



A minority report

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In June 1999, following the end of the three-month NATO military campaign against Yugoslavia, the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) was established. UNMIK was the first peace-building operation ever based on the idea of an UN administration fully governing a post-conflict territory. The range of organisations involved in the missions is extraordinary, ranging from OSCE, to EU to NATO. UNMIK entered Kosovo under the banner of human rights, but in the first three months of operations, UNMIK failed to organise any kind of effective police service. In that vacuum, the spirit of revenge of part of the Kosovo Albanian majority remained unchecked and over 240.000 minorities - mostly Serbs, Roma and Gorani - were forced to leave Kosovo. Their houses and properties were destroyed or illegally sold and occupied, graveyards and worship places ruined, their traces erased. Hundreds of those who stayed, were killed, kidnapped or brutally persecuted for not belonging to the majority community. According to UNHCR, only around 15.000 IDPs returned to Kosovo until 2007. Those who return find their property destroyed or occupied. They live in ghettos dispersed through Kosovo, often without access to basic services. Threats, harassment and isolation are part of the daily life of those who return. *'A Minority Report'* tells the story of some of those who tried to return, and presents the points of view of the international civil servants who ruled the province in the last seven years.



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