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Statement

The Association for Democratic Initiatives (ADI) office in Kosova, with concern has followed the flow of recent happenings in some regions of Kosova on March 17th and 18th 2004, which ended up with victims, destruction of private and public property and displacement of population.

On this occasion, ADI condemns:

- violent acts of protesters followed by attacks against Serb minority members, their property and religious and cultural objects;
- attacks against KFOR and UNMIK officials, and the burning of their vehicles;
- the existence and operation of parallel Serbian structures in Kosova and the blocking of roads done by Serbian minority members and requests that they cease such practice;

ADI also requests from UNMIK, KFOR, ISIK authorities and other competent authorities:

- to create an independent international Commission to investigate the reasons which brought to these protests and find appropriate mechanisms for their elimination;
- to investigate all cases when competencies have been overstepped and disproportional force been used by their members;
- to undertake measures, in full accordance with the laws on force, against all those who have committed violent acts against people's life and private and public property, regardless of their ethnic affiliation,

ADI highly appreciates the engagement of KPS members during the protests, whose presence has reduced the possible consequences of the protests, and the contribution given by TMK to calm down the tensions in some regions of Kosova.

Finally, ADI supports and encourages all measures undertaken by the Kosova Government and the international and national institutions on improving the situation and expresses its readiness, in the frame of its competencies, to be fully engaged on overcoming the situation.

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