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Kosovo Transitional Council Statement on Recent Violence

The Kosovo Transitional Council condemns in the strongest possible terms the killing Rexhep Luci, the director of the department for Urban Development, Planning, and Reconstruction of the Pristina municipality, the murder of Shefki Popova, a Rilindja journalist, as well the disappearance of Marjan Melonashi, a journalist working for RTK, who was reported missing since he left work last Saturday.

The KTC reaffirms its absolute determination that these acts of violence and intimidation of journalists, political actors, and civil servants will not be accepted.

It strongly supports the resolve of the municipal authorities to continue fighting illegal construction and to develop urban planning from which all residents can benefit.

It calls upon UNMIK, KFOR, and all segments of the Joint Interim Administrative Structure to continue fighting illegal activities and organized crime thereby ensuring the establishment of an effective rule of law.

It also calls upon the free media to continue their strive for independent reporting and on all segments of society to contribute in the fight against violence.

The KTC underlines its determination to support the administration in these endeavors and supports the idea of establishing a committee cooperating with the Police and KFOR to bring the perpetrators of these acts to justice.