

**Seminar: “Confiscation in Human Trafficking and Other Cases”**

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Media Outlets that attended the event:

Electronic Media:

1. **Kosovo Public Broadcaster (RTK)**
2. **RTV 21** (Nation Wide TV)
3. **KTV** (Nation Wide TV)
4. **Radio Kosova** (National Public Radio)
5. **Radio Blue Sky** (National Radio)
6. **VOA / Albanian Section**
7. **Radio Fre Europe Radio Liberty / Albanian Section**

Print Media

8. **Kosova Press News Agency**
  9. **Bota Sot (National Newspaper)**
  10. **RTKLive.com** (Public Television web page)
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**Intro:** The American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA-ROLI) in cooperation with the United States Department of Justice and the ABA Section on Litigation held two-day seminar, June 5&6, 2008, on “Confiscation in Human Trafficking and Other Cases” in Pristina at Law Faculty/Student Courtroom. About 50 professionals, Kosovo judges, lawyers, prosecutors, Kosovo Police Force representatives as well as policymakers from the Ministry of Justice attended this event.

Media advisory on this seminar was released one day in advance by the US Embassy Press Office in Pristina. Media were invited on the first 30min of the seminar only.

The two-day seminar was held at the same time when the US State Department published its annual report on Human Trafficking at the global level and this way the seminar in Pristina got even publicity. The conference was greatly covered by Kosovo electronic and print media. The following is a snap of what media reported.

**1. RTK**

**June 6, 2008** - The seminar was covered in three daily news editions (starting at 4:00PM, main edition 6.35PM and 10PM). The length of the report was 2min. It included quotes from Seeta Sookdeo, Acting Resident Legal Advisor with the

U.S. Embassy in Pristina, speech delivered on this occasion. It also gave some remarks given by Mr. T. Markus Funk former Resident Legal Advisor in Kosovo<sup>1</sup>.

## 2. RTV21

**June 6, 2008** – “American Legal Professionals held in Pristina a two day seminar on Confiscation in Human Trafficking Cases bringing their overseas experience in dealing with this matter. Kosovo Judges, Prosecutors, Lawyers attended this two-day seminar and they found very valuable this exchange of experience.” This is a summary of 1.30min long report that RTV21 showed from the second day of the seminar on Confiscation in Human Trafficking Cases. “We’re living in a region facing major human trafficking cases this is why seminars like this come to a great benefit for us. We hope this will help Kosovo professionals deal with these cases in a proper manner,” said Raze Loshaj, Kosovo Prosecutor in an interview with RTV21 after the seminar.

## 3. Radio Blue Sky

**June 6, 2008** - The seminar was covered on Radio Blue Sky hourly news editions, the all day long. The report was 1:30 min. long and it included quotes from speeches delivered, at the seminar, by the Acting Resident Legal Advisor with USDOJ, Seeta Sookdeo and Markus Funk former Resident Legal Advisor in Kosovo.

The report was an introduction to the seminar and its importance to participants.

## 4. Kosova Press News Agency

**June 6, 2008** – “Sookdeo: Confiscation is a tool that prevents organized crime and human trafficking”

“Experts of international legislation together with local experts evaluated that in Kosovo now it is time that besides the sentencing, human traffickers should receive also the sentence of confiscation of property, because this method helps in law implementation and prevents most of human trafficking cases.” – This is a report published by Kosovo’s news agency on the second day of the seminar.

## 6. Bota Sot (National Daily)

**June 6, 2008** - “Confiscation is a strong tool for fighting all serious crimes, including corruption, trafficking in persons, drugs and financing of terrorism”, -

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<sup>1</sup>A DVD with all electronic media reports is available at the US Embassy archive.

said Seeta Sookdeo, Acting Resident Legal Advisor in Department of Justice, US Embassy in Pristina. This is the first paragraph of Bota Sot report on the seminar "Confiscation in Human Trafficking and Other Cases". /First paragraph of the report - P5/.

The report was about 5000 words and fact oriented acknowledging the importance of this event to Kosovo professionals.

**NOTE:** Other media were not monitored however they did have their journalists present either the first or the second day of the seminar.