



# Kosova Women's Network

*Serving, Protecting and Promoting the Rights of Women and Girls*

## **KWN Condemns Police Violence against Peaceful Protesters Today**

The Kosova Women's Network (KWN) condemns police violence exercised today against peaceful protesters during the national protest with the slogan "Jablanovic out - Trepca is ours (Jabllanoviç jashtë – Trepça është e jona.)"

The right to protest peacefully is a fundamental right of every citizen in a democratic state.

Further, the actions that preceded today's protest, including various arrests, travel bans of buses filled with protesters traveling from different areas of Kosovo, the establishment of a police barricade in front of the government building and the confiscation of the audio assets of protestors, etc., are undemocratic actions that contributed to exacerbating the protest even before the protest began.

These actions, as well as throwing tear gas at peaceful protestors who were initially peacefully gathered outside the government, provoked the escalation of the situation and the violence that occurred afterwards.

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