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SUCCESS STORY**

**Survivors will receive  
two pensions**

**Decision of  
the Basic  
Court in  
Prishtina!**



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e të Mbijetuarve të Torturës  
**KRCT** The Kosova Rehabilitation  
Center for Torture Victims

## **SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE DURING THE WAR IN KOSOVO ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE DOUBLE PENSIONS**

The Kosova Rehabilitation Center for Torture Victims (KRCT) has marked another vital success in representing survivors of sexual violence in their requests for recognition of the right to receive double pensions.

In separate court proceedings, KRCT has represented three survivors of sexual violence during the war in Kosovo, to whom the Basic Court in Pristina - Department for Administrative Matters recognizes the right to receive two pensions: Pension as a survivor of sexual violence during the war and the basic age pension (as well as the contributory one).

This achievement of justice is the result of the KRCT's commitment to providing free legal aid to survivors of sexual violence during the war in Kosovo. These judicial processes have started since 2021. Initially, lawsuits were prepared and submitted for 5 cases, while later, the number of cases increased.

Upon reaching retirement age, survivors of sexual violence during the war in Kosovo are deprived of the right to double pensions. So, the survivors had to choose only one pension. KRCT has treated such cases with care and, convinced of their professionalism and findings, has supported the survivors in achieving justice and recognizing the full right to use the double pension.

The issuing of three Judgments, one after the other, recognizing the right to receive double pensions for the survivors of sexual violence during the war in Kosovo is sufficient evidence that the survivors should be granted the right to receive two pensions.

Based on the reasoning of the Judgments for these cases, the KRCT appeals to the Government of Kosovo and the Ministry of Finance, Labor and Transfers - Department of Pensions to regulate this issue through an administrative Act and enable the categories that enjoy the right to benefit from the two pensions, receive them from the moment when the legal conditions are met, so that the survivors do not have to wait for years until the court decides on the recognition of this right.

The Kosova Rehabilitation Center for Torture Victims(KRCT) remains committed to its mission to support survivors of sexual violence during the war in Kosovo, to promote their rights, and to commit to recognizing the status and realization of their rights as provided by law.