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RECONSTRUCTION WORKS WELL UNDER WAY IN SEVEN LOCATIONS



New steel framework looms above the walls of St George, Prizren



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The Reconstruction Implementation Commission (RIC) is pleased to announce that works are progressing steadily at seven major Serbian Orthodox Church sites in Kosovo. In Prizren, a new roof is visibly taking shape above the walls of the Episcopal Church of St George, and scaffolding now encloses the belfry to the Church of the Holy Virgin Ljeviska as conservation works progress to this newly designated UNESCO world heritage site. In Pristina, the complete reconstruction works have begun to the Church of St Nicholas and its ensemble of buildings including the priest's house, the baptistry and the bell tower.

The work is the result of the strong support and commitment given to the RIC by the Serbian Orthodox Church, the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, the IPMs Kosovo and Serbia and would not have been made possible without the financial commitments made by the PISG. The RIC will continue its programme of reconstruction activities throughout 2007 and will meet all its responsibilities by the end of December 2007.

The European Commission and Council of Europe have invested heavily in the project with the strong administrative support of UNMIK. The European Agency for Reconstruction will be financing and reconstructing the Episcopal Residence and seminary buildings in Prizren in 2007, a programme which supports the RIC's work for next year.

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