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MSF closes its camp in Kukes
News flash from Albania 18th of June

MSF will close its camp in Kukes this morning. The reason being that security is now a severe problem. Since the Morini border near Kukes opened three days ago refugees have been leaving Kukes including the MSF camp in high numbers. Till now approximately 6000 refugees have left the MSF camp, leaving about 500 behind. The departure of the refugees from the MSF-camp has been accompanied by repeated lootings by Albanian criminals who have entered the camp with Kalashnikovs threatening the refugees and looting tents. MSF experts have witnessed the lootings, and have tried to reach an agreement with the Special Albanian Police Force to protect the camp, but we have not succeeded in these negotiations. Consequently, the 500 refugees that will not leave for Kosovo today will be moved to Kukes II. Kukes II is an Italian camp protected by Italian soldiers where MSF provides all medical facilities.

MSF continues all other activities in Kukes including its activities in the Kukes II camp, at the border and on the central square.

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