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He initiated contacts with KLA, Commander Adem Jashari and KLA HQ as early as 1996 and he has worked together with them since then up to 1999. During 1998/1999 he was a regular member of

the KLA in charge of Public health in the Shala Operational Zone. After the war, the provisional Government of Kosovo appointed him President of the Municipal assembly in Mitrovica. He held this post until October 2000 municipal elections. He was appointed the President of the PDK Mitrovica branch since establishment of the PDK party and also member of the Managing Council. The Prime Minister lives in his house, rebuilt immediately after the war, in northern part of Mitrovica, with his wife and daughter. Dr. Bajram Rexhepi is one of the most respected and authoritative persons in Mitrovica. Since the establishment of the PISG, Dr. Bajram Rexhepi was the Prime Minister of Kosovo until 3 December 2004. Now is a PDK Member of Kosovo Assembly, and have status of Former Prime Minister.

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