

**41.06%**

of accidents involving uninsured vehicles occurred in Prishtina region

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**25.68%**

INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN JANUARY - OCTOBER 2021 COMPARED TO JANUARY - DECEMBER 2020.



# They caused traffic accidents, uninsured parties reimburse the money paid for damages

The driver with the initials M.R. went out in road traffic without having an insurance policy and caused a fatal traffic accident, violating the applicable law. At that time, the Kosovo Insurance Bureau (KIB) had compensated the injured parties in the amount of over 63 thousand EUR, and now, following the decision of the court, the party that caused the accident should compensate the paid amount to KIB. According to the official data, there are more than 12 thousand accidents caused by uninsured vehicles and the damages amount to dozens of millions.

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The driver with the initials M.R. went out in traffic more than a decade ago and did not have an insurance policy. The said driver went out in road traffic without having an insurance policy and caused a fatal traffic accident, violating the applicable law. Given that he did not have insurance coverage, the injured parties were financially compensated by the Kosovo Insurance Bureau within the time line, as provided for by the applicable legislation.

The damage was over 63 thousand EUR. After a long period of time, the basic court granted the lawsuit filed against the driver, with the initials M.R., and the latter is now obliged to pay the financial compensation to KIB.

This is just one case where drivers who get out into road traffic without insurance policies are forced to pay back funds that are hundreds of times higher than the average value of an insurance policy.

## DAMAGE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

Since there is no other solution, the parties that cause accidents without having insurance coverage are obliged to reach an agreement with the KIB for the reimbursement of damages. Such an agreement was signed at the beginning of this year by the respondent, with the initials E.G. from the municipality of Klina for the accident caused in 2018. The said person agreed to make the payment in the amount of € 2,100 within 4 days, even paying an annual interest of 8%, as provided for by the applicable law. "The respondent caused a traffic accident and the vehicle had no insurance coverage at the time of the accident. Pursuant to the Law on Obligational Relationships and the Law on Compulsory Motor Third Party Liability Insurance relating to damages caused to third parties



by the use of motor vehicles, the plaintiff (KIB) was granted the right to be reimbursed, by the respondent, for the amount paid to third parties for the damage caused and the costs incurred", said inter alia the judgement of the Basic Court of Peja - Branch in Klina.

## KOZMAQI: DO NOT GO OUT ON THE ROADS UNLESS YOU HAVE AN INSURANCE POLICY BECAUSE THE CONSEQUENCES ARE SEVERE

Ibadete Kozmaqi, in charge of regressions in the Kosovo Insurance Bureau (KSB) calls on citizens not to go out on road traffic unless they have insurance policies. She points out that there will be great consequences in the future for drivers who caused accidents.

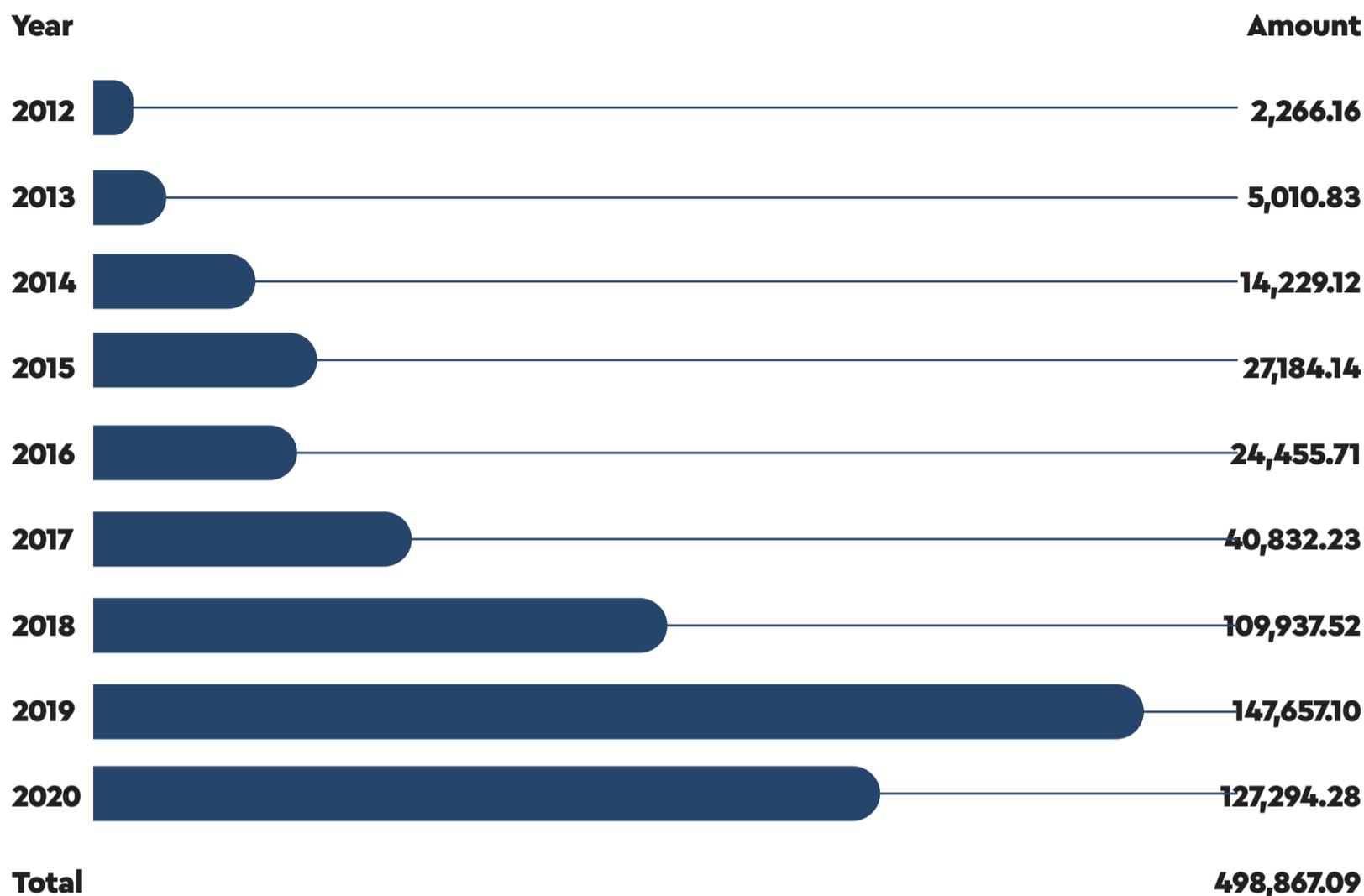
Kozmaqi points out furthermore that uninsured vehicles, in addition to posing a great risk to road users, given that they lack any technical checks, at the same time also cause a lot of financial damage to the state, as their users do not pay the taxes to the state of Kosovo. They cause a lot of financial damage to the Kosovo

Insurance Bureau, which according to the law, is obliged to compensate injured parties within a time line and subsequently court proceedings are initiated to compensate the damages. "Following the compensation of damages, we filed lawsuits, within the legal deadline, against drivers who caused traffic accidents and had no motor insurance policies. So far, hundreds of lawsuits have been granted by courts and we are using enforcement proceedings or reaching voluntary agreements to reimburse KIB for the payments made by KIB to compensate the damages", said Kozmaqi. According to her, the average price of a policy is very low compared to the amount of money covered by the policy and in cases where drivers do not have one, the entire financial liability is borne by the person causing the accident. Kozmaqi, in charge of regressions in the Kosovo Insurance Bureau points out that so far the number of reimbursements that KIB has managed to get is 1239, whereas the amount of funds reimbursed to the KIB account is over € 710 thousand. She says that a part of the funds

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# Revenues from reimbursements over the years



was reimbursed following court decisions, or through enforcement proceedings, whereas another part was reimbursed through a direct agreement between the KIB and the parties that caused the accidents.

### BERISHA: WE PAID AROUND € 60 MILLION IN CLAIMS FOR ACCIDENTS CAUSED BY UNINSURED VEHICLES

In an interview for “iSIGURIME”, Valon Berisha - Director of the Department of Finance in the Kosovo Bureau said that accidents caused by unregistered vehicles, both in number and in value are in disturbing proportions. According to the official data available to KIB, from 01 January to 30 September this year, there were 1861 accidents caused by unregistered vehicles,

and the value of the damages caused is 3 million and 905 thousand EUR. It is important to note that only during October this year we have managed to pay no less than 1 million EUR in claims, which is the highest figure since KIB was founded. Compared to the previous year, there is a significant increase in accidents caused by unregistered vehicles. In 2020, there were 1600 accidents caused by unregistered vehicles, whereas the amount of compensation was about 3.5 million EUR. According to our available data, it can be noted that in 2019 there were 1769 accidents caused by uninsured vehicles, whereas the value of the damages caused was 4.4 million EUR; in 2018 there were 1766 accidents caused by uninsured vehicles, whereas the value of damages caused was 3.4 million

EUR; in 2017 there were 1993 accidents caused by uninsured vehicles, whereas the amount of damages caused was 3.3 million EUR. In 2016 there were 1547 accidents caused by uninsured vehicles, whereas the value of damages caused was 3.3 million EUR; in 2015 there were 1447 accidents and the value of damages was 3.2 million EUR; in 2014 there were 1891 accidents, whereas the value of damages was 2.7 million EUR; in 2013 there were 2345 accidents, whereas the value of damages was 3.5 million EUR; and in 2012 there were 2139 accidents caused by uninsured vehicles, whereas the value of damages was 3.5 million EUR. The figures show that the industry has spent no less than 60 million EUR since the end of the war until now on accidents caused by uninsured vehicles.



# Enormous increase involving materials



# Case in accidents Material damages

**According to the data of Kosovo Police, in January-October, there were 11,172 accidents involving material damages in Kosovo, increasing by more than 33% compared to the entire year of 2020. Sami Mazreku - Director of the Kosovo Insurance Bureau says such data are worrying because according to him, the cases where citizens try to benefit by staging accidents are constantly increasing.**

The very high increase in accidents involving material damages is extremely worrying the representatives of the insurance industry in our country. Only in January-October this year, there were 11,172 accidents involving material damages, increasing by more than 33% compared to the entire year of 2020. Referring to the official data of the Kosovo Police, it can be seen that in addition to the enormous increase in accidents involving material damages, during this period of time there is also an increase in accidents involving injuries and 6259 such cases have been recorded in ten months. In addition, referring to the official data of the Kosovo Police, during this period of time, it can be seen that there were 86 fatal traffic accidents, where 97 people lost their lives as a result of injuries sustained.

Mazreku: The data are disturbing Sami Mazreku - Director of the Kosovo Insurance Bureau says that such data are disturbing, both to the insurance companies as well as to the Kosovo Insurance Bureau. According to him, such a high increase raises suspicions on possible fraud schemes.

"We have already identified several cases where citizens attempted to profit from damages or even injuries through various forms of fraud. We have dealt with such cases and will

hand them over to the law enforcement agencies. There is no sense and it is inexplicable when there is a case with a car having only minor scratches and on the other hand all the people who were inside seek medical treatment. This creates the conviction that there are attempts of fraud, by also using the Kosovo institutions, such as the police report, doctor's report, etc.", said director Mazreku.

#### **KIB ALONE PAID OVER € 5.2 MILLION**

According to the official data of the Kosovo Insurance Bureau, it can be seen that from the beginning of this year until now, the amount of funds paid only by the Kosovo Insurance Bureau for unregistered vehicles which have caused damages in traffic is over € 5.2 million. "For the period of 01.01.2021 - 24.11.2021, there were 2082 cases of accidents recorded by us according to the claims filed for the compensation of damages, compared to 1736 cases of accidents recorded for the period of 01.01.2020 - 24.11.2020. This number does not include accidents that have occurred, in relation to which claims for compensation of damages are yet to be filed", said officials of the Kosovo Insurance Bureau. According to them, based on the data available to the Kosovo

Insurance Bureau, it can be seen that 41.06% of accidents involving uninsured vehicles took place in Prishtina region, 10.93% in Mitrovica region, 13.96% in Peja region, 13.92% in Prizren region, 9.01% in Ferizaj region, 7.29% in Gjilan region and 3.85% in Gjakova region.

#### **YEAR 2020**

Referring to the official data of the Kosovo Police, it can be seen that in 2020 there was a decrease in the number of road traffic accidents because the number of accidents decreased to 13,868 compared to 16,222 in 2019, decreasing by 14.51%. Furthermore, according to the police data, it can be seen that there was a decrease in the number of fatal accidents compared to the previous year, from 100 to 76 such accidents, decreasing by 24%. In addition, referring to the data of the Kosovo Police, in 2020 there was a decrease in accidents involving injuries, from 6,148 to 5,406 such accidents, decreasing by 12.06%. In 2020, there was a significant decrease in accidents involving material damages, and there was a decrease from 9,974 to 8,386 such accidents, decreasing by 15.92%. "Unfortunately, despite the great efforts of the police, 81 people lost their lives in 2020, decreasing by 28.31% compared to the same period of 2019, and 10,243 people were injured, decreasing by 13.63% compared to the same period of 2019", further indicates the annual report of the Kosovo Police.

#### **YEAR 2019**

According to the official data of the Kosovo Police, it can be seen that in 2019 there was an increase in accidents compared to the previous year. "Road traffic accidents, from 15,877 to 16,222 accidents, increasing by 2.17%" says the report of the Kosovo Police. It further says that accidents involving material damages have gone from 9537 to 9974, increasing by 4.58% compared to the previous year. In addition, the official report of the Kosovo Police for 2019 reads that there were 100 fatal traffic accidents where 113 people lost their lives, decreasing by 12.40% compared to 2018. According to official data, accidents involving injuries have dropped from 6240 to 6148, decreasing by 1.47%. "From the total number of accidents, 11860 people were injured, which compared to 2018 has decreased by 4.14%", further reads the official annual report of the Kosovo Police.

2019

2020

2021

**TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS**



**16,222**

**13,868**

**17,431**

**2,17%**

increase in the number of traffic accidents in 2019 compared to 2018.

**14,51%**

decrease in the number of traffic accidents in 2020 compared to 2019.

**25,68%**

increase in the number of traffic accidents in January - October 2021 compared to January - December 2020..

**ACCIDENTS INVOLVING INJURIES**



**6,148**

**5,406**

**6,259**

**1.47%**

decrease in the number of traffic accidents involving injuries in January - December 2019 compared to January - December 2018.

**12.06%**

decrease in the number of traffic accidents involving injuries in January - December 2020 compared to January - December 2019.

**15,77%**

increase in the number of traffic accidents involving injuries in January - October 2021 compared to January - December 2020.

**ACCIDENTS INVOLVING MATERIAL DAMAGES**



**9,974**

**8,388**

**11,172**

**1.47%**

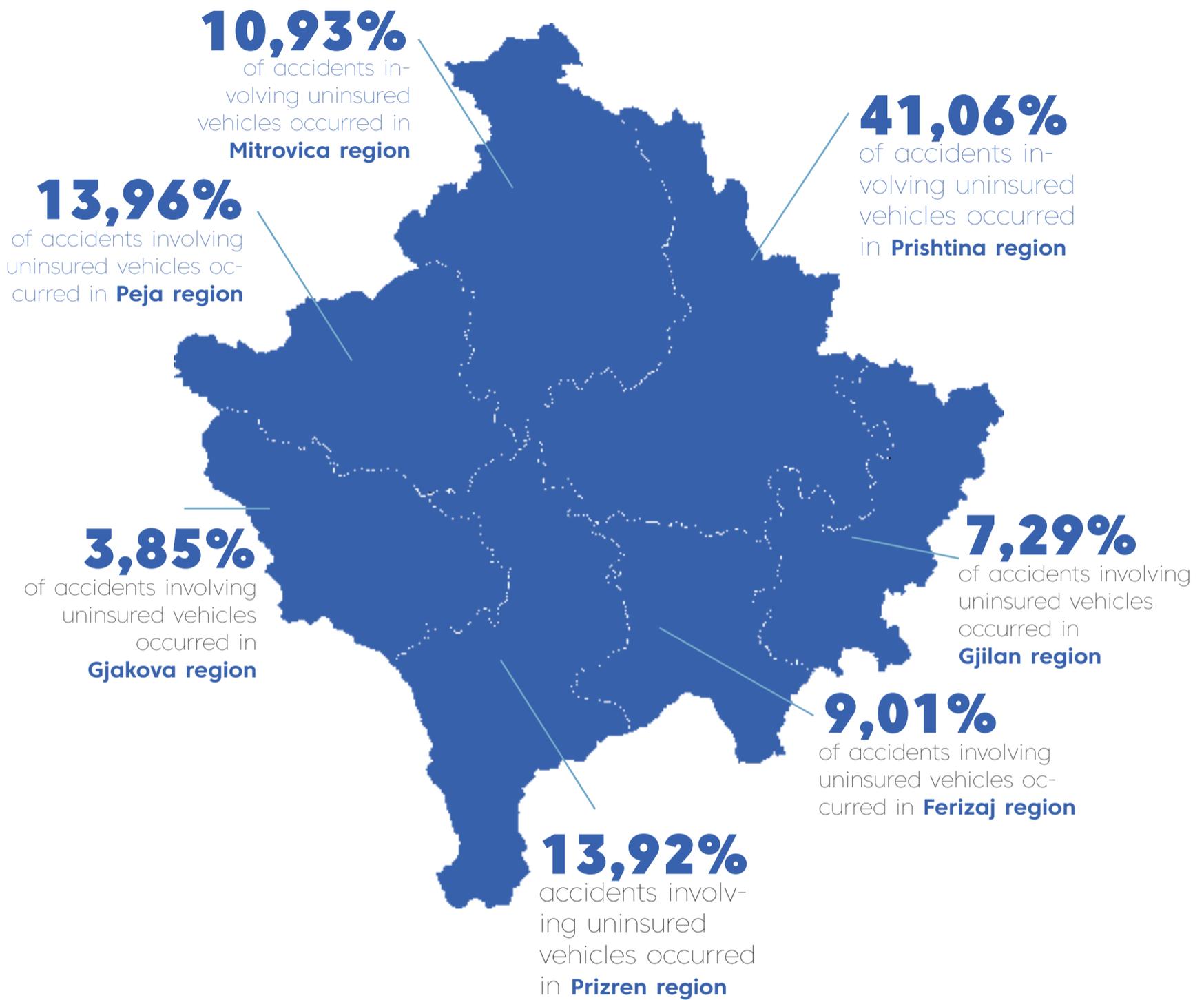
increase in the number of traffic accidents involving material damages in 2019 compared to 2018

**12.06%**

decrease in the number of traffic accidents involving material damages in 2020 compared to 2019

**33.19%**

increase in the number of traffic accidents involving material damages in January - October 2021 compared to 2020



**86 fatal traffic**

accidents occurred in Kosovo in January - October 2021

**97 persons**

have lost their lives in traffic accidents that occurred in our country in January - October 2021.



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# KOSOVA<sub>eRE</sub>

## Those suffering injuries from “Kosova e Re” company will be compensated by the Kosovo Insurance Bureau after the 24th of October

For all accidents caused by the insured in “Kosova e Re” company until the termination of the policies (24 October 2021), third parties can file the compensation claims to the office of the Liquidator, in the premises of the “Kosova e Re” company, Calabria neighbourhood, Block B1, no. 5 in Prishtina, and for accidents that occurred after the 24th of October 2021, third parties may report to the Kosovo Insurance Bureau to apply for compensation.

Based on the powers and responsibilities of the Central Bank of the Republic of Kosovo, provided by Articles 36 and 67 of the Law on the Central Bank of Kosovo, and pursuant to Articles 16, 99, 100 and 124 of the Law on Insurances, in the meeting held on 24 September 2021, the Executive Board of CBK decided to revoke license no. 007 issued to “Kosova e Re” insurance company on 25 April 2002, by the Banking and Payments Authority of Kosovo (BPK), legal predecessor.

“Kosova e Re” insurance company had financial difficulties in meeting the legal requirements of CBK, with regard to having sufficient capital and solvency. Therefore, in order to improve the financial situation and meet the legal and regulatory requirements, the Central Bank of Kosovo, namely the Executive Board of CBK, in accordance with applicable law, had made continuous efforts to resolve the financial problems of “Kosova e Re”

insurance company. Despite the efforts and willingness expressed by CBK, the company Board and Management had failed to meet the legal requirements and/or improve the financial situation of the Company - a reason which led to the revocation of the license and eventually resulted in the commencement of compulsory liquidation.

In order to protect policyholders and prevent the growing negative impact on the insurance market and the financial system in general, the insurance industry expressed its readiness to take over the valid compulsory motor third part liability insurance policies (TPL), as well as the liabilities which may arise from the policies issued by “Kosova e Re” company. Thus, this includes only the compulsory insurance of the owner’s liability and the owner of the motor vehicle related to damages caused to third parties and during the period of validity of these insur-

ance policies, it would not be possible to return the premium, cancel the policy/ premium, change the owner, etc.

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However, should you need any clarification, the Kosovo Bureau can help you at any time regarding the missing information and you may reach the Information Centre on phone number 381(0)38/603-059, or send an e-mail to [info@bks-ks.org](mailto:info@bks-ks.org).