and legal analyses.

BIRN's approach is shaped by the following concepts:

Journalism as a watchdog

All of BIRN Kosovo's work has one underlying objective: to hold the powerful accountable and expose corruption. This is done through hard-hitting interviews, televised debates, and in-depth investigations.

Journalism through fieldwork

In 2025, BIRN Kosovo's team had 83 staff members and contributors: 34 journalists and editors, 25 administrative staff, 14 technical staff, 3 professional court monitors, and 7 interns. BIRN remains the only media outlet in the country that holds systematic municipal and national electoral debates, enabling citizens to communicate with and question their political representatives.

Engaged journalism

BIRN Kosovo believes that effective journalism should go beyond reporting and generate real change. To combat indifference and inaction from local institutions on issues we cover, BIRN established a legal office, which submits cases to prosecutors, complete with evidence collected by investigative reporters and court monitors.

Training journalists for excellence

BIRN Kosovo has become a hub for innovation, creativity and high-quality journalism, cementing its position as a trendsetter in the region's media landscape. The organization provides on-the-job training and workshops on topics such as TV production, investigative journalism, fact-checking, media ethics, public speaking, violent extremism, and radicalization, as well as advocacy training on energy and environmental issues. Among those benefiting from this training are journalists, court monitors, researchers, local media workers, university and high school students, civil society activists, and officials from Kosovo's public institutions.

DIARY OF IMPACT JOURNALISM

BIRN Kosovo remains the most influential media outlet in Kosovo and the Western Balkans by providing unbiased information, news stories, opinion pieces, fact-checking articles, televised debates and televised reports through the KALLXO.com platform, the “KALLXO Përnime” television program, and the English-language online newspaper Prishtina Insight (PI).

Throughout 2025, BIRN Kosovo investigated, published, and broadcast stories on numerous topics that directly impacted the public, as listed below:

In [January, 2025](#) approximately 20 non-governmental organisations in Kosovo strongly condemned the Vetëvendosje Movement’s decision to boycott BIRN and Internews Kosova-moderated debates ahead of the February 9, 2025 parliamentary elections, arguing that the move undermines the public interest and the fair and accurate dissemination of information to voters.

On [January 8, 2025](#), following an investigative report by KALLXO.com in November 2024, the Kosovo Police closed down a building in North Mitrovica that was being used illegally as a Serbian tax administration office (a branch of Serbia’s Ministry of Finance). On the morning of 8 January 2025, police broke into the property around 9:00 am and discovered evidence supporting their suspicion of the building’s unlawful function. After consulting with the prosecutor, the people inside were removed and the building was shut down pending a full verification of facts. The case has been opened formally as “document forgery.”

On [January 10, 2025](#), after a report by KALLXO.com that students at the “Kuvendi i Arbërit” Gymnasium in Ferizaj were invited to a meeting organized by the political party Vetëvendosje, the Parents’ Council of Kosovo raised concerns about misuse of student councils and students for partisan political purposes. The Parents’ Council called on political parties to stay away from schools and students, and they urged other student and parent councils to remain independent and not be co-opted by political agendas. The issue sparked reactions from school administrators, including meetings and discussions on the appropriateness of involvement of students in political messaging.

On [January 15, 2025](#), following KALLXO.com’s report that students from “Shaban Hashani” High School and “Elena Gjika” Medical School in Ferizaj couldn’t start their second semester in their new school building because there were no chairs, the Ministry of Education explained that the delay occurred because the first batch of chairs did not meet quality standards and the supplier’s contract expired in October. The Ministry said new approved chairs are being imported and classrooms will be fully furnished by the end of January. Meanwhile, students are using old chairs as minor construction work in the building continues.

On [January 23, 2025](#), a KALLXO.com reported that the Badovc Bridge had been opened to vehicular traffic on December 31, 2024, before its final safety tests had been conducted, as confirmed by the Kosovo Police. An investigation was initiated following both media exposure and a request by the Prishtina Prosecutor's Office. One person has been interviewed in connection with the case, which has been classified as "reckless oversight of public traffic." The final test was carried out on January 9, 2025, ten days after the bridge was already in use. The company responsible for the testing ("Dreni Engineering") said the delay was due to holiday schedules, while the deputy Minister of Infrastructure claimed the test was mostly formal because the bridge had been built to high construction standards.

On [January 24, 2025](#), a large illegal waste dump located between a residential complex and a school, about 100 meters from the Municipality building of Fushë-Kosova was removed just two days after a KALLXO.com report. The dump appeared to have been accumulating for a long-time near containers on "Tahir Zemaj" street. Following the investigation, municipal authorities cleared the site.

On [January 24, 2025](#), a week after KALLXO.com reported on the unfinished state of the road leading to the newly built "Nexhat Çuni" Primary Healthcare Center (QKMF) in South Mitrovica, repair works began on the road. The centre, which cost approximately €6,016,953, was inaugurated on January 6, 2025, but its access road was not yet complete. The municipal health director, Fahri Shabani, explained that the road, the parking, and the surrounding infrastructure project had started even before the inauguration but had been paused due to poor weather conditions. In its preliminary report, issued on February 11, the EU Election Monitor Team commended the BIRN and Internews Kosova "Debat Përnime" TV

programme, calling it an exemplar of independent journalism with real-time data and fact-checking.

On [February 3, 2025](#), two students from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Prishtina, who had initially been excluded from receiving **elite scholarships** by the Ministry of Education despite meeting all criteria, were finally awarded those scholarships following complaints. They were first left off the list in December 2024, a decision that was contested both by them and through KALLXO.com. Their academic credentials—including grade point average, timely exam completions, and the required number of credits—were later verified, leading to their inclusion in the final approved list of scholarship recipients in late January 2025.

On [February 4, 2025](#), after reporting by KALLXO.com, the Municipality of Klinë completed the payments for 10 municipal student bursaries that had been delayed for technical reasons. The bursary call, published on 23 October 2024, was open until 7 November and awarded 80 students with 50 euros per month for the 2024/2025 academic year (totalling 600 euros), 20 euros more than the previous year.

In [March 2025](#), following the release of audio recordings by KALLXO.com suggesting CEO Hasan Krasniqi's involvement in a vehicle servicing tender, the Gjakova Regional Water Supply Company issued a verbal warning to him and other management staff, prompting an audit request and an investigation by the Special Prosecution.

On [March 18, 2025](#), after KALLXO.com's investigation, Krasniqi was arrested during a raid at his company's offices by the Prosecutor's Office. [Two days later](#), the Basic Court of Prishtina ordered a 30-day detention on charges of abuse of office and document forgery.

On [March 21, 2025](#), after reporting by KALLXO.com, the Kosovo Tax Administration (ATK) sent its complete business-data holdings to the Energy Regulatory Office of Kosovo (ZRRE), which provided lists of companies classified by annual turnover and number of employees, to determine whether they should remain on the regulated energy market or move to the free market. Meanwhile, the Agency for Information and Privacy (AIP) raised concerns that personal data had been processed in ways that violate the law on personal data protection.

In [March 25, 2025](#), the Information and Privacy Agency (AIP) dismissed a complaint filed by lawyer Besnik Berisha on behalf of his client Shaban Gogaj alleging that the media outlets KALLXO.com, Betimi për Drejtësi, and Gazeta Express unlawfully disclosed sensitive health-data in their reporting on Gogaj's delayed imprisonment. The AIP ruled that by reporting on the court's explicit reasoning, which included health-related factors, the mentioned media outlets upheld the public interest in judicial transparency and did not misuse protected data.

On [March 27, 2025](#), after a KALLXO.com report, the map at the Faculty of Arts that did not include Kosovo was replaced with a corrected map.

On [April 11, 2025](#), Xhevat Krasniqi, a mathematics professor at the University of Prishtina, was formally charged with sexual harassment after 27 students lodged a joint complaint in February 2024 alleging inappropriate verbal conduct between January 2022 and December 2023. Three female students also gave public testimonies on the "KALLXO Përnime" television program. The professor, who had already been suspended from work on the recommendation of the university's Ethics Council, now faces criminal proceedings and has pleaded not guilty.

On [April 11, 2025](#), following reporting by KALLXO.com, and after the indictment of Xhevat Krasniqi for alleged sexual harassment, University of Prishtina announced it will review the existing decision to suspend him indefinitely and reduce his salary by 50%.

On [May 15, 2025](#), following a report by KALLXO.com on a map at the Faculty of Physical Education that omitted Kosovo and Albania, the university took corrective action. The map was promptly covered, and the faculty has committed to replacing it with a more accurate and inclusive version. This response underscores the institution's acknowledgment of the issue and its dedication to ensuring that educational materials accurately represent all regions.

On [May 16, 2025](#), KALLXO.com published an investigative article on the "animal waste file," uncovering irregularities in the award of a long-term contract by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development for operating a factory to process animal by-products in Drenas. The report found that the company awarded the contract was registered shortly before the tender and had links to investors with unclear backgrounds. This highlighted a potential conflict of interest involving relatives of public officials. Following the investigation, prosecutors and police conducted searches and interviewed senior officials, including the minister and the head of the Veterinary and Food Agency, as part of ongoing inquiries into the public tender and the implementation of the contract.

On [May 27, 2025](#), following KALLXO.com's investigation into the illegal animal waste processing plant, the Kosovo Special Prosecution conducted a raid at the Ministry of Agriculture. Minister Faton Peci, co-founder of the political party Guxo, was interviewed as a suspect.

Party leader Donika Gërvalla criticized the raid as a “sham” and politically motivated, accusing the Special Prosecution of misusing judicial institutions for retaliation. She defended Peci’s anti-corruption efforts and his commitment to confronting legal violations, despite political pressures.

On [May 29, 2025](#) following a report by KALLXO.com, three police officers from the Rapid Reaction Unit in the Municipality of Peja, Arben Daci, Qaush Mataj, and Blerim Nikçi, were subject to disciplinary action by the Kosovo Police. The officers were seen in the company of individuals wanted by law enforcement for separate cases. The Kosovo Police confirmed that the disciplinary measures were imposed after the case was reviewed by the Police Disciplinary Commission and that the matter is ongoing according to legal procedures. The incident was highlighted by KALLXO.com, which reported that the officers were seen with Rigels Rajku, the Albanian singer known as “Noizy,” and Shkodran Humolli, who was wanted in January 2025 for a shooting in the “Arbëria” neighborhood. Both individuals were at the same table with the three police officers during the meeting.

On [June 4, 2025](#) KALLXO.com brought exclusive footage of a major operation by the Kosovo Police which targeted organised crime networks using the encrypted messaging platform SKY ECC. The investigation drew on intercepted communications provided by law enforcement agencies in Belgium, France, and the Netherlands, as well as by Europol, enabling authorities to infiltrate two criminal groups operating across Kosovo, each with more than 20 members. The operation spanned 47 locations and resulted in 22 arrests, the seizure of hundreds of documents and

electronic records, 29 vehicles, and over €134,000 in cash, as well as assets frozen to the tune of €800,000.

On [June 15, 2025](#), following a report by KALLXO.com about a tree-trunk placed inside a manhole on Muharrem Fejza Street in Prishtina, which was being used to show that the cover was missing, the Municipality of Prishtina intervened swiftly as workers removed the wood, secured the opening, and installed a proper manhole cover.

On [June 23, 2025](#), after a report by KALLXO.com exposed how a business in Prishtina placed chairs on a tactile strip designed to help blind people, the Prishtina Inspection Directorate acted swiftly, removing the obstruction and reaffirming that such public-access paths must remain clear.

On [June 30, 2025](#), following a report by KALLXO.com, the Kosovo Police Inspectorate (KPI) requested the Kosovo Police initiate disciplinary proceedings against officer Betim Hasi. This came after Hasi publicly commented in support of physical violence committed by his colleagues, who were under investigation for beating a suspect in the municipality of Klina.

On [July 4, 2025](#), following KALLXO.com’s report that Bora Shpuza, the head of the cabinet of the acting Minister of Education Arbërie Nagavci, applied for the position of Head of the Division for Public Communication at the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology, and Innovation, but did not show up for the written test component of the selection process. The Ministry confirmed her non-attendance and stated that, although 18 candidates had applied for the role, only four took the written exam. Her absence raises questions about the transparency and fairness of the recruitment process.

A [documentary](#) titled “Shadow of the War” was screened at BIRN’s Reporting House in Prishtina, shedding light on the tragic Dubrava prison massacre of May 1999. The film features poignant testimonies from survivors, including Gent Nushi, who was arrested at 17 and detained without indictment for over two years. The massacre occurred after NATO’s airstrike on the prison, leading to Serbian forces assembling hundreds of inmates and opening fire, resulting in approximately 120 deaths and over 100 injuries. Co-director of the film, Eki Rrahmani, criticized both local and international institutions for their failure to investigate the incident, emphasizing that the perpetrators’ identities were well-known. The screening highlighted the ongoing struggle for justice and reconciliation in post-conflict Kosovo.

On [July 8, 2025](#), following a report by “KALLXO Përtime,” the Gjilan Basic Prosecution in Kosovo launched an investigation into the illegal construction of hundreds of villas on forest and agricultural land in the Novobërdë municipality. The series of investigations uncovered alleged misuse of public funds, improperly approved land-designation changes, and weak enforcement by forestry inspectors.

On [July 17, 2025](#), following a KALLXO.com investigation, five individuals were arrested on July 16, 2025 over a fraudulent land transaction in Prishtina’s Veternik neighborhood involving a 12-million-euro property. The case centres on the illegal transfer of publicly owned land from the former Radio Television of Prishtina (RTP) to a private citizen using a forged 1960 court verdict that surfaced in 2021, generating at least 2 million euros in illicit profit. Raids were conducted at multiple locations, and two lawyers linked to the scheme were placed in a month-long pre-trial detention.

On [July 30, 2025](#), following a report by KALLXO.com on the absence of a directional sign for the “Adem Jashari Memorial Complex” in Prekaz, the Ministry of Culture, Youth, and Sports (MCYS) took immediate action. The ministry installed a new, properly positioned sign at the entrance to Skenderaj, directing visitors to the memorial complex.

On [August 18, 2025](#), following a report by KALLXO.com that a worker at a private company in the municipality of Gjilan was electrocuted while on the job on August 18, 2025, the Kosovo Police arrested the company’s owner on suspicion of failing to provide adequate safety equipment and risking employee safety.

On [August 20, 2025](#), Luan Gashi, a local government official in Peja, was arrested by Kosovo Police following the publication of video footage by KALLXO.com showing him allegedly consuming illegal substances and displaying a firearm during work hours. The arrest came after authorities executed search warrants at both his residence and office and seized a weapon. The arrest underscores the role of investigative journalism in promoting accountability within public institutions.

On [August 22, 2025](#), following a report by KALLXO.com about an uncovered manhole on Shukrije Obërtinca Street in Fushë Kosova, the municipality responded the next day by dispatching a contractor to the site and installing a proper manhole cover, thereby addressing the safety hazard.

On [September 5, 2025](#), Kosovo’s Deputy Speaker of Parliament and former Minister of Justice, Albulena Haxhiu, responded strongly to a scandal exposed by KALLXO.com involving judge Naime Krasniqi-Jashanica and prosecutor Edina Jupolli, who were recorded discussing a

domestic violence case with the accused. The audio recording revealed them speaking with language perceived as sympathetic toward the accused and dismissive of the victim's credibility. Haxhiu expressed deep indignation and demanded that the responsible authorities take urgent action.

On [September 11, 2025](#), judge Naime Krasniqi-Jashanica was temporarily suspended after KALLXO.com released an audio recording that caught her and a now-retired prosecutor named Edina Jupolli plotting with the defendant in a domestic violence case to silence the victim during an ongoing trial. In the recording, they are heard strategizing to prevent the victim from speaking in court and minimizing his behaviour. Following the revelations, the Kosovo Judicial Council opened an investigation and suspended the judge. The case involves the defendant, Arton Tullari, allegedly assaulting his ex-wife in front of their child.

On [September 11, 2025](#), Kosovo's Special Prosecution filed an indictment against Faruk Mujka, former Deputy Mayor of South Mitrovica, and Hysen Muzliuka, former Director of Geodesy, Cadastre, and Property. They are charged with corruption and abuse of office in connection with a controversial property exchange in Mitrovica. According to the charges, they misrepresented a city-owned former library building as municipal property, despite the municipal assembly having twice declared it of special public interest. Then they facilitated its privatization in a swap with a private individual, resulting in a financial loss to the public (via the Kosovo Privatization Agency) of about €125,100. Additionally, Mujka faces charges for failing to properly declare assets, income, and other financial obligations, in breach of anti-corruption laws. The investigation stems from a 2022 KALLXO.com TV report

which revealed that the former public reading hall of the Mitrovica City Library had been turned into a privately owned café after this property swap.

On [September 17, 2025](#) after KALLXO.com reported an infestation of mice along "12 Qershori" Street in Ferizaj, the local municipality intervened to address the issue. The report, supported by photographs, prompted the authorities to act to eliminate the rodent problem and improve conditions for residents.

On [September 19, 2025](#), 60 civil society organisations and over 150 media outlets in Kosovo issued a joint statement against a lenient guilty plea deal between the Prishtina Basic Prosecution and three people accused of harassing a KALLXO.com journalist involved in the "AlbKings" Telegram group. While on [September 22, 2025](#), the Prishtina Basic Court accepted a plea deal between the prosecution and the accused—Besart Ramabaja, Arian Tahiraj, and Veton Alshiqi, who were members and followers of the Telegram group "AlbKings"—giving them each the minimum sentence of just 2,000 to 2,500 euros in fines for the repeated harassment of the BIRN journalist.

On [September 23, 2025](#), following a report made by KALLXO.com, an error on the plaque of the Rectorate of the University of Prishtina was corrected. The original plaque included a mistake, and following KALLXO.com's public exposure of the error, the university authorities took prompt action to amend it. The case highlights how media scrutiny can lead to accountability and tangible corrections in public institutions.

On [September 29, 2025](#), following KALLXO.com investigations on misuse of procurement procedures, authorities

conducted raids at the premises of the Regional Water Supply Company “Gjakova” and the private residence of its Chief Executive Officer.

On [October 2, 2025](#), the court requested the initiation of disciplinary proceedings against the legal officer who is heard in an audio recording speaking with a defendant accused of domestic violence and suggesting what the outcome of his case might be. This request followed an investigation published by KALLXO.com on September 6, 2025, which featured an audio recording obtained by KALLXO.com showing Judge Naime Krasniqi-Jashanica and Prosecutor Edina Jupolli speaking with the defendant in a domestic violence case, while plans were being made to deny the victim, a mother of a 4-year-old girl, the right to speak in court.

On [October 21, 2025](#) the fire brigade unit in Ferizaj was without electricity for over 24 hours due to non-payment of the bill, forcing staff to rely on a generator. After the situation was reported by KALLXO.com, KEDS restored power to the unit.

On [October 22, 2025](#), KALLXO.com published an article about how the Prosecution of Gjakova initiated an investigation against the company Pharma Leader L.L.C, which had been placed on the “blacklist” for one year by the Procurement Review Body, on the grounds that it had presented falsified documents during its application for a tender at the Regional Hospital “Isa Grezda” in Gjakova. The investigation was initiated by the Prosecution after KALLXO.com started to investigate the case.

On [October 29, 2025](#) a KALLXO.com investigation revealed that the company Fortesa SH.P.K. was accused of falsifying a signature and seal in a public procurement tender in Gjilan, leading the Procurement

Review Body to blacklist them in 2024. The Gjilan Basic Prosecution later filed an indictment against the company’s representative, Drilon Etemi, for fraud and misuse in public procurement, worth about €400,000. The Basic Court rejected a request to dismiss the case, and it is now under review at the Court of Appeals.

On [November 2, 2025](#), KALLXO.com marked the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists, documenting more than a decade of threats, physical attacks, harassment, and obstruction faced by its journalists across Kosovo, many of which remain uninvestigated or unresolved.

On [November 10, 2025](#), KALLXO.com revealed that the Basic Court in Prishtina sentenced Arton Tullari, accused of domestic violence, to one year in prison and a €2,500 fine. The case garnered attention because of an audio recording obtained by KALLXO.com, which captured a judge and a prosecutor discussing the case with the defendant in ways that appeared to undermine the victim’s right to speak in court.

On [November 11, 2025](#), KALLXO.com reported that a heap of garbage at a public stairway in the Arbëria neighbourhood in Prishtina was removed by municipal public services just hours after news about the garbage was published, with accompanying photos, by the KALLXO team.

On [November 14, 2025](#), following a KALLXO.com investigation, the owner of the company responsible for the reconstruction of the Badovc bridge was accused by the Basic Prosecution in Prishtina of releasing the bridge for public use without completing the required structural testing. The bridge was opened on December 31, 2024, without passing its final safety checks.

On [November 20, 2025](#), following a KALLXO.com investigation into suspected physical abuse and mistreatment of children by an educator in a private kindergarten in Ferizaj, and a subsequent inspection, the Education Inspectorate closed the facility for operating without a licence from the Ministry of Education and initiated legal action.

On [December 1, 2025](#), KALLXO.com reported that a day after its article on accumulated garbage at the South Mitrovica square was published, the waste management company “Uniteti” removed the garbage and cleared illegal dumps under an agreement with the Municipality of South Mitrovica.

On [December 10, 2025](#), following a KALLXO.com article, the Governing Council of the University of Prishtina decided not to finance five academic research papers that had been published in the “International Journal of Biomedicine,” a journal excluded from the university’s approved list.

On [December 22, 2025](#), following public reporting and verification by KALLXO.com, 18 medical students at the University of Prishtina were awarded the Ministry of Education’s “elite scholarship” after initially being excluded from the list despite meeting the eligibility criteria.

GRANTS GIVEN AND AWARDS RECEIVED

Grants Given

BIRN seeks to improve the quality of journalism in Kosovo by awarding fellowships to journalism students and grants to reporters and media organizations.

As a follow-up to the two-day training on “Enhancing Journalists’ Awareness for Reporting on Money Laundering,” BIRN Kosovo launched the mentoring program for the journalists who won the fellowships. BIRN Kosovo launched a closed call on December 23, 2024, offering five fellowships to support participating journalists in creating articles or video stories on money laundering. Selected fellows received mentorship from BIRN’s editorial team throughout the production process of their articles. In March 2025, five articles on money laundering were published in different online media by selected fellows.

On [April 4, 2025](#) BIRN Kosovo opened the Call for Proposals for 10 media organizations and outlets to implement sub-grants in the scope of the EU-funded project titled “Strengthen the Role and Capacities of Investigative Journalism in Kosovo.”

On [June 2, 2025](#) BIRN launched a call for the Kosovo Fellowship for Journalistic Excellence 2025 to award 10 aspiring and mid-career journalists aged 18–35 to develop in-depth, high-quality investigative stories on issues of public interest. The fellowships were awarded in the scope of the EU-funded project titled “Strengthen the Role and Capacities of Investigative Journalism in Kosovo.”

On [October 8, 2025](#) BIRN Kosovo launched the MIDWatch Fellowship as part of the “Media Integrity and Disinformation Watch” project, with the support of the British Embassy in Kosovo, offering 15 journalists and media professionals in Kosovo up to £2,000 each to produce work on fact-checking and disinformation between October 2025 and January 2026. The programme prioritises women and journalists from non-majority communities, encourages diverse formats (TV, radio, online), and covers themes such as foreign disinformation, gender-based online manipulation, AI’s role in disinformation, and the transparency of media channels.

On [December 15, 2025](#) in AJK, BIRN Kosovo, AJK, and Internews Kosova awarded three Kosovo journalists for their exceptional contributions to fact-checking journalism, as part of the “Media Integrity and Disinformation Watch,” project with the support of the British Embassy in Kosovo.

Awards Received

In 2025, BIRN Kosovo journalists were awarded five investigative journalism prizes.

On [March 14, 2025](#), journalist Florinda Kelmendi from KALLXO.com was awarded second place in the Mobile Journalism category under the “Digitise, Engage, Empower” programme for her story “The Young Man with Down Syndrome Who Excels in Both Education and Employment.” The piece is about the 23-year-old Gentrit Ahmeti from Mitrovica, who has Down syndrome and has achieved significant success in both education and employment, an inspiring example of how accessible creative opportunities and inclusive workplaces can empower individuals.

On [November 26, 2025](#) journalist Xhorxhina Bami of Balkan Insight won second place at the Regional EU Investigative Journalism Awards 2025 for the [investigative article](#) titled “TikTok Used Across Balkans to ‘Slutshame’ Women and Girls.”¹

On [December 4, 2025](#) journalist Egzon Dahsyla from KALLXO.com won first place for Best Reporting in Economics for 2025, awarded by the Association of Journalists of Kosovo (AJK), for his story “Rigging the tender: Audio recordings showing how the CEO of the Gjakova Regional Water Company was involved in negotiations for a company tender.”²

On [December 10, 2025](#), journalist Adelina Ahmeti from KALLXO.com received the award for Best Reporting on Women’s Empowerment for 2025, awarded by the Association of Journalists of Kosovo (AJK) in cooperation with UN Women, for her investigation “Judge and Prosecutor Caught Discussing How to Silence Victim With Domestic Violence Suspect,” which exposed a recorded conversation between a judge, a prosecutor, the accused in a domestic violence case.

On [December 10, 2025](#), journalist Egzon Dahsyla received the award for Best Reporting on Workers’ Rights for his investigation “Dangerous Construction Practices,” from the Association of Journalists of Kosovo (AJK). His reporting followed a series of serious incidents at construction sites in Prishtina in early April 2025, including soil slippage in Veternik that caused the death of a 40-year-old worker and injured another, as well as another similar incident in Velania.³

¹<https://prishtinainsight.com/eu-awards-birn-journalist-xhorxhina-bami-for-investigative-reporting/>

²<https://prishtinainsight.com/kallxo-com-journalist-wins-first-place-for-best-economic-reporting-in-2025/>

³<https://prishtinainsight.com/two-kallxo-com-journalists-awarded-for-investigations-into-womens-empowerment-and-workers-rights/>

MEDIA PRODUCTION

Throughout 2025, BIRN Kosovo investigated, published and broadcast stories on topics including corruption, current affairs, organized crime, and political developments. BIRN also reported on education, labour rights, health care, gender equality, women's empowerment, women's property rights, various forms of discrimination and harassment, missing persons and war crimes, among other topics.

BIRN Kosovo published 16,982 articles through its online anti-corruption platform KALLXO.com. They included 167 in-depth analyses, investigations, and interviews, along with 629 fact-checking Krypometër (Truth-o-meter) articles. There were also 2,350 citizen reports received through KALLXO.com's online reporting platform.

In addition, BIRN Kosovo broadcast 186 televised debates and reports and published 4,678 web TV videos on its KALLXO.com Facebook page and YouTube channel. BIRN also produced four documentaries, on money laundering and disinformation in Kosovo.

During 2025, the BIRN team broadcast 83 electoral debates, interviews, and reports, covering the February 2025 assembly elections (28), the October 2025 local elections covering 38 municipalities in Kosovo (46), and the December 2025 snap assembly elections (10). The debates are broadcast on RTV Dukagjini and KALLXO.com's social media platforms, ensuring accessibility and engagement with the wider public. In addition, BIRN produced 198 short articles and 84 in-depth analyses about the electoral debates.



KALLXO.com

KALLXO.com is BIRN Kosovo and Internews Kosova's fastest-growing product. It's the first public platform in Kosovo for reporting corruption, fraud, and other crimes within both public and private institutions and companies.

Initially, the platform exclusively investigated citizen reports, but it soon became a trusted news source. KALLXO.com is made possible by our team of journalists, editors, legal advisers, court monitors, and producers, who conduct fieldwork every day and provide the public with objective, fact-checked information.

KALLXO.com serves all ethnic communities in Kosovo, including Albanians, Serbs, Bosniaks, Gorani, Turks, Roma, Ashkali, and Egyptians. KALLXO.com also serves as an umbrella platform for all of our other media platforms, including the “KALLXO Përnime” TV program, Gazeta Jeta në Kosovë (Life in Kosovo) online newspaper, the Krypometër fact-checking platform, and the English-language online newspaper Prishtina Insight (PI).

A total of 16,982 articles were published on [KALLXO.com](https://www.kallxo.com) in 2025. Listed below are some of the most impactful stories:

On [March 6, 2025](#), KALLXO.com published an article revealing that Kosovo has limited diplomatic capacities and no active lobbying contracts in the United States. The article highlighted concerns that understaffed and poorly coordinated diplomatic missions are undermining Kosovo's ability to advance its interests internationally.

On [April 11, 2025](#), KALLXO.com published an investigation into financial irregularities in the Municipality of Fushë Kosovë, revealing that an internal auditor sent the State Prosecutor's Office nearly 50 suspicious procurement cases, including contracts for building and renovating six sports halls and a contract for filling potholes on the road. The report showed that several sports halls built or renovated at significant public cost remain unusable. In the report, the Prosecutor's Office also confirmed that there were ongoing investigations into multiple tenders, including the pothole contract and two sports hall projects.

On [May 6, 2025](#), KALLXO.com published an article on limited transparency in public spending in Kosovo and Albania. The article showed that despite commitments to open data, detailed information on government expenditure remains difficult to access, often forcing journalists to rely on formal information requests and legal procedures.

On [May 25, 2025](#), KALLXO.com published an article on the hidden costs of the “Darka e Lamës” event, organized by the Ministry of Agriculture. The investigation showed that the state spent over €16,000 on the event, including €7,560 on food and drinks, while a €5,575 invoice for decorative services—including items like wicker baskets (kashta), and traditional tables (sofra)—was never formally paid and was excluded from public procurement procedures, raising questions about transparency and the use of cash payments in official events.

On [May 27, 2025](#), KALLXO.com reported that the Information and Privacy Agency (AIP) had ordered “Zenel Hajdini” School in Prishtina to stop collecting students’ personal data through the messaging app Viber. The article explained that a parent complaint revealed the school was asking for sensitive information via Viber, and AIP found that using the app did not meet legal data-protection standards, requiring the school to switch to safer methods for handling personal data.

On [June 20, 2025](#), KALLXO.com reported on illegal construction in Novobërdë, where hundreds of villas were built without permits. The investigation exposed unlawful municipal decisions and oversight failure, leading the Basic Prosecution in Gjilan to authorize a police investigation and the Ministry of Agriculture to annul the land-use change.

On [July 18, 2025](#), KALLXO.com reported on a suspicious truck-purchase tender by KRU Gjakova, where the winners did not meet the tender’s specifications. Following the investigation prompted by the report, the Special Prosecutor’s Office and the Kosovo Police conducted raids at KRU Gjakova’s offices and the CEO’s home, seizing documents and investigating possible abuse of office, forgery, and procurement fraud. The Procurement Review Body later ordered the cancellation of one contract, highlighting the impact of investigative reporting on improving accountability in public procurement.

On [July 30, 2025](#), KALLXO.com reported that the adult son of a judge passed his driver’s license tests under questionable circumstances, after 28 people accused in a major corruption case involving driver’s licenses were released by the court.

The investigation showed that while the judge was presiding over the corruption case, her son took and passed the theoretical and practical exams with examiners connected to the case, prompting public concern and leading the head of the Basic Court in Prishtina to say she would take legal action regarding the matter.

On [July 31, 2025](#), KALLXO.com published an article revealing that the Municipality of Vushtrri requested the annulment of a decision to change municipal property following a KALLXO.com investigation. The investigation exposed discrepancies between the official justification for the property change and its actual impact on the ground, prompting the municipality to seek a withdrawal of the decision.

On [October 6, 2025](#), KALLXO.com reported on the costs covered by Kosovo’s embassies for official visits by President Vjosa Osmani and her staff. The article showed that diplomatic missions spent significant public funds on travel and related expenses during presidential visits abroad, raising questions about transparency and oversight of these costs.

On [October 7, 2025](#), KALLXO.com reported on the closure of an investigation by the Special Prosecutor’s Office into a special fund at the Kosovo Intelligence Agency (KIA) worth nearly €2 million. The article explained that an internal audit had raised strong suspicions of undocumented spending by three former KIA directors, but prosecutors closed the case, citing statute of limitations for two of the directors and lack of evidence for the third. KIA officials indicated that the findings showed clear misuse of public funds, though the agency had not been formally notified of the case being closed.

On [October 24, 2024](#), KALLXO.com reported that KRU Gjakova bought a small boat from a company that was registered just one month before winning the public tender. The boat was then seized by Customs and the Kosovo Police because it had not gone through the proper customs procedures. The article raised questions about procurement procedures and customs compliance. It also led the Special Prosecutor's Office to seek pretrial detention for KRU Gjakova's CEO on suspicion of falsifying official documents in connection with the case—concrete legal action because of the news report.

On [October 31, 2025](#), KALLXO.com published an investigation on the risks of buying used phones in Kosovo. The article showed that the used phone market often operates as part of the informal “black” market, that is without strict procedures to securely erase personal data which significantly increasing the risk that buyers' private information could be recovered or misused. Experts and privacy officials advised people to wipe their own data and recommended using licensed businesses to sell and by using phones to reduce the risk.

On [October 29, 2025](#), KALLXO.com published an investigation into alleged legal violations in appointment of the management board of the National Theatre. The article revealed that both the Minister of Culture and a member of parliament were implicated in irregularities, including bypassing legal procedures in the selection and appointment process, which raised concerns over transparency and legality.

On [December 8, 2025](#), KALLXO.com reported on an unusually high number of perfect scores in Prizren municipality's nurse recruitment exam. The article noted that in the competition for 32 nursing positions, 27 candidates achieved a full 100% score on the written test, prompting questions from the public, though the municipal committee said it had received no formal complaints and that tests were conducted according to regular procedures.

On [December 22, 2025](#), KALLXO.com revealed that subsidies for the animal-waste processing factory in Drenas were planned seven months before the contract was signed. The investigation showed that the subsidy was included in the tender commission's decision in June 2024, months before the public call and the January 2025 contract, raising questions about transparency and fairness.

KALLXO Përnime

BIRN merged two TV programs, “Jeta në Kosovë” (Life in Kosovo) and “Drejtësia në Kosovë” (Justice in Kosovo), to create the “KALLXO Përnime” TV program. It covers political, economic, and social affairs, as well as justice, police and security issues in Kosovo. The program aims to tackle issues that are considered taboo in Kosovar society.

“KALLXO Përnime” also produces live debates with state officials, scholars, academics, activists, artists, and students, among others. The debates and reports produced for “KALLXO Përnime” are moderated by BIRN Kosovo Executive Director Jeta Xharra, [KALLXO.com](https://www.kallxo.com) Managing Editor Kreshnik Gashi, and BIRN Kosovo Assistant Editor Adelina Ahmeti.

In 2025, BIRN Kosovo produced 3 TV broadcasts per week, through its partner RTV Dukagjini. The partnership allowed for wider content distribution to reach a larger audience across Kosovo.

BIRN Kosovo broadcast a total of 186 debates and reports on “KALLXO Përnime.” The broadcasts were well-received and helped to keep the public informed about important issues affecting the country.

During 2025, BIRN Kosovo focused on covering issues related to current affairs, political developments, rule of law, exposing corruption and organized crime, reporting on various forms of discrimination, missing persons, gender equality and women’s empowerment, sexual harassment and other forms of harassment, property rights, labour rights, digital rights, healthcare, education, consequences of energy theft, etc.

Listed below are some of the most impactful “KALLXO Përnime” stories:

On [March 30, 2025](#), “KALLXO Përnime” broadcast the documentary “The Impact of Money Laundering on Poverty” exploring how money-laundering operations exacerbate poverty and weaken institutions in Kosovo and the region.

The documentary includes a dozen expert interviews, drawing on voices across law enforcement, finance, academia, and civil society to explain how illicit financial flows impact economies and ordinary citizens in the region. It highlights concrete case studies, including the use of laundered money to inflate real estate prices, the operations of cross-border criminal networks, and the resulting socio-economic impacts like forced emigration, business closures, and unequal market competition. The documentary also explores how politicians have benefited from illicit funds and stresses the need for stronger enforcement, transparency, and a shift in societal mentality toward financial crime.

On [April 6, 2025](#), “KALLXO Përnime” aired an investigation into problematic public investments in the Municipality of Fushë Kosovë. The video showed that thousands of euros in public money were wasted on several sports facilities which were left unfinished. It included exclusive firsthand accounts from stakeholders involved in reporting the cases, who described the issues, financial losses, and administrative failures revealed by the investigation.

On [May 4](#), “KALLXO Përnime” investigated loan sharking in the Gjakova region. The episode presented witness testimonies about the loan-sharking network operating in the area and revealed cases of bankrupt businesses and families destroyed by these illegal practices. The investigation also raised questions about systematic failure to combat loan sharking and included exclusive interviews with key actors involved in the cases.

On [May 16, 2025](#), “KALLXO Përnime” investigated the leasing of the Drenas animal waste factory, jointly funded by Kosovo and the EU, which remained non-functional for years. The report revealed that a newly formed consortium with a complex ownership structure—which includes a controversial Serbian-linked partner—took over the lease, while ownership changes shortly after signing raised transparency concerns. Procedural ambiguities, limited access to documentation, and the factory’s environmental importance were highlighted, while officials denied direct involvement in the selection process.

On [May 25, 2025](#), KALLXO.com investigated financial irregularities and governance issues within Kosovo’s Ministry of Agriculture. The report highlighted procurement abuses and opaque contracting, including questionable payments for the “Darka e Lamës” event and the leasing of the animal waste processing plant. Key findings included suspicious billing, unapproved cash settlements, conflicts of interest stemming from officials using public funds at family-owned businesses, and the awarding of contracts to newly formed companies with undisclosed or politically connected shareholders. The investigation emphasized the need for institutional accountability, transparency, and adherence to proper procurement procedures.

On [June 8, 2025](#), “KALLXO Përnime” aired an investigative report on illegal migrant trafficking and organized crime along the Kosovo–Albania border near Vërmica. The report revealed that armed criminal networks, composed mainly of Syrian and Moroccan nationals with local collaborators, control remote border routes, using firearms, intimidation, and extortion to profit from refugees seeking passage to Europe. The report underscored the transnational nature of trafficking networks, their links across the Balkans, and the severe risks posed to refugees, while emphasizing the need for sustained law enforcement and public awareness to disrupt these criminal operations.

On [June 20, 2025](#), “KALLXO Përnime” aired an investigation into widespread illegal construction in the municipality of Novobërdë, revealing that more than 130 villas were built without construction permits in a designated area. The report documented serious institutional failures, including the inaction of municipal authorities, unenforced stop-work orders, and legal loopholes that allowed construction to continue unchecked for years. Through documents, recordings, and official records, the investigation highlighted how illegal building was enabled by administrative negligence and a lack of accountability, while criminal proceedings focused primarily on builders rather than municipal officials who allegedly tolerated or facilitated the violations.

On [August 17, 2025](#), KALLXO.com aired an exclusive “KALLXO Përnime” interview with Dr. Tarek Al-Jahari, an expert in Islamic studies. In the interview, Dr. Al-Jahari discussed the phenomenon of violent extremism among young people from Kosovo,

explaining the ideological, social, and economic factors that contributed to radicalization. He addressed the misuse of religious texts by extremist movements, including the Wahhabi movement, and emphasized Islam's principles of pluralism, coexistence, and respect for the state and rule of law. The interview also highlighted the challenges of prevention and rehabilitation, stressing the importance of inclusive religious education, community engagement, and early identification of radical narratives.

On [October 20, 2025](#), KALLXO broadcast the documentary "The Black River," which investigated pollution in the White Drin River. The documentary took viewers inside a laboratory where river water samples were tested, with results confirming significant pollution levels. The investigation highlighted illegal gravel extraction, sewage discharge, industrial pollution, and waste dumping as some of the main factors polluting the longest river in Kosovo.

On [October 24, 2025](#), "KALLXO Përnime" broadcast an investigation on the Police scandal in Peja, revealing serious institutional failures in handling citizens' complaints. The investigation uncovered that between 2012 and 2023, at least 186 citizen complaint cases were not properly processed, with dozens of case files stored in police lockers or missing entirely. Based on internal reports and official correspondence, the episode showed how irregularities in nearly 194 cases were discovered by the Peja Police Station commander, and later confirmed by police management. The investigation also examined the delayed institutional response, noting that despite ongoing investigations by the Peja Prosecution and the Kosovo

Police Inspectorate, the responsible police officers were not arrested or suspended at the time of the broadcast, raising serious concerns about accountability and oversight within the Police.

Electoral Debates

Between January 11, and February 7, 2025, KALLXO.com produced and broadcast the “Debat Përnime” debate series as part of its election coverage for the 2025 assembly elections. The series served as a public platform for political parties, coalitions, and candidates to present and debate their policy programmes, priorities, and electoral promises, while enabling fact-based moderation and accountability. A total of 28 debate episodes were broadcast on RTV Dukagjini and [KALLXO.com](https://www.kallxo.com)’s social media platforms, covering a wide range of policy areas and regions across Kosovo. Moreover, BIRN Kosovo published 26 in-depth analyses and 173 short news stories derived from these debates.

The debates addressed key thematic issues including justice reform, education, healthcare, economic development, security, infrastructure, agriculture, environment, foreign policy, and the management of independent institutions, as well as regional development priorities for Prishtina, Prizren, Ferizaj, Gjakova, and Gjilan. The debates featured different political parties in Kosovo and their plans, including Alliance for the Future of Kosovo and the Social Democratic Initiative Nisma, the Democratic Party of Kosovo, the Democratic League of Kosovo, the Coalition for the Family, and the Serbian political party Narodna Pravda (national Pride), while the [Vetëvendosje Movement boycotted these debates](#).

From September 13 to November 17, 2025, the BIRN team researched, produced, and filmed **46 debate**

episodes, interviews and reportages covering the 2025 local elections. The debates are broadcast on RTV Dukagjini and KALLXO.com’s social media platforms, ensuring accessibility and engagement with the wider public.

Kosovo held local elections on October 12, 2025, in 38 municipalities across the country. KALLXO.com broadcast the “Debat Përnime” series on the 2025 local elections, the only debates conducted according to fact-checking standards. These debates covered 30 municipalities across Kosovo, including [Suhareka](#), [Prizren](#), [Shtime](#), [Fushe Kosova](#), [Peja](#), [Gjilan](#), [Obiliq](#), [Drenas](#), [Skenderaj](#), [South Mitrovica](#), [North Mitrovica](#), [Decan](#), [Kamenica](#), [Podujeva](#), [Vushtrri](#), [Malisheva](#), [Junik](#), [Gjakova](#), [Kacanik](#), [Vitia](#), [Lipjan](#), [Klina](#), [Istog](#), [Hani I Elezit](#), [Dragash](#), [Ferizaj](#), [Rahovec](#), [Gracanica](#), and [Prishtina](#). BIRN also organized a [debate](#) featuring the candidates for the [Prishtina Municipal Assembly](#).

The process concluded without major incident. Many cities, including Prishtina, were set for a runoff on November 9, so BIRN held additional runoff debates for these municipalities, which include: [Suhareka](#), [Obiliq](#), [Vushtrri](#), [Vitia](#), [Gjakova](#), [Rahovec](#), [Fushe Kosova](#), and [Klina](#). Moreover, BIRN also held debates for the local elections in North Macedonia with candidates of municipalities like: [Tetova](#), [Saraj](#), [Struga](#), [Gostivar](#), [Likova](#), [Butel](#), and [Dibra](#).

All 46 Municipal debates, the interviews, and the short videos broadcast from September 13 to November 17, 2025 reached over 8 million views on KALLXO.com’s

Facebook page and YouTube channel. BIRN Kosovo published 48 in-depth analyses and 15 short news stories derived from these electoral debates.

Moreover, Kosovo held central elections on December 28, after lawmakers failed to form a new government following the February 14 elections. From December 15 to December 27, 2025, the BIRN team researched, produced, and filmed 10 electoral debate episodes, along with interviews and reportages, as part of its “Debat Përnime” series, the only debates conducted according to fact-checking standards. The debates were attended by representatives of political parties in Kosovo and addressed key thematic issues including their plans for [rule of law](#), [national security](#), [energy](#), [the fight against corruption](#), [the fight against organized crime](#), [infrastructure](#), [agriculture and economic development](#), [public health](#), and [foreign politics](#).

The debates were broadcast on RTV Dukagjini and KALLXO.com’s social media platforms, ensuring accessibility and engagement with the wider public. All 10 Electoral Debates, interviews and short videos broadcast throughout December reached over 2,3 million views on KALLXO.com’s Facebook page and YouTube channel. Moreover, BIRN Kosovo published 10 in-depth analyses and 10 short news stories derived from these Debates.

Krypometër (Truth-o-meter)

Krypometër was launched in 2016 to assess the truthfulness of statements made by public figures. It is the first fact-checking tool in Kosovo. The site fact-checks declarations by political party members and public officials, comparing their statements and promises with actual legislation or policies they have or have not implemented. The system labels statements as “pass” or “fail” and also evaluates whether they are true, partially true, false, or a change of position. Each rating is followed by an explanation. Krypometër utilizes the power of the internet to promote improved standards of democratic political culture by enabling ordinary citizens to learn more about the performance of their politicians and elected officials. On January 14, 2019, the International Fact-Checking Network (IFCN) granted Krypometër an extended license to operate following a careful assessment of its work. Krypometër also partners with Meta and TikTok to report certain types of misleading and manipulative information.

In 2025, **629 articles** were published on this platform, along with infographics and illustrations. Below are some of the most important posts of the year:

“False claims about FSK budget allocations”

On [January 17](#), KALLXO.com’s Krypometër fact-checked claims about the Kosovo Security Force budgets over the years. It found the figures circulating online were inaccurate and misleading when compared to official budget data.

“The fake poll published on election day”

On [February 9](#), KALLXO.com’s Krypometër fact-checked a poll shared on election day and found it was fabricated, with no credible sources or data to support the results they claimed, misleading the public about voter preferences.

“Doctors advise citizens to consult professionals for liver-related problems”

On [April 29](#), KALLXO.com’s Krypometër fact-checked posts suggesting a shortcut cure for liver problems and clarified that doctors advise anyone with liver issues to consult medical professionals, rejecting unverified remedies.

“The false claim that an unverified product cures ovarian cysts, fibroids, and PCOS”

On [April 30](#), KALLXO.com’s Krypometër fact-checked social media claims promoting an unverified product as a cure for ovarian cysts, uterine fibroids, and PCOS and found these health claims were false with no scientific evidence to support them.

“The manipulated an RTSH video claiming a prostate cure”

On [May 14](#), KALLXO.com’s Krypometër fact-checked a video shared on social media that used footage from an RTSH TV show to claim Italian doctors were recommending a product to cure prostatitis and found the video was manipulated. The original interview did not mention any such product.

“The false claim that rheumatic diseases are cured with oils”

On [June 17](#), KALLXO.com’s Krypometër fact-checked social media posts claiming a topical oil could cure rheumatic conditions and found the claim to be false. Medical experts explain that rheumatic diseases cannot be healed with oils and require proper medical diagnosis and treatment.

“The false claim that footage of a military airplane shows Israeli attacks in Iran”

On [June 23](#), KALLXO.com’s Krypometër fact-checked a video circulating online and found that footage from a military flight simulator was falsely presented as real images of Israeli attacks in Iran, with no evidence linking it to actual events.

“The deep fake of Osmani”

On [July 17](#), KALLXO.com’s Krypometër fact-checked a video claiming President Vjosa Osmani said citizens could earn around €850 per week after a €250 investment and found it was a deepfake, with the quote entirely fabricated and not part of any real interview.

“The misleading video showing Kurti supposedly talking about Basha”

On [July 8](#), KALLXO.com’s Krypometër fact-checked a video shared online that appeared to show Prime Minister Albin Kurti discussing Kosovo’s Speaker of Parliament, but found the footage was taken out of context and did not actually show him making the statements claimed.

“The false claim about scheduling new parliamentary elections in Kosovo”

On [September 18](#), KALLXO.com’s Krypometër fact-checked a viral headline claiming new parliamentary elections had been scheduled and found it was false, with no official decision or credible source confirming any election date.

“The false report about Kurti’s resignation letter”

On [September 24](#), KALLXO.com’s Krypometër fact-checked claims about a resignation letter from Prime Minister Albin Kurti and found the story was false, with no genuine letter or credible source confirming he had submitted or intended to submit any such document.

“The false claim that the injured police officer in Serbia is Albanian and a part of the Kosovo Police”

On [September 25](#), KALLXO.com’s Krypometër fact-checked social media claims and found that the police officer injured in Serbia during student protests in Belgrade was not Albanian nor were they a member of the Kosovo Police, and that the circulating posts misidentified the person.

“The false claim that Hykmete Bajrami said Serbia is a ‘reliable partner’”

On [September 29](#), KALLXO.com’s Krypometër published a fact-checking article debunking claims that Minister Hykmete Bajrami described Serbia as a “reliable partner.” Based on official statements and verified interviews, the article confirmed that Bajrami never made any such statement.

“The false claim that opposition parties signed a coalition with the Serb List”

On [September 30](#), KALLXO.com’s

Krypometër published a fact-checking article debunking claims that Kosovo's main opposition parties had signed a coalition agreement with the Serb List. The article reviewed media coverage and official statements from party representatives, that no such coalition deal exists and that neither the Democratic Party of Kosovo (PDK), the Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK), nor the Alliance for the Future of Kosovo (AAK) has entered into any agreement with the Serb List.

“The false claim that the Special Prosecution provided recordings proving Haradinaj had prior knowledge of the Banjska attack”

On [October 17](#), KALLXO.com's Krypometër fact-checked claims that the Special Prosecution had recordings showing former Prime Minister Ramush Haradinaj knew in advance about the Banjska attack and found no such recordings exist.

“The false claim that the Special Prosecution provided recordings proving Haradinaj had prior knowledge of the Banjska attack”

On [October 21](#), KALLXO.com's Krypometër published a fact-checking article debunking claims that the Special Prosecution of Kosovo had recordings showing former Prime Minister Ramush Haradinaj was informed in advance about the Banjska attack. The article confirmed, based on official statements from the Special Prosecution, that no such recordings exist and that Haradinaj had no prior knowledge of the incident.

“The false claim linking politicians and journalists to paramilitary groups that committed crimes in Kosovo”

On [October 28](#), KALLXO.com's

Krypometër published a fact-checking article debunking claims that Kosovo politicians and journalists were connected to paramilitary groups accused of war crimes. The article confirmed that a video circulating online was falsely presented as footage from the wedding of the son of paramilitary leader Arkan and that a manipulated photo of Prime Minister Albin Kurti wearing a red beret was AI-generated; in reality the photo was from a funeral event.

“The false claim linking the Banjska attack to the Catholic Church and the Decan Movement”

On [November 26](#), KALLXO.com's Krypometër published a fact-checking article debunking claims that the attack in Banjska was connected to the Catholic Church and the Decan Movement. The article confirmed, based on official investigations and credible sources, that there was no evidence supporting any involvement from these groups.

“The false claim that AI-generated videos show Kurti speaking Serbian and promoting Serbian narratives”

On [November 27](#), KALLXO.com's Krypometër published a fact-checking article debunking a series of videos circulating on TikTok that purported to show Kosovo's Prime Minister, Albin Kurti, speaking Serbian and promoting pro-Serbia and pro-Kremlin narratives. The article confirmed—using tools that detect AI-generated media and through verification of original footage—that the videos were artificially produced and not genuine recordings of Kurti making the claimed statements.

“The false claim linking the arrest of a Serbian police officer in Jarinje to analysts”

On [December 15](#), KALLXO.com’s Krypometër published a fact-checking article debunking a claim that analysts were connected to the arrest of a Serbian police officer at the Jarinje crossing. The article confirmed, based on official statements and evidence, that the claim misrepresented the situation and falsely implicated independent analysts who had no involvement in the arrest.

“The false claim that AI-generated images are murals in Kosovo’s cities”

On [December 18](#), KALLXO.com’s Krypometër published a fact-checking article addressing claims that certain images circulating online were murals in Kosovo’s cities. The article confirmed, through verification and consultation with experts, that the images were in fact generated by artificial intelligence and not painted on public walls.

Prishtina Insight

Prishtina Insight (PI) was established in 2008 and is BIRN Kosovo's online English-language newspaper. PI aims to inform the wider public about ongoing developments in Kosovar politics, economics, culture, and social life.

These are the most impactful stories PI published in 2025:

“Challenging yet Rewarding: Kosovo Albanian and Serb Court Monitors Cooperate on War Crimes Trials”

On [January 28](#), PI reported on a project in which a Kosovo Albanian and a Kosovo Serb court monitor cooperated to observe war crimes trials at the Palace of Justice in Prishtina. The article emphasized the value of dual-perspective monitoring in countering bias, fostering reconciliation, and improving trust in the judicial process, while noting ongoing challenges in addressing unsolved crimes from the 1998–99 conflict.

“‘Case Closed’: How Kosovo Authorities Neglected Investigation into North Mitrovica Incident”

On [February 24](#), PI reported on how Kosovo authorities failed to properly investigate a provocative incident in North Mitrovica on February 17, when a group of 12 Albanians, including 10 minors, drove into the Serb-majority area with Albanian flags and threats captured on video. The article emphasized concerns that the lack of thorough investigation undermines law enforcement credibility, risks escalating tensions in the sensitive Mitrovica context, and reflects broader gaps in institutional coordination and response.

“Struggling Kosovo Pensioners Find Solace at Social Centres”

On [March 11](#), PI reported on the challenges faced by Kosovo's pensioners, highlighting their reliance on social and day-care centres in Prishtina for companionship and activities. The article said these centres offer spaces for chess, cards, workshops, and free meals. This gives pensioners a place to gather amid financial struggles, low pensions, and limited recreational opportunities. It emphasized that, while pensions were recently increased by 20 percent, many elderly still struggle to cover medical expenses and maintain dignity in retirement. The article called for urgent reform of Kosovo's pension system.

“Controversy Over Expansion of Shopping Centre in Prishtina's Industrial Zone”

On [March 14](#), PI reported on controversy surrounding the expansion of the Central Park shopping centre in Prishtina's Industrial Zone, where repeated changes to construction conditions by the municipal Urban Planning Directorate raised transparency and legal concerns. The investigation found multiple modifications to permit conditions and unexplained increases in regulated land and building areas, sparking a legal dispute between the Municipality of Prishtina and the Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning, and Infrastructure.

“Waste Management: A Systemic Crisis in Kosovo”

On [March 17](#), PI reported on Kosovo's ongoing waste management crisis, highlighting the environmental and health risks posed by open-air landfills and illegal dumpsites. According to this article, Kosovo produced nearly 490,000 tons of waste in 2023, of which only 3 per cent was recycled. They also noted that most landfills fall short of European standards, posing hazards to nearby communities. The story called for urgent investments and reforms to address pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, and public health concerns.

“Learning on the Run: Young Kosovo Wartime Refugees Recall Schooling in Tents”

On [March 24](#), PI reported on the experiences of young Kosovo Albanians who were forced to flee during the 1998-99 war and continued their education in refugee camps across Albania, North Macedonia, and Montenegro. The article said improvised classrooms in tents and borrowed school facilities offered children a sense of normalcy, hope, and safety amid displacement.

“Neglected and Abused: Families Search for Wartime Missing while Facing Trauma Alone”

On [June 13](#), PI reported on the struggles faced by families of wartime missing persons from the 1998–99 Kosovo war, highlighting how they lack institutional support for their problems and the ongoing trauma they face. The article emphasized that Kosovo authorities have largely failed to provide psychological support or legal frameworks for these families, deepening their hardship and frustration more than two decades after the conflict.

“Unburied Pain: Kosovo's Missing Persons 26 Years Later”

On [June 19](#), PI reported on the ongoing struggles of families of missing persons from the 1998–99 Kosovo war, 26 years after the conflict. According to the article, over 1,600 individuals remain unaccounted for.

The article described the emotional toll on relatives who continue their search amid bureaucratic hurdles and limited institutional support. It highlighted slow progress in identifying and returning remains, the challenges posed by insufficient cooperation from Serbian authorities, and the prolonged uncertainty that affects families' ability to find closure, while highlighting the EU-facilitated initiatives aiming to improve access to information and joint recovery efforts.

“Fraud and Institutional Neglect Enabled 12 Million Euro Property Heist in Prishtina”

On [June 19](#), PI reported on a multi-million-euro property fraud in Prishtina's Veternik neighbourhood, which exposed institutional neglect and weak oversight. The article highlights institutional failures, including delays and contradictory decisions by the cadastral agency and other bodies, which allowed parcels to be sold and developed before legal challenges were pursued. It also highlighted efforts by authorities to annul the transfers and return ownership to the state.

“Unregistered Workers and Deadly Worksites: The Cost of Building Without Oversight”

On [July 23](#), PI reported on the dangers facing workers in Kosovo's

construction sector, focusing on how unregistered employees and weak oversight contribute to deadly worksite conditions. The article said a nationwide investigation by the Kosovo Tax Administration found many construction companies employ workers without formal contracts, and highlighted a series of workplace accidents and fatalities, with dozens of accidents and multiple deaths recorded in 2025 alone.

“LGBTQI+ Community in Kosovo Faces Political Exclusion and Hate-Fuelled Media Narratives”

On [August 1](#), PI reported on how the LGBTQI+ community in Kosovo faced political exclusion and hostile media narratives during and after the February 9 parliamentary elections. Reports by the Sekhmet Institute found that major political parties largely ignored LGBTQI+ rights on their platforms, with no clear commitments or candidates from the community, and that discriminatory rhetoric was used by some parties and in media coverage. According to this article, this exclusion undermines political representation, contributes to stigma, and highlights the need for more explicit political support and media responsibility to protect the rights and inclusion of LGBTQI+ people.

“‘I Didn’t Take Yll With Me’: A Father’s 26-Year Search for His Son Missing in the Kosovo War”

On [August 14](#), PI reported on Ramë Manaj’s 26-year search for his son Yll, who went missing during the 1999 Kralan massacre in Kosovo. The article tells the story of Yll and six other family members who were separated from relatives and killed or disappeared during the attack.

Despite identifying the responsible Serbian officer, no one has been held accountable. It emphasized the emotional toll on families of missing persons, the slow progress in locating remains, and the limited support from Kosovo and Serbian authorities, while noting EU-mediated initiatives aimed at improving access to information and recovery efforts.

“Urban Chaos: Prishtina’s Struggle to Prioritise People Over Cars”

On [September 23](#), PI reported on Prishtina’s ongoing urban planning problems, focusing on how the city’s growth has left pedestrians, cyclists, and people with disabilities struggling on streets built mainly for cars. The article said that although Mayor Përparim Rama outlined a vision for a more walkable, people-friendly city in 2021, progress has been slow, with few bike lanes, limited public transport, and unsafe sidewalks.

“‘Don’t Drink it’: Prishtina Searches for Long-Term Water Supply Solutions After High Manganese Levels”

On [September 24](#), PI reported on recurring contamination in Badovc Lake, one of Prishtina’s main water sources, where high levels of manganese have made the water unsafe to drink for the third year in a row. This reportage shows how aging infrastructure, rising water demand, and climate fluctuations contribute to the problem. Authorities and the University of Prishtina are now studying the lake to develop long-term solutions and prevent future health risks.

“Online but Secret: The Lack of Transparency in Kosovo Political Parties’ Social Media Campaigns”

On [September 29](#), PI reported on the lack of transparency in Kosovo political parties' social media campaigns ahead of the October 12 local elections. The article said candidates heavily relied on online platforms to reach voters, but much of the sponsored content was not clearly labelled, raising concerns about compliance with ethical and legal standards, highlighting risks to editorial independence, the need for clear disclosure of sponsored content, and the importance of equal coverage for all candidates to ensure transparency and fair electoral processes.

“A Flowing Landfill: Once Pristine, Kosovo River Turned into Pollution Exporter”

On [October 22](#), PI reported on the severe pollution of the White Drin River in Kosovo, which has transformed from a once-pristine waterway into a carrier of sewage, industrial waste, and gravel runoff into Albania. The article noted the decline of fish populations, threats to biodiversity, and health risks from pollutants, highlighting that municipal and national efforts, including wastewater treatment projects, remain insufficient to address the river's ongoing environmental crisis.

“Russian-Controlled Media Flood Kosovo's Information Space with Disinformation”

On [November 3](#), PI reported on the flood of Russian-controlled disinformation in Kosovo during the two months surrounding the October 12 elections. The article said Kremlin-linked outlets published over 350 articles, spreading false narratives about Kosovo's elections, local institutions, and international missions like EULEX and KFOR. These outlets promoted

pro-Serb and anti-government messaging, misrepresented the legitimacy of electoral processes, and attempted to manipulate public opinion and AI-driven platforms. The article draws attention to monitoring efforts by KALLXO.com and EU fact-checking bodies, which documented coordinated attempts to undermine trust in Kosovo's democratic institutions.

“Beyond Empty Speeches: Kosovo Lags Behind Standards in Integrating People with Disabilities”

On [December 3, 2025](#) PI reported on Kosovo's failure to effectively integrate people with disabilities into society despite symbolic recognition of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Although strategic documents and laws exist, according to the article, weak implementation, inconsistent policies, and scarce resources have left many persons with disabilities excluded from education, employment, and public life. This article stresses that only a small share of children with disabilities attend mainstream schools and employment quotas are rarely met, while access to services and meaningful political inclusion remains limited. All this highlights the gap between formal commitments and real progress.

SOCIAL MEDIA PERFORMANCE



FACEBOOK

Views
650,100,000

Content Interactions
3,400,000



YOUTUBE

Views
7,000,000
Impressions
74,100,100

Watch time (hours)
451,280



INSTAGRAM

Followers
53,122

Views
19,900,000



x

Followers
3,737



TIKTOK

Followers
113,200

Views
119,000,000

MONITORING AND ADVOCACY

In 2025, BIRN Kosovo's team of court monitors, legal officers, and advisors monitored a total of **248 hearings and submitted 873 legal requests/complaints** to relevant public institutions in Kosovo.

BIRN Kosovo has played an active role in the development of the National Strategy for Countering Terrorism 2023–2028, contributing its expertise throughout the working-group process up to the strategy's finalization. It has also provided regular reporting on the implementation of the Strategy's Action Plan for the Prevention and Fight Against Terrorism. BIRN Kosovo continues to monitor the strategy's enforcement and delivers targeted trainings and workshops to strengthen local-level capacities for effective implementation. Through these concrete actions, BIRN Kosovo aims to enhance public accountability and support the successful execution of this key national document.

In line with its commitment to support local governance, BIRN Kosovo facilitated the drafting of the decision to establish and operationalize the referral mechanism in the Municipality of Hani i Elezit, an obligation arising from the Counterterrorism Strategy 2023–2028 and its Action Plan 2023–2025. With BIRN's assistance, the draft decision was endorsed by the Mayor of Hani i Elezit and successfully passed the Ministry of Local Government Administration's evaluation. It is now under implementation and is expected to serve as a model decision for municipalities across Kosovo, tailored to their respective local contexts.

Furthermore, in November 2024, BIRN Kosovo became a member of the working group responsible for drafting the new National Strategy

on Public Safety and Security. BIRN's engagement in strengthening rule of law processes is further reflected through its representation on key national bodies. On behalf of BIRN, Labinot Leposhtica serves on the Steering Committee of the Rule of Law Strategy of the Ministry of Justice, representing civil society in the development of one of the country's core strategic frameworks. BIRN was also an active member of the working group tasked with identifying necessary legal amendments stemming from the Declaration of Commitments, a joint document of the Kosovo Judicial Council, the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, and the Ministry of Justice.

As a result of BIRN's investigative reporting, courts have initiated two disciplinary procedures against judges for ethical violations. Additionally, municipalities across the country have imposed five disciplinary measures against officials identified as having breached ethical standards and procedures.

Following the publication of an [investigation](#) by KALLXO.com regarding a domestic violence case, the Kosovo Judicial Council suspended the judge assigned to the case, Naime Jashanica. Meanwhile, the Basic Prosecutor's Office in Prishtina announced that it has initiated a review of the case to assess whether there are disciplinary elements that should be addressed in this matter.

Following the publication of another KALLXO.com [investigation](#) revealing that the Procurement Review Body had placed the company “Fortesa SH.P.K” on the blacklist on the grounds of alleged falsification in a tender in the Municipality of Gjilan, Drilon Etemi, the authorized representative of the group of economic operators consisting of “AlbaProject,” “Auremont,” and “Fortesa” SH.P.K as the lead company, was arrested on 14 April 2025. Subsequently, an indictment was filed in the case.

Moreover, after KALLXO.com’s [reporting](#) that the Badovc bridge was opened for traffic without undergoing the required testing, the Prishtina Prosecutor’s Office filed an indictment in the case.

Following a KALLXO.com [report](#), an indictment was filed against the former Chief Prosecutor of the Court of Appeals, Haxhi Derguti, and three others for exercising undue influence and failing to report a criminal offense. The 2022 investigation by KALLXO.com resulted in the Special Prosecution of Kosovo bringing formal charges in the case.

Following a KALLXO.com [investigation](#), an indictment was filed against a notary for having undertaken actions to facilitate the suspicious sale of a property in Prishtina.

Also, Hasan Krasniqi, CEO of KRU Gjakova, was arrested on March 18, 2025 following a police operation in connection with the purchase of a boat by KRU Gjakova, a case previously [investigated and reported](#) by KALLXO.com.

Following a KALLXO.com [investigation](#) revealing irregularities in the privatization of the former Library

building in Mitrovica, the Special Prosecution of Kosovo filed an indictment against Faruk Mujka and Hysen Muzliukaj. They are charged with abusing their official positions by misclassifying public property as municipal property, causing an estimated €125,100 in damage. Mujka also faces an additional charge for failing to declare assets.

TRAINING & MEDIA DEVELOPMENT

BIRN Kosovo also had significant success in organizing and delivering training activities in 2025, delivering 25 training sessions and workshops for 567 participants, including 295 women. The participants included professional journalists, early-career journalists, journalism students, students of politics and law, high school students, duty bearers, representatives of the Centre for Social Welfare, the Directorate of Health, Directorate of Education, Probation Services, the Centre for Mental Health, Cadastral Agency and cadastral officers, and citizens. These training sessions covered issues including media literacy, fake news, fact-checking principles and methodologies, property rights, the basics of investigative journalism, professional investigative journalism, social auditing, public procurement, televised investigations, media ethics, source protection, reporting on terrorism and crisis situations, violent extremism and radicalization, and reporting on labour rights and digital rights.

On [January 24, 2025](#), BIRN Kosovo conducted a one-day training session for officials from the Municipality of Vushtrri. The session aimed to deepen their understanding of the State Strategy for Preventing and Countering Terrorism and to strengthen local capabilities in tackling the pressing security challenges posed by extremism. A total of 16 participants attended the training, 10 of whom were women. The event was part of the 'Resilient and Inclusive Community Programme,' which is funded by the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF).

During February 2025, BIRN Kosovo held [one-day workshop sessions](#) in three Kosovo municipalities, bringing

together cadastral officials, lawyers, private bailiffs, surveyors, and notaries to discuss the role of Cadastral Offices in property issues and in advancing cooperation between institutions and reducing barriers. 79 participants, 32 of them being women, from all of Kosovo's municipalities, attended three workshops. These were held on February 24 in Prishtina, on February 27 in Ferizaj, and on February 28 in Gjilan. This activity is part of the Public Information and Awareness Services for Vulnerable Communities in Kosovo (PIAKOS) project, where BIRN acts as a co-implementing party.

On [March 26, 2025](#), BIRN Kosovo conducted a one-day training session for officials from the Municipality of Istog/Istok aimed at deepening their understanding of the State Strategy for Preventing and Countering Terrorism and at strengthening local capabilities in tackling the pressing security challenges posed by extremism. The one-day workshop, which is part of the "Resilient and Inclusive Community Programme" funded by GCERF, had 12 participants, 5 of whom were women.

On March 13, 14, and 17, 2025, BIRN Kosovo organized lectures on anti-money laundering with 70 students across three public universities—[University of Prishtina](#), [University of Gjilan](#), and [University of Mitrovica](#)—aimed at raising awareness among economics students about the risks of money laundering, legal frameworks that allow for it, and prevention techniques. 23 participants, including 13 women, attended the lecture held at the University of Prishtina. 18 students, 10 of whom were women, participated in the lecture held at the University of Gjilan. Meanwhile, the lecture held at the

University of Mitrovica had 29 student participants, 24 of whom were women.

From [April 13, 14, 15, and 16, 2025](#) BIRN Kosovo, in cooperation with the Kosovo Academy of Justice, organized a four-day intensive training on the challenges of violent extremism, radicalism, and terrorism in Kavaja, Albania. This training was attended by 31 participants, including 14 women.

Between [June 2 and June 12, 2025](#) BIRN Kosovo wrapped up a nationwide series of seven one-day workshops focused on property rights, conducted in multiple cities. Over 100 professionals including notaries, lawyers, cadastral officers, mediators, and enforcement agents attended sessions that delved into legal procedures around enforcement titles, mediation agreements and inter-institutional coordination. The workshops aimed to bolster cooperation among key institutions, improve understanding of property and registration laws, and ultimately enhance the functioning of the property-rights framework in Kosovo. 110 participants, including 55 women attended the workshops. These workshops were held as part of the “Public Information and Awareness Services for Vulnerable Communities in Kosovo (PIAKOS)” project, funded by the World Bank’s State and Peacebuilding Fund.

On [June 18, 2025](#), BIRN Kosovo conducted a one-day training session on countering terrorism and security threats at a local level. The training was given to 6 officials—one of them a woman from the Municipality of Deçan—focusing on the state strategy for preventing and countering terrorism and strengthening local capabilities in addressing these security challenges. The training was part of the Resilient and Inclusive Community Programme funded by Global Community Engagement and

Resilience Fund (GCERF), through the Advocacy Training and Resource Center (ATRC), and implemented by BIRN Kosovo.

On [September 23, 2025](#), BIRN Kosovo organized a one-day workshop in Prishtina for local civil society organizations (CSOs), aimed at strengthening their capacity to develop monitoring and research projects in the field of terrorism and violent extremism. A total of 17 participants attended the one-day workshop, including 7 women. This workshop was organized within the framework of the Resilient and Inclusive Community Programme, supported by GCERF.

On [October 21, 2025](#) BIRN Kosovo organised a meeting in Prishtina for local communities, including representatives from civil society organisations (CSOs), media professionals, and students. The meeting aimed to strengthen their capacity to understand digital rights and advance their skills in identifying and protecting these rights. A total of 19 participants attended the meeting, 13 of whom were women. They called for stronger institutional coordination, school-based education, stricter regulation of harmful applications, GDPR protections, informed parental consent, and stronger technical safeguards. This meeting was organized within the framework of Digital Rights and Freedoms, implemented by BIRN Kosovo and supported by the European Union.

On [November 20, 2025](#) BIRN held a workshop with 19 students from the Journalism Department of the University of Prishtina, focusing on responsible journalism, gender-sensitive reporting, ethics and safety in the field. Of the 19 student participants 18 were women. This activity is funded by the EU as part of

the project to “Strengthen the Role and Capacities of Investigative Journalism in Kosovo,” which is implemented by BIRN Kosovo, the Press Council of Kosovo, and TV Mreža.

On [November 26, 2025](#) BIRN held a workshop for 22 students from the Massive Communication department at AAB College, focusing on responsible journalism, gender-sensitive reporting, ethical standards, and safety practices in the field. Of the 22 student participants, 13 of them were women. This activity is funded by the EU under the project to “Strengthen the Role and Capacities of Investigative Journalism in Kosovo,” which is implemented by BIRN Kosovo, the Press Council of Kosovo, and TV Mreža.

On [November 27, 2025](#) BIRN organised an online meeting with local communities about their digital rights. The event brought together representatives from universities in Kosovo, students, journalists, and civil society organisations. Its aim was to strengthen people’s capacities to understand digital rights and enhance their ability to identify and protect these rights. The meeting was attended by 35 participants, including 30 women. This meeting was organised within the framework of Reporting Digital Rights and Freedoms, implemented by BIRN Kosovo, and supported by the European Union.

During [November 2025](#), BIRN Kosovo organized three tailored workshops designed to raise awareness and strengthen understanding as well as the operational capacities of security and justice institutions in countering disinformation. The workshop titled “Development of Inter-Institutional Capacities for Building Strategies to Counter Disinformation,” brought together representatives from the Prosecution, courts, Customs, police,

tax administration, local departments for security and emergency, as well as ministries of Internal Affairs, Defence and Local Government Administration, facilitating dialogue and collaboration among institutions that play a crucial role in safeguarding public trust and security. A total of 90 participants, 28 women and 62 men, took part in the workshops held on November 12-13, November 18-19, and November 25. These activities were organised as part of the project on “Media Integrity and Disinformation Watch,” supported by the British Embassy in Kosovo.

On [December 22, 2025](#), BIRN organised training for media professionals on Ethics, Fact-Checking, and Responsible Reporting. The training focused on improving participants’ ability to use freedom of information mechanisms, conduct in-depth research, and follow public sector developments more effectively. This event was attended by 14 participants, including 10 women. The training was organized as part of the EU-funded project, “Strengthening the role and capacities of investigative journalism in Kosovo.”

On [December 23, 2025](#), BIRN Kosovo conducted a one-day training session for officials from the Municipality of Peja/Pec to deepen their understanding of the State Strategy for Preventing and Countering Terrorism and to strengthen their capacity to tackle extremism in Kosovo. This event was attended by 27 officials of the Municipality of Peja/Pec, including assembly members and others, of whom 12 were women. The training was part of the Resilient and Inclusive Community Programme, funded by the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF), through the Advocacy Training and Resource Center (ATRC), and implemented by BIRN Kosovo.

CONFERENCES / PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS / ROUNDTABLES

On [March 3, 2025](#) BIRN Kosovo published a new [report](#) titled “Challenges of Rehabilitation, Reintegration, & Disengagement from Terrorism in Kosovo,” which finds that while Kosovo is recognised as a regional model for rehabilitation and reintegration, the lack of a legal requirement for convicted terrorists to attend specialised programmes significantly raises the risk of re-radicalisation. Speakers were: Albulena Haxhiu, Minister of Justice; Mensur Hoti, director of the Department for Public Security at the Ministry of Interior; Kreshnik Gashi, editor-in-Chief of KALLXO.com; and Labinot Leposhtica, from BIRN. The 48 participants at the event included individuals from both central and local levels of government, experts, representatives from diplomatic missions, members of religious communities, practitioners in the field, and media representatives. Of the 48 participants, 30 were women.

On [March 30, 2025](#), a documentary investigating how illicit financial flows deepen poverty and inequality in the Western Balkans premiered at the Reporting House in Prishtina. The film, titled “The Impact of Money Laundering on Poverty,” produced by BIRN Kosovo and authored by KALLXO.com’s editor-in-chief, Kreshnik Gashi, brought together more than 60 participants from Kosovo’s top institutions, international organisations, and civil society. The documentary was produced with the support of the British embassy as part of the project: “Mass Education of Kosovo Citizens on the Consequences

of Money Laundering, Types of Money Laundering, and Institutional Challenges in Combating Money Laundering.”

On [April 3, 2025](#) BIRN published a new [report](#) titled “Hate Speech and Disinformation During the 2025 Election in Kosovo,” that shed light on the troubling prevalence of hate speech, disinformation and “dehumanizing” rhetoric during the February 9 2025 parliamentary election campaign in Kosovo. Over 4,000 online articles and 20 TV/radio stations, including outlets based in Belgrade and Tirana, were monitored and the results were that political opponents were regularly portrayed as animals, mentally incompetent, or as Serbian spies. The report also highlights how foreign actors, notably from Serbia and Russia, amplified narratives of impending inter-ethnic conflict to influence the vote. At the report launch, several high-level speakers addressed the growing threat of disinformation to democracy, including President Vjosa Osmani, Head of the EU Office in Kosovo, Aivo Orav, and BIRN’s Editor-in-Chief Kreshnik Gashi, who presented the report’s findings. The event brought together key political, diplomatic, and media figures to discuss the impact of hate speech and misinformation on Kosovo’s democratic process. The publication event, supported by the European Union in Kosovo, gathered 93 participants, of whom 54 were women.

A [documentary](#) titled “Shadow of the War” was screened at BIRN’s Reporting

House in Prishtina, shedding light on the tragic Dubrava prison massacre of May 1999. The film features poignant testimonies from survivors, including Gent Nushi, who was arrested at 17 and detained without indictment for over two years. The massacre occurred after NATO's airstrike on the prison, leading to Serbian forces assembling hundreds of inmates and opening fire, resulting in approximately 120 deaths and over 100 injuries. Co-director of the film Eki Rrahmani criticized both local and international institutions for their failure to investigate the incident, emphasizing that the perpetrators' identities were well-known. The screening highlighted the ongoing struggle for justice and reconciliation in post-conflict Kosovo.

On [August 29, 2025](#), at an event in the Reporting House Museum in Prishtina, BIRN Kosovo, in cooperation with the North Mitrovica-based NGO ACDC, launched a campaign to document the trauma of the families of missing persons as part of the EU-funded project "Uncovering the Truth: Combating Mono-Ethnic Journalism and Advocacy for Missing Persons in Kosovo." Opening remarks were made by guest speakers including the former Justice Minister Albulena Haxhiu and Deputy Head of Cooperation Section/ EUOK Alessandro Biancardi. Present at the event were 28 participants, of whom 14 were women.

On [October 1, 2025](#), three major media organisations in Kosovo, including BIRN Kosova, Internews Kosova, and the Association of Journalists of Kosovo launched the project "Media Integrity and Disinformation Tracking (MIDwatch)." It was supported by the British Embassy in Prishtina. The initiative aims to combat disinformation by building

media integrity, conducting research, offering capacity-building resources for journalists and institutions, and issuing policy recommendations. They highlight the growing threat of AI-generated disinformation, call for media literacy in schools and among public officials, and emphasise that the effort must go beyond journalism alone to include institutional accountability and transparency.

Together with local partners, BIRN Kosovo launched [a Social Audit initiative](#) across six municipalities— Istog, Drenas, Kaçanik, Dragash, Lipjan, and Mamusha—to strengthen transparency, accountability, and citizen participation in local governance. Over four months, roughly 120 community members—including teachers, activists, youth leaders, people with disabilities, journalists, farmers, and pensioners—participated in training, field visits, community consultations, and meetings with municipal officials. These Social Audit Teams monitored a total of 12 infrastructure and public-investment projects, following a rigorous methodology that included reviewing contracts and project documentation, inspecting construction sites, consulting residents, and assessing project quality, accessibility, environmental compliance, and community needs. As a result, the project produced six comprehensive Social Audit reports—one per municipality—30 journalistic articles, a TV documentary, and six short videos. Municipal authorities formally received the Audit teams' findings and, in many cases, committed themselves in writing to address recommendations regarding safety standards, accessibility, project design quality, and citizen-driven budgeting. Overall, the "Social Audit" project

has emerged as one of Kosovo's most robust citizen-engagement and local-governance oversight mechanisms, combining capacity-building, institutional cooperation, community monitoring, and public information efforts, helping to improve transparency, build trust, and promote participatory governance.

From [November 24 to 26, 2025](#), BIRN Kosovo welcomed journalists, civil society activists, tech experts, academics, representatives from the relevant institutions, and citizens at large to Prishtina, Kosovo, for an annual regional conference and for the Internet Freedom Meet event on digital rights and freedoms. This event also served as a launch event for the [Digital Rights Violations Annual Report 2025](#). This regional report documented 1,440 digital rights violations from September 2024 to August 2025. The conference was attended by approximately 120 participants including 30 Internet Freedom Meet fellows from the Western Balkans region selected following a public call for participation. This event was organised within the framework of the "Reporting Digital Rights and Freedoms" project, implemented by BIRN Kosovo and supported by the European Union.

On [December 8, 2025](#), BIRN Kosovo organized a screening of its documentary "Disinformation Against Elections" at the Reporting House. The film highlights how foreign information manipulation, interference, and hate speech have targeted Kosovo's electoral processes, undermining public trust in institutions, fuelling polarization, and posing additional challenges for women's participation in political life. The screening aimed to raise awareness among citizens

and institutions about the scale and consequences of disinformation, and to help inform public dialogue and practical solutions to strengthen societal resilience to manipulation. The event was followed by a panel discussion featuring the British Ambassador to Kosovo, the Director of NDI Kosovo, and BIRN Kosovo's Executive Director. The documentary was produced under the "Media Integrity and Disinformation Watch" project, with support from the British Embassy. It was held in partnership with the National Democratic Institute as part of the DISICON Information Integrity Conference.

On [December 15, 2025](#), BIRN Kosovo, the Association of Professional Journalists of Kosovo, and Internews Kosova, with the support of the British Embassy in Kosovo, awarded three Kosovan journalists for their exceptional contributions to fact-checking journalism, as part of the "Media Integrity and Disinformation Watch project." The Fact-Checking Journalism Award marks a significant step in strengthening professional journalism in Kosovo by honouring journalists who uphold accuracy, accountability, and the public interest in an increasingly complex information environment.

Publications/Reports

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In [November](#), BIRN, Democracy plus, and local partner NGOs published six Social Audit reports for 16 monitored projects in the municipalities of [Dragash](#), [Drenas](#), [Istog](#), [Kacanik](#), [Lipjan](#) and [Mamusha](#). Key findings included concerns related to accessibility, environmental impacts, construction quality, safety risks, delays, and non-standardized infrastructure. The final reports served as a vital tool for fostering dialogue, encouraging accountability and driving positive change in municipal governance. By making these reports public, the Social Audit initiative empowered citizens, local authorities and civil society to work together towards more transparent and effective local governance. The “Social Audit” project is supported by DEMOS, through HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation.

Activities of the Reporting House

In 2025, the Reporting House further solidified its role as a central space for dialogue, remembrance, and civic engagement in Kosovo. Throughout the year, it hosted a wide array of events, discussions, workshops, and public programmes that deepened its relevance within the community. Public interest remained strong, with 11,267 visitors recorded between January and December 2025, bringing the total number of visitors to 17,010 since its opening in June 2024. This consistent and growing engagement underscores the Reporting House's impact as an educational and cultural hub, especially for young people, students, journalists, and community members exploring Kosovo's recent history through media, art, and storytelling.

On [January 9, 2025](#) Reporting House manager Leonora Aliu welcomed the RTK Morning Program team to the Reporting House for a live discussion about the exhibition, including insights into its preparation and opening.

On [January 17, 2025](#), former director of the Trepca Mining Complex, Burhan Kavaja, revisited the historic 1989 miners' protest which was being shown at the Reporting House, recalling the tense moment when he feared that they "would die" as underground conditions worsened during the strike. He highlighted the immense risk and physical strain endured by the miners, underlining how the eight-day hunger strike served as a critical turning point in Kosovo's resistance movement.⁴ A [short video](#) about the visit was published on the Facebook page of the Reporting House.

On [January 23, 2025](#), the Reporting House welcomed Ambassador William Walker who was hosted by Jeta Xharra, BIRN's Executive Director. In 1998–1999, Walker was the first international figure to publicly condemn Serbia's actions against the Kosovar population as crimes against humanity, drawing global attention and prompting an international response. As head of the Kosovo Verification Mission (KVM), he led efforts to monitor compliance with human rights standards, and was the first international official to witness the Reçak massacre, where he described the killings of 45 Albanian civilians as "unspeakable atrocities." His advocacy played a pivotal role in highlighting the plight of Kosovo Albanians during and after the war.

On January 22, 2025, Europe House in Kosovo published an [article](#) highlighting the Reporting House, an extraordinary museum in the heart of Prishtina dedicated to Kosovo's recent history from 1989 to 1999. The article was also shared on the [Facebook](#) page of Europe House in Kosovo, and on the [Facebook page](#) of Reporting House.

On [January 23, 2025](#), the Reporting House welcomed the leaders of Europe's nursing community, guests of the Kosovo Chamber of Nurses, Midwives, and Health Professionals (OIK), on the occasion of the chamber's 10th anniversary. The visitors expressed keen interest in learning more about Kosovo's resistance for freedom. Hosted by our producer Jeta Xharra and Reporting House contributor Donika Shahini-Lami, the delegation included Aristides Chorattas, President of the

⁴ <https://kallxo.com/gjate/ish-drejtori-i-minieres-se-trepces-ne-reporting-house-kujton-protesten-e-89-kam-mendu-qe-kemi-me-vdeke-te-gjithe/>

European Federation of Nurses (EFN); Mario Gaziq, President of the Croatian Nursing Council; Mladen Samardžija from Croatia; Monika Ažman, President of the Association of Nurses and Midwives in Slovenia; and other local and international collaborators, accompanied by Nexhmije Gori, President of OIK.

On [January 28, 2025](#), Reporting House welcomed the students of the “Lutfi Musiqi” Technical High School from Vushtrri, who showed extraordinary interest in the history of Kosovo’s resistance from 1989 to 1999.

On [January 29, 2025](#), the students and teachers of “Eqrem Çabej” Gymnasium in Vushtrri visited the Reporting House.

On [January 29, 2025](#), Reporting House had the special honor of welcoming Feride Rushiti and the team from the Kosovo Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Victims (KRCT), who have been nominated for the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize. Their indispensable work over more than two decades has supported survivors of torture, particularly victims of sexual violence during the war in Kosovo and has helped preserve collective memory by documenting their stories. We are grateful for their recognition of our work and their ongoing contribution to Kosovo’s society.

On [January 30, 2025](#), Imer Hakaj, Director of the Agency for the Management of Monuments and Memorial Complexes (AMMKM), visited Reporting House with his team, highlighting the importance of establishing a permanent space for the museum. He emphasized the need to collaborate with all stakeholders to preserve Kosovo’s collective memory and to advance the collection and

protection of war and resistance artifacts.

On [February 1, 2025](#), Reporting House hosted a public discussion with Ambassador William Walker, who shared his experiences in Kosovo during 1998–1999, highlighting the challenges of raising international awareness of Serbia’s crimes and his efforts to document them in his book. We are grateful to everyone who spent their Saturday with us and participated in this meaningful conversation.

On [February 5, 2025](#), Reporting House hosted a public discussion with Dr. Feride Rushiti, 2025 Nobel Peace Prize nominee and founder of the Kosovo Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Victims (QKRT/KRCT). Over more than two decades, Dr. Rushiti has supported survivors of torture, particularly civilian victims of sexual violence during the war, and advocated for their institutional recognition and treatment. The conversation also included concrete recommendations for Kosovo’s incoming government. The full discussion is available on KALLXO.com’s YouTube channel and page.

On [February 11, 2025](#), a group of history club students from “Emin Duraku” Secondary School in Prishtina visited Reporting House to learn about the historical events in Kosovo from 1989 to 1999.

On [February 12, 2025](#), over fifty students from the “Xheladin Deda” Medical High School in Mitrovica visited the Reporting House exhibition, accompanied by the school’s principal and professors.

On [February 15, 2025](#), the Reporting House was visited by ninth-grade

students from “Elena Gjika” School in Prishtina. In addition to regular visits, some of these students have also volunteered at our museum, contributing to tours and various activities.

On [February 17, 2025](#), in honour of Kosovo’s Independence Day, Reporting House welcomed visitors on a journey through Kosovo’s history toward freedom and independent statehood. Kosovan visitors from different generations, including members of the diaspora, were hosted by Jeta Xharra, Executive Director of BIRN Kosovo. As part of the 17th anniversary of Kosovo’s Independence, Reporting House also showcased the [testimonies of women veterans](#) of the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA). Launched by the Municipality of Prishtina through the project “KLA Women Speak,” the initiative documents the role of women from the Prishtina region in the fight for freedom. Video interviews, conducted by Jonada Jashari, advisor to the Mayor of Prishtina, feature personal accounts from Zymrie Vitia, Ramize Abdullahu Salihu, Ibadete Canolli, Hyrie Veliu, and Emine Brahimi. These testimonies, available at Reporting House, offer authentic insights into the contributions of women in the KLA and aim to foster broader discussions about their crucial role in Kosovo’s modern history.

On [February 18, 2025](#), a special screening of the film [“Return to Kosovo”](#) took place at the Reporting House. It tells the story of the British journalist Julius Strauss and Besnik Deliu, a five-year-old who survived a brutal massacre during the Kosovo war. More than two decades after their first encounter, Julius and Besnik reunite to uncover the full truth of that tragic day. From war-torn Kosovo to

the Canadian wilderness, this moving film explores loss, resilience, and the lasting impact of conflict.

On [February 25, 2025](#), Reporting House welcomed the Mayor of Skenderaj, Fadil Nura, and his team, along with MPs Ganimete Musliu and Ariana Shoshi.

On [February 26, 2025](#), students and teachers from “Gjergj Kastrioti Skënderbeu” High School in Drenas visited the Reporting House.

On [February 27, 2025](#), Reporting House welcomed students from “Gani Saramati” Secondary School in Prizren, along with their Principal.

On [February 28, 2025](#), Reporting House paid tribute to Alban Bujari, a pioneering Kosovar photojournalist who documented the Kosovo War of 1998–1999. Known for his words, “Now everyone can see what I saw,” Bujari captured the suffering of children, women, men, and elderly during Serbia’s brutal regime. His photographs, exhibited at Reporting House, serve as enduring testimony to Kosovo’s recent history. Bujari began his career at Koha Ditore in 1997, and his work was featured in international outlets including Time, The Guardian, The Independent, and El País. He passed away on February 27, 2025, leaving a lasting legacy through his lens. Reporting House extended condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues.

On [February 28, 2025](#) Reporting House welcomed 150 sixth-grade students from “Iliria” Primary School in Prishtina, along with their teachers. The students participated in a discussion about Kosovo’s civil resistance from 1989 to 1999, learning about this pivotal period in the country’s history.

On [March 5, 2025](#), students from the Vocational Education and Training Institution in Shtime and their teachers visited the Reporting House.

On [March 5, 2025](#), Leonora Aliu, manager at Reporting House, gave [an interview](#) for RTK's afternoon program, commemorating the Kosovo Liberation Army's story and highlighting the armed resistance of the Jashari family as documented at Reporting House.

On [March 7, 2025](#), Reporting House held a public discussion titled "What Did We Learn in the House-Schools of the 1990s?" This talk was a reflection on using education as a form of organized resistance against the oppression of Albanians by the Serbian regime. The discussion featured organizers of the house-schools, researchers, as well as artists and young scholars who shared insights from their work on the impact of this form of resistance. We thank all participants for their interest in this important topic for Kosovo's state-building and the speakers for their active contributions to the discussion.

On [March 14, 2025](#), Reporting House held the opening reception of Driton Hajredini's installation "Who Killed the Painting?" (2003), a thought-provoking work that explores the evolving nature of art and its reception in contemporary society. Part of the Sammlung Block collection, the installation examines the shifting paradigms of artistic expression, questioning the relevance of traditional painting in an era dominated by new media and conceptual art. Hajredini's work encourages viewers to reflect on the potential "death" of painting, considering factors such as commercialization, technological change, and audience perception, and invites dialogue on the value

and evolution of artistic mediums in contemporary culture. The opening took place at Reporting House Gallery at 18:00. An [article](#) regarding the event was published also by Koha.net including a [TV report](#) by KTV and [RTK](#).

On [March 16, 2025](#), Reporting House commemorated the Bread Protest for Drenica, held on March 16, 1998, and led by the women of Kosovo. The protest, which called for international awareness of the situation in Kosovo, was a response to the events in Prekaz in March 1998, including the Jashari family massacre and the siege of Drenica by Serbian armed forces. Key figures in the protest included Flora Brovina, Vjosa Dobruna, Edita Tahiri, Sevdije Ahmeti, Edi Shukriu, and Melihate Tërmkolli. Reporting House documents this historic demonstration through exclusive video footage by Murteza Kurti and photographs by Ridvan Slivova and Eliza Hoxha, preserving vital evidence of this form of civil resistance against the oppression of the Serbian regime.

On [March 19, 2025](#), Reporting House welcomed members of the Kosovo Tourist Guides Association, GuideKS, for a visit. Producer Jeta Xharra hosted Director Muamer Hasani and his colleagues, presenting the work done in documenting both civil and armed resistance from 1989 to 1999, as well as opportunities to showcase Kosovo's rich modern history both domestically and internationally.

On [April 1, 2025](#), BIRN Kosovo launched a documentary, "The Impact of Money Laundering on Poverty" at the Reporting House. High-level figures, including the Governor of the Central Bank, the Director of the Tax Administration, the Chief Prosecutor of the Special Prosecution Office,

and representatives from embassies, EULEX, the EU Office and judicial institutions, watched the unveiling of the documentary.

On [April 8, 2025](#) Reporting House had the pleasure of welcoming representatives from the U.S. Department of State, including Michael Dozler, Senior Advisor for the Western Hemisphere, Europe, and Central Asia at the Office of International Religious Freedom; Sonia Fernandes, Policy Officer for Religious Freedoms and Orthodox Communities in Europe; Brooke Young, Human Rights Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Pristina; and U.S. Embassy Policy Advisor Raba Gjoshi. During the visit, producer Jeta Xharra presented materials documenting civil resistance in Kosovo from 1989 to 1999 and highlighted the importance of reporting and preserving history, as well as the critical role of journalism in promoting dialogue and human rights.

On [April 10, 2025](#) the producer of Reporting House, Jeta Xharra, welcomed the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Professor Avni Puka, along with students from the International Master's program in Transitional Justice at the Faculty of Law University of Pristina. By sharing the stories of our history, we ensure that they are not forgotten or repeated.

On [April 10, 2025](#), second-year students from the Department of Journalism at University of Prishtina visited the Reporting House museum, where they were welcomed by producer Jeta Xharra.

On [April 11, 2025](#), Lorik Cana, footballer and former captain of the Albanian National Team, and founder of the Lorik Cana 5 Foundation, visited Reporting House together with

Veton Vula, a board member of the foundation. Cana has contributed to Reporting House by funding, through his foundation, the digitization of the archive of cameraman and journalist Murteza Kurti from Gjakova, whose exclusive footage forms part of the museum's documentation of civil resistance during the 1990s.

On [April 14, 2025](#), the Reporting House launched the campaign "Trauma Has No Deadline," calling for greater support for survivors of conflict-related sexual violence in Kosovo, and specifically the removal of the expiration date on the mandate of the Commission for the Verification and Recognition of Sexual Violence Survivors during the Kosovo War. On April 18, BIRN's "Kallxo Përnime" TV Program also [broadcasted](#) the discussion that took place during this event.

On [May 7, 2025 an article](#) covering the initiative of the Reporting House was published on the daily Austrian media platform DER STANDARD. The article was also [published](#) in Albanian language on BIRN's KALLXO.com.

During [May](#), Reporting House welcomed 30 Erasmus students from across Europe as part of the Media, Philosophy, and Politics training program.

On [May 15, 2025](#), the outgoing Speaker of the Assembly of Kosovo, Glauk Konjufca, and his Chief of Staff, Ilir Kërçeli, visited the Reporting House.

During [May, 2025](#), a delegation of 18 American experts in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology visited the Reporting House.

On [May 22, 2025](#), CEO Faton Ahmeti and S.T. Unit Manager Shyqeri Sadiku

from Trepça visited the Reporting House. Together, they discussed a new collaboration between the two organizations, aimed at showcasing Kosovo's heritage through a creative and imaginative approach.

On [May 23, 2025](#), a student delegation from Florida State University, led by Adelina Emini, the coordinator of the "Human Rights in Europe's Newest Democracy" program for Kosovo visited the Reporting House.

During [May, 2025](#), the Reporting House welcomed a group of tour operators from Italy and France, visiting Kosovo as part of the "NaturKosovo" project led by the Italian NGO Volontari nel Mondo RTM, and represented by Filippo Vigani. The project aims to strengthen sustainable tourism in the region, especially in Peja, Deçan, and Junik.

On [May 28, 2025](#), BIRN Kosovo's KALLXO.com published an article on the Reporting House stating that the museum has become a key destination for educational excursions in Kosovo, welcoming over 1,200 students and pupils since its opening on June 10, 2024. Through journalistic materials such as television reports, photographs, documentaries and artistic formats like film and animation, visitors are offered an engaging opportunity to learn about Kosovo's modern history—from its peaceful resistance to the armed struggle between 1989 and 1999. The museum also highlights a wider educational mission: staff have observed that many young visitors lack knowledge of this period, and thus the Reporting House is helping to educate them while promoting critical thinking about community, solidarity, and social movements for freedom, equality, and justice.

On [June 3, 2025](#), the Reporting House welcomed the Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda, Sir Rodney Williams, and First Lady Sandra Williams, as part of an official visit organized by the Presidency of Kosovo.

During [June, 2025](#), the Reporting House welcomed a spontaneous visit from a group of journalists from Sweden. They showed particular interest in Kosovo's modern history, focusing on the periods of civil and armed resistance during the 1990s. Our producer, Jeta Xharra, welcomed the group organized by Balkan Destination and guided them through our exhibition, highlighting the crucial role that independent and professional journalists have played in documenting and shaping the narrative of Kosovo's state-building.

On [June 11, 2025](#), a group of students from the Department of Journalism, who attended the Journalism Ethics School organized by the Press Council of Kosovo, visited the Reporting House.

On [June 12, 2025](#), Reporting House shared the footage of 19-year-old Jehona Lushaku capturing a historic moment from her apartment balcony in central Prishtina—the arrival of NATO troops in Kosovo which marked the beginning of liberation. The footage is part of the Reporting House exhibition.

On [June 18, 2025](#), on the first anniversary of the Reporting House, we had the honour of presenting the installation commemorating 100 years of mining in Trepça. Curated by Reporting House's Gazmend Ejupi, it showcases minerals from Stanterg/Stari Trg, the oldest mine within the complex, which lies 55 km north of Kosovo's capital. Articles regarding the event were written on BIRN's [Balkan](#)

[Insight](#) and [KALLXO.com](#) and on [Klan Kosova](#) and the North Macedonian media outlet [Portalb](#). Moreover, a TV report with Jeta Xharra regarding the event was broadcasted by [RTK](#). While on [June 22, 2025](#) BIRN Kosovo's Kallxo Pernime TV program broadcasted an episode on the installation honoring the 100th anniversary of the Trepça Mine. How did curator Gazmend Ejupi come up with the idea for an installation featuring hundreds of precious stones from the Trepça Mine and how do today's working conditions compare to those of 50 years ago for miners laboring 750 meters underground, and how was the Trepça Mine rediscovered by a British company 100 years ago.

On [June 23, 2025](#) the Chairman of the Islamic Community of Kosovo, Grand Mufti Naim ef. Tërnavë, accompanied by his associates, visited the crystal installation at the Reporting House, held in honor of the 100th anniversary of Kosovo's mines.

On the evening of [June 26, 2025](#) BIRN's 'Reporting House', in Kosovo's capital Prishtina connected with Gaza through a Zoom video call. Hussein al-Jerjawi, an 18-year-old artist, and his brother Asem, appeared on screen speaking from what looked like the remnants of a bombed room, with a broken ceiling and a grey curtain partially shielding the backdrop while talking about his exhibition "Fragments of Survival" opened at BIRN's Reporting House. An article regarding the talk was published on [Prishtina Insight](#) including a TV report on KALLXO.com.

On [July 3, 2025](#) Reporting House had an event regarding the screening of the documentary 'In the Shadows of War', a film by Eki Rrahmani, Gazi Nela, and "In My Country Production", which reflects on the events of the Dubrava

Massacre in 1999. A [TV report](#) about the event was published on KALLXO.com, and an article was published on [Balkan Insight](#).

On [July 17, 2025](#), Professor Remzije Shahini from the Faculty of Journalism at the University of Prishtina, along with students from the USA, Egypt, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Kosovo participating in the university's Summer School, visited the Reporting House, where they explored the space and reflected on the role of journalism in post-conflict contexts.

On [July 24, 2025](#), Austria's Deputy Ambassador to Kosovo, Clarissa Castek, along with the staff of the Austrian Embassy, visited the Reporting House.

On [July 28, 2025](#), Greta Thunberg, the renowned Swedish environmentalist and human rights activist, visited Reporting House, as part of her two-day stay in Kosovo.

On [July 29, 2025](#), Reporting House shared the stories of women activists who initiated the blood feud reconciliation movement from prisons in the 1980s. Havë Shala, Myrvete Dreshaj, Shqipe Bytyqi, Ramë Tali, Ilir Bytyqi, and activist Ibrahim Dreshaj recounted their personal experiences—stories not found in books. The event featured original footage from the archives of cameraman Murteza Kurti, a witness to these moments and a contributor to Reporting House. The event was attended by around 150 audience members.

On [August 4, 2025](#), UK-born Kosovo-Albanian pop star Dua Lipa visited the Reporting House Museum in Prishtina with her family during their stay for the Sunny Hill Festival. Dua Lipa praised

the museum's mission, stating that, "you've done an incredible job telling Kosovo's story through this museum." Her fiancé, Callum Turner, expressed particular interest in archival footage of British paratroopers scanning Prishtina for landmines in 1999, while Dua showed him famous Prishtina neighbourhoods featured in the videos. Jeta Xharra, co-founder of the Reporting House, noted that the visit led to an influx of visitors, providing an opportunity to share Kosovo's history with a broader audience. Articles regarding the visit were published on [KALLXO.com](https://www.kallxo.com) and [Prishtina Insight](https://www.prishtinainsight.com).

On [August 15, 2025](https://www.kallxo.com), Capital T, the rapper and songwriter from Prishtina visited the Reporting House museum.

On [August 26, 2025](https://www.kallxo.com), over 50 Albanian language scholars from Poland, the USA, Syria, Italy, and Turkey, participating in the International Seminar on Albanian Language, Literature, and Culture, led by seminar director Lindita Sejdiu, visited the Reporting House.

On [August 26, 2025](https://www.kallxo.com), Reporting House had the honour of welcoming three distinguished figures who have made extraordinary contributions to Kosovo. Benito Mares, an American humanitarian and friend of Kosovo, has strongly supported families in need after the war, produced documentaries, and conceived memorials, earning the title of Honorary Citizen. Agron Limani, commander of the 124th Brigade of the KLA, from Krusha e Vogël. Ferid Berisha, or "Commander Shkupi," a courageous KLA leader who led the 111th Brigade and whose interview for Dutch television EO 2, conducted in Dutch, can be viewed in the museum's archives. And finally, Roland Bartetzko, author of the book *War Spirit: Lessons from Battles*."

On [August 28, 2025](https://www.kallxo.com), 20 young people from Switzerland, part of the organization Prima Pflege, and led by the well-known Albanian entrepreneur Merita Pinta, visited the Reporting House.

On [August 29, 2025](https://www.kallxo.com), in cooperation with the North Mitrovica-based NGO ACDC, BIRN Kosovo launched a campaign to document the trauma of families of missing persons as part of the EU-funded project "Uncovering the Truth: Combating Mono-Ethnic Journalism and Advocacy for Missing Persons in Kosovo," in an event at the Reporting House Museum in Prishtina. Opening remarks were made by guest speakers including the former Justice Minister, Albulena Haxhiu and Alessandro Biancardi, Deputy Head of Cooperation Section/EUOK. There were 28 participants at the event, 14 of whom were women.

On [September 16, 2025](https://www.kallxo.com), two teams from the Dutch Embassy in Serbia and Kosovo visited the Reporting House: Mr. Aart Murray, Political Secretary at the Embassy in Serbia; Ms. Jelana Radoman, Security Officer; Mr. Roland Goldberg, Deputy Ambassador in Kosovo; Ms. Burbuqe Brahim, Senior Political Officer; and Ms. Julia Ruijters, Intern.

On [September 18, 2025](https://www.kallxo.com), Mr. Niels von Redecker, Head of the Western Balkans Division at the German Federal Foreign Office, along with Mr. Jochen Neumeyer, Senior Policy Officer, and Ms. Anja Großmann from the German Embassy in Kosovo, visited the Reporting House on behalf of the German Embassy in Prishtina.

During [September 2025](https://www.kallxo.com), Reporting House had the pleasure of welcoming participants of the Youth Forum,

organized by the Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO) with the support of the Government of the United Kingdom.

On [September 23, 2025](#), director Sami Mustafa, whose film *Impossible Return* (2009) is part of the Reporting House collection, visited the museum.

On [September 27, 2025](#), Reporting House hosted a screening of the documentary *Trapped by Law*, directed by Kosovar-French Roma filmmaker Sami Mustafa. The film, which won Best Film at the 2016 New York Film Festival and the Discovery Young Talent Award at the 2014 Cottbus Film Festival, tells the story of two brothers deported from Germany to Kosovo with only 50 euros to their name and no knowledge of the local language. Following the screening, Mustafa discussed his next project, supported by the Kosovo Cinematography Centre and the Rolling Film Festival, which is organized by his production company Romawood.

Supported by the British Embassy in Prishtina, three major media organisations in Kosovo, including BIRN Kosova, Internews Kosova, and the Association of Journalists of Kosovo, launched the project “Media Integrity and Disinformation Tracking (MIDwatch)” on [October 1, 2025](#). The initiative aims to combat disinformation by building media integrity, conducting research, offering capacity-building for journalists and institutions, and issuing policy recommendations. They highlight the growing threat of AI-generated disinformation, call for media literacy in schools and among public officials, and emphasise that the effort must go beyond journalism alone to include institutional accountability and transparency.

On [October 1, 2025](#), Reporting House commemorated the 28th anniversary of the Student Protests of October 1, 1997, a historic moment of active resistance and civic engagement in Kosovo. The panel featured protagonists and organizers of the protests Bujar Dugolli, Driton Lajçi, Mihane Salihu-Bala, and Remzie Shahini-Hoxha who shared their memories of the organization, challenges, and determination of the students at that time.

On [October 3, 2025](#), Professor of Psychology at AAB College and Reporting House contributor Donika Shahini Lami, along with Dean Arvesa Studenica, Vice Dean Arlinda Gashi, and Vice Dean of Law Besart Belegu, visited the Reporting House with their students.

On [October 7, 2025](#), Reporting House welcomed two groups of visitors from Austria: a group of tour guides led by Judith Brand and a group of Austrian journalists visiting on behalf of the Austrian Embassy in Kosovo.

On [October 8, 2025](#), representatives from the Museum of Contemporary Art of Panama (MAC Panamá)—the only museum of contemporary art in Panama, home to a collection of over 1,200 works by Panamanian and Latin American artists—visited the Reporting House.

On [October 14, 2025](#), a video installation titled “1395 Days Without Red” by Anri Sala and Šejla Kameri was shown at the Reporting House. The installation portrays daily life during the Siege of Sarajevo (1992–1996). The film captures the tension, resilience, and rhythm of life under siege as it follows a musician navigating sniper-lined streets while rehearsing Tchaikovsky’s

Sixth Symphony with the Sarajevo Philharmonic. The title refers to the 1,395 days residents avoided wearing bright colours to stay safe.

On [October 17, 2025](#), celebrating its 35th anniversary, the Albanian Teachers' Council "Naim Frashëri" in Germany visited the Reporting House. For the first time, over 100 students from 13 supplementary Albanian language schools took part in a week-long excursion to Kosovo under the motto: '35 years together—preserving the language, cultivating identity, building bridges.'

On [October 21, 2025](#), Reporting House hosted the workshop "What Did They Whisper, on Their Way Toward the Unknown?" led by artist Vullnet Jakupi. Young participants explored the history of Kosovo's home-schools in the 1990s through creativity and reflection. The workshop became a space of play and collaboration, where children produced their own artworks while engaging with the past, connecting generations, and celebrating resilience through art.

On [October 23, 2025](#), Besarta Jashari, who was 10 years old when she became the sole survivor of the attack on the Jashari family on March 5–7, 1998, visited the House of Journalists along with her brother Bekim Jashari and other family members. It was an emotional moment for journalist Donika Shahini, who had the honour of showing Besarta the notebook of children's drawings from the Jashari family, which Shahini had preserved since visiting their home two weeks after the attack as part of a Japanese public television team. Shahini kept the notebook for 25 years and exhibited it for the first time on June 10, 2024, when Reporting House opened.

On [October 25, 2025](#), Reporting House had the pleasure of welcoming fifth-grade students from the "Nonda Bulka" School in Mitrovica.

On [October 30, 2025](#), the Democracy Journeys group, a program created by Democracy International, a global leader in advancing democratic governance for more than two decades, visited the Reporting House.

On [November 5, 2025](#), Reporting House had the pleasure of welcoming a delegation from the European Committee of the Regions during their official visit to Kosovo. The delegation included representatives from various EU countries, among them Dr. Petri Mirala (Policy Officer for EU Enlargement and the Western Balkans), Matteo Minchio, Gillian Coughlan (Advisor at Cork County Council, Chair of the Kosovo Working Group), János Ádám Karácsony, Adam Banaszak, Maris Sild, Arnoldas Abramavičius, Dan Boyle, and Eliana Celaj.

On [November 6, 2025](#), the new German ambassador to Kosovo, Rainer Rudolph, visited the Reporting House Museum to learn more about Kosovo's history.

On [November 7, 2025](#), Reporting House welcomed The Foundation House, an organization that empowers youth through education, technology, and innovation. Building on the 25-year legacy of the IPKO Foundation, it connects new generations with the public and private sectors, fostering creativity, digital skills, and leadership.

On [November 11, 2025](#), the students of the Psychology Department at AAB College, accompanied by Professor Donika Shahini Lami—journalist

and clinical psychologist, as well as a contributor to Reporting House—carried out a visit to the Reporting House that was both professionally and emotionally significant.

On [November 12, 2025](#), Reporting House had the pleasure of welcoming representatives from [Helvetas](#), a Swiss organization with a long-standing commitment to sustainable development and international cooperation, led by Executive Director Melchior Lengsfeld.

On [November 13, 2025](#), the screening of the documentary “Depth Two” (Dubina Dva) took place at Reporting House. This documentary by Serbian director Ognjen Glavonić, produced by Non-Aligned Films, Cinéma Defacto, and the Humanitarian Law Centre brings to light one of the war’s most concealed crimes: the transport of the bodies of Albanian civilians from Kosovo to Serbia in 1999.

On [November 19, 2025](#), the students from UBT’s Art and Digital Media program visited the Reporting House, accompanied by their professor and our curator Gazmend Ejupi.

On [November 25, 2025](#), Reporting House had the pleasure of hosting participants of the Internet Freedom Meet 2025 (IFM 2025). Held in Prishtina from 24–26 November, IFM 2025 brought together regional and international experts, practitioners, and organizations to discuss emerging challenges and developments in digital rights and internet freedoms.

On [November 28, 2025](#), Reporting House opened its doors to the public with a special program marking the Independence Day of Albania. Throughout the day, the museum

screened child-friendly short films depicting key events from the 1990s in Kosovo, offering younger audiences an accessible introduction to this period of history. Visitors were invited to explore the museum, located in the former “Gërmia” department store near the Skanderbeg statue in central Prishtina. The Reporting House remained open from 10:00 to 18:00, welcoming families, students, and the wider community to learn, reflect, and engage with Kosovo’s recent past.

On [November 29, 2025](#), Reporting House hosted a discussion titled “Photography: Documenting Through the Negative” with photographer Ridvan Slivova. The event explored photography as a powerful tool for documenting history, memory, and lived experience, offering participants insight into Slivova’s work, techniques, and approach to visual storytelling.

On [December 2, 2025](#), Reporting House welcomed the Ombudsperson of Kosovo, Mr. Naim Qelaj, and his team, as part of the activities marking the 25th anniversary of the Institution of the Ombudsperson. The visit also included representatives from international networks such as IOI, ENNHRI, AOM, and Equinet, as well as ombudsperson institutions from Malta, Albania, Slovenia, Switzerland, Denmark, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Croatia, Lithuania, and Ireland.

On [December 2, 2025](#), students from SHFMU “Xhevat Berisha” in Prizren visited Reporting House as part of an educational program organized by EC Ma Ndryshe. During the visit, students were introduced to journalism, photography, and media artifacts documenting Kosovo’s recent history from 1989 to 1999, including peaceful

resistance, armed conflict, and liberation.

On [December 5, 2025](#), Reporting House hosted the discussion “Medicine in ‘Impossible’ Circumstances: Challenges, Experiences, and Sacrifices,” dedicated to doctors who served under extreme conditions before and during the war in Kosovo. The panel brought together Dr. Salih Krasniqi, Dr. Feride Deliu, Dr. Skender Murati, Dr. Xheladin Reçica, and Dr. Cen Bytyqi, who shared first-hand experiences from the 1990s, including parallel healthcare structures, improvised hospitals, dangerous fieldwork, shortages of medical supplies, and the constant threat of violence. The discussion also commemorated colleagues lost during the war, underlining the crucial role of medical professionals in saving lives amid conflict.

On [December 9, 2025](#), Reporting House welcomed Lyn Debevoise, Deputy Director for West Central European Affairs (EUR/WCE), together with representatives of the U.S. Embassy. The delegation, including officials from political and economic sections, was received by producer Jeta Xharra, who introduced them to Reporting House’s exhibitions and its work at the intersection of independent journalism, documentation, and contemporary art.

On [December 13, 2025](#), Reporting House hosted Reporting House MUN: “Resolving the Kosovo Conflict: September 1998.” The event created an educational setting for students to explore one of the most critical periods in Kosovo’s recent history through structured debate and diplomatic simulation.

On [December 19, 2025](#), Reporting House presented “Flashback,” a large-scale public installation by artist Agron Blakçori, curated by Gazmend Ejupi, installed in front of the former Gërmia shopping mall, now home to Reporting House. The installation brings the memory of burned houses from the war in Kosovo into public space through abstract architectural forms that evoke loss, displacement, and resilience. The work extends Reporting House’s mission beyond the museum walls, transforming the city into a site of reflection and collective memory.

On [December 20, 2025](#), Reporting House opened the exhibition “The Iron Corridor,” an installation curated by Gazmend Ejupi that confronts visitors with the memory and lived experience of displacement during 1999. The exhibition transforms the gallery space into a corridor of reflection, using historical fragments and personal testimonies to invite collective remembrance and dialogue.

On [December 20, 2025](#), Reporting House hosted the presentation of the research project “Memory Confronting Oblivion,” documenting the experiences of over 300 people displaced from Kosovo during the 1999 exodus. The research was presented by sociology professor Shemsi Krasniqi from the University of Prishtina, who shared findings from a 15-year study conducted with students from the Department of Sociology. The presentation was followed by an open discussion moderated by Jeta Xharra, offering space for reflection on collective memory and the long-term consequences of war.

On December 23, 2025, students from Mehmet Akif School in Prizren

visited Reporting House as part of an educational visit. During the tour, students engaged with exhibitions that combine media documentation and contemporary art to narrate Kosovo's recent history, gaining insight into the role of journalism and memory in understanding the past and shaping civic awareness.

On [December 26, 2025](#), Reporting House hosted a discussion that explored life after trauma, the role of memory in social healing, and the importance of preserving the truth for future generations. The discussion was preceded by the testimony of Teuta Elshani, the sole survivor of the Elshani family from Korrotica e Ulet, Drenas.

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