MUNICIPAL PROFILE 2018

GJILAN/GNJILANE REGION

HANI I ELEZIT/ELEZ HAN





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The OSCE regional centre Gjilan/Gnjilane covers 11 municipalities, including Hani i Elezit/Elez Han, and has teams working in all of them.

AREA AND POPULATION



The municipality of Hani i Elezit/Elez Han is located in south-eastern Kosovo covering an area of approximately 83 km². It includes Hani i Elezit/Elez Han town and ten (10) villages. According to the 2011 Kosovo Population and Housing Census, the total population is 9,403.

Ethnic composition

1.Kosovo Albanians9,3572.Kosovo Bosniaks423.Other24.Not specified2

(source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

Hani i Elezit/Elez Han was not a separate municipality in 1981 and 1991 and therefore data from the censuses conducted in these years are not available.

According to the UNHCR statistics, there are no registered returns in the municipality.

GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

The total number of voters in Hani i Elezit/Elez Han municipality registered for the municipal elections held in October 2017 was $8,995^1$, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 56.30% or 5,064 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2017 municipal assembly election results were as follows:

27.68%	LDK Democratic League of Kosovo
25.57%	AAK Alliance for Future of Kosovo
23.60%	PDK Democratic Party of Kosovo
19.34%	Vetëvendosje! (Self-Determination) Movement
■3.81%	NISMA Social Democratic Initiative

The current seat distribution is as follows:

- 4 seats
 4 seats
 3 seats
- 3 seats
- 1 seat

^{1.} The overall population figure presented above is taken from the 2011 census (or authoritative estimates where the census figure is not available), whereas the voters list is a reflection of all people with a civil registration entry in the municipality. In some cases, the voters list figure is higher than or similar to the overall population number due to insufficient updating of the civil registry or a significant proportion of people registered in the municipality but actually living elsewhere or abroad.

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LEGISLATIVE



The municipal assembly has 15 seats distributed among five (5) political entities, all members are Kosovo Albanian; seven (7) are women. The Municipal Assembly Chairperson is Qamush Brava (AAK).

EXECUTIVE



Structure of municipal executive and the executive's political affiliations.

The municipality is headed by Mayor Rufki Suma (independent candidate), re-elected for his third term as mayor with 57.40% of votes in the first round of the 2017 municipal elections. In the 2013 elections, Mayor Suma won with 54.74% of votes in the first round. Deputy Mayor is Mallzum Qajani (not affiliated).

There are eight (8) municipal departments. Two (2) departments are run by women directors: economic development (Vetëvendosje!) and health and social welfare (Vetëvendosje!), six (6) departments are run by men directors: budget and finance (not affiliated); general administration and personnel (not affiliated); education and culture (AAK); public services and emergencies (LDK); urbanism, cadastre and environment protection (LDK); and agriculture, forestry and rural development (AAK). In the previous mandate (2013-2017), one (1) director was a woman (source: municipal information office).

JUDICIARY



There are no courts in Hani i Elezit/Elez Han. The Ferizaj/Uroševac Basic Court and Prosecutor's Office cover the municipality (source: Ferizaj/Uroševac basic court).

SECURITY PRESENCE



Kosovo Police station in Kaçanik/Kačanik has a sub-station in Hani i Elezit/Elez Han with 18 police officers, all are Kosovo Albanian; 17 men and one (1) woman.

As for the international military presence, the United States KFOR covers the municipality (source: Kosovo Police).

ECONOMY



The economy of Hani i Elezit/Elez Han predominantly relies on the production of cement, plastic and agricultural products, as well as small trade businesses. There are approximately 250 registered private businesses employing around 1,400 people (source: municipal directorate of budget and finance).

PUBLIC SERVICES

Infrastructure



The overall condition of the infrastructure in the municipality is assessed as good. Most of the main roads connecting villages with the urban centre are asphalted. The town of Hani i Elezit/Elez Han and three (3) out of ten (10) villages are connected to water supply and sewage systems (source: municipal development plan).

Health



The primary health care system includes one (1) municipal family health centre in town and one (1) field clinic in Gorancë/Gorance village. The health sector has 32 employees, including doctors, nurses and support staff; 19 women and 13 men.

All communities have access to health care and all health facilities (source: municipal directorate of health and social welfare).

Education



There are eight (8) primary schools with 1,413 pupils and 77 teachers, one (1) secondary school with 343 students and 19 teachers and five (5) preschool classes with 149 children and five (5) teachers (source: municipal directorate of education and culture).

RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES



Hani i Elezit/Elez Han has nine (9) mosques, none of which were destroyed during or after the 1999 conflict. There is one (1) Serbian Orthodox church, which has not been in use since the 1960s.

A total of 11 cultural heritage sites (two (2) archaeological and nine (9) architectural) in Hani i Elezit/Elez Han municipality are included in the Ministry of Culture Youth and Sport list of sites under permanent/temporary protection.

KEY FACTS



In Hani I Elezit/Elez Han there are:

- 15 seats in the municipal assembly distributed among 5 political entities
- 18 police officers
- No courts physically present in the municipality
- 101 teachers in 8 primary and 1 secondary school and 5 preschool classes