

Advancing Human Rights in Northern Kosovo

Methodology

NGO Aktiv gathered information about potential instances of hate speech and human rights violations by monitoring media reports in Serbian and Albanian languages and through direct interviews with local residents of the four northern municipalities who reported human rights violations. The report relies on the universally accepted human rights terminology and definitions, as incorporated in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and other relevant UN conventions and documents, the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and applicable Kosovo legislation relative to human rights and protection from discrimination, including hate speech.

As a consequence of these efforts, Aktiv compiled a list of reported Human Rights violations and identified alleged perpetrators spanning from November 2023 to January 2024. The categorization includes victims such as citizens, citizen groups, and hate speech cases. Alleged perpetrators are classified as individuals and state institutions. Some cases involving individuals also reveal additional violations state institutions, often due to delayed or insufficient responses, exacerbating the plight of affected individuals or groups. The primary institutions implicated are the police and the Ministry of Culture.







