



**Republika e Kosovës**  
**Republika Kosova - Republic of Kosovo**  
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**No. 01/26**  
**Date: 16.08.2021**

Pursuant to Article 92, paragraph 4 and Article 93, paragraph 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo, Article 80 of Law no. 06/L-026 on Asylum, based on Article 4 of Regulation No. 02/2021 on the Areas of Administrative Responsibility of the Office of the Prime Minister and Ministries, in accordance with Articles 17 and 19 of the Regulation No. 09/2011 of Rules and Procedure of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, in the meeting held on 16 August 2021, takes the following:

**DECISION**

1. The Government of the Republic of Kosovo considers it necessary to provide temporary and immediate protection to persons at risk of internal conflict in Afghanistan.
2. Persons eligible for assistance referred to in paragraph 1 of this Decision are persons in the process of applying for a Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) of the United States of America, including their families.
3. The protection described in the previous points will be provided in accordance with the procedures provided for in Law No. 06/L-026 on Asylum.
4. The persons subject to Point 2 of this Decision will be subject to the verification process by the relevant security institutions in the Republic of Kosovo, in case of need and for the purpose of national security, according to the assessment of the relevant institutions in the Republic of Kosovo.
5. The protection provided by the institutions of the Republic of Kosovo will not prejudice the recognition of refugee status or subsidiary protection, in case the persons subject to Point 2 of this Decision request such protection.
6. The persons referred to in Point 2 of this Decision, during the stay in the Republic of Kosovo, will comply with the legislation in force and will enjoy the rights defined by the legislation in force.
7. Ministry of Internal Affairs will make an ongoing assessment of the situation, and where necessary, will take certain measures related to the management of the situation, including the potential restriction of the movement of persons referred to in Point 2 of this Decision.
8. For issues not governed by Law No. 06/L-026 on Asylum or this Decision, the Minister of Internal Affairs is authorized to issue decisions.
9. Ministry of Internal Affairs is obliged to start the necessary preparations in order to provide the temporary protection and the coordination of this process.
10. Relevant institutions are obliged to cooperate with the Ministry of Internal Affairs while carrying out the process of temporary protection provision.

11. This Decision enters into force on the day of its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo.

**Albin KURTI**

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Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo

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