Meeting between MSF team and Yugoslavian Red Cross (YRC)

The team visited the house of YRC, which is beside of the bombarded 5 floors building of Tele-communication.
They discussed with the Responsible of YRC for Pristina city, and she mentioned that MSF is the first NGO that saw this city after the bombardments.
Local Red Cross has 44 units for food distribution and they distribute 300 family kits with food and other staff for personal hygiene, per day. Also, 4900 poor people of Pristina that have a special card, are getting food daily.
Blind persons, deaf-and-dumb persons, unescorted mothers, diabetics etc. are covered in 90% from YRC.
This very moment by YRC records, there are 5,000 elderly persons that need immediate help and support.
The local RC has 40 salaried staff and many volunteers.
They know that there are many families headed in the forests, but is difficult to locate them and dangerous to approach them because there are armed rebels.

Cracanica

The team went to Cracanica the Russian tracks of FOCUS were getting unloaded in big agrarian ware-houses. From this point they continuing by loading smaller tracks and make the distribution to villages around. While the expats were discussing with the responsible they heard really close three (3) bombs.
As the team was returning to the Central Hospital they saw a gathering of Albanian men, outside a house with policemen’s guardian. The team asked and received the answer that they review and issue their identities. It didn’t look as something special and none of them looked frightened since they were discussing about the procedure.

Pristina Central Hospital

The team arrived in Pristina Central Hospital and spoke with the Director, who had accepted our aid 13 days ago. He was very satisfied with the content of our aid, since it was including exactly what he had asked for in our telephone conversations (since 26/4/99 and on). The Director mentioned that the day after the unloading of the medicines, Yugoslavian Red Cross asked him to take the material. He denied and told them that it was already distributed to the several clinics of the hospital. Also, he saw them the signatures of each Responsible Doctor that received the aid.
At the end the Director gave us a list of drugs that consider as more needed.