



Kosovo Conflict: Saudi Arabia

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1 Muslim Kosovo

Like Saudi Arabia, Kosovo has a mainly Muslim population. Despite this, Saudi Arabia was only the 58th country to recognize Kosovo as an independent country a bit more than a year after the declaration. Shortly thereafter the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) adopted a resolution that reaffirmed the strong interest of the OIC regarding Muslims in the Balkans, welcomed the co-operation of Kosovo with the OIC Economic and Financial institutions, and called on the international community to continue contributing to the fostering of Kosovo's economy.

Historically relevant is the participation of foreign mercenaries in the Kosovo Liberation Army during the Kosovo war. Those mercenaries came from, among others, Saudi Arabia. [1]

2 Ties to Serbia

In 2015, Deputy Prime Minister Rasim Ljajić and the President of the Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage Prince Sultan bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud signed the first bilateral agreement related to the field of tourism with the goal of improving political and economic cooperation between the two countries. [2]



Fig. 1: Geographical Location of Poland and Kosovo

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