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Six Kosovo Albanians arrested on organized crime charges

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Kosovo police has arrested six people suspected of involvement in “high-profile” organised crime, a spokesman said on Tuesday.

All suspects were Kosovo Albanians from the wider Mitrovica region, and were arrested for alleged involvement in racketeering, money laundering, and smuggling of fuel and other goods into Kosovo.

Police spokesman Veton Elshani said that the arrest was a result of “investigations that lasted for several months” and “these are only the first wave of arrests” in authorities’ efforts to fight smuggling.

Police sources said that two of the arrested were among ‘high-profile wanted people’ and that they are known smugglers in the Mitrovica region.