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Airport, the passengers' number increases to 10 percent

Financial crises, which have impacted significantly in reducing the passengers' number at various airports in the world, it had no impact on the Pristina International Airport yet.

The number of passengers compared to last year not only that it hasn't been reduced, but has shown a considerable increase.

Only during April 2009, compared with April 2008, the number of passengers has increased by around 10 per cent, which constitutes a significant figure in this time of global crisis.

"Increasing the number of passengers to 10 per cent in April this year is encouraging not only for the management of Pristina International Airport but also for Kosovo as a whole, bearing in mind that a large part of our country depends on income of fellow citizens and from their arrival in Kosovo, "said Altin Ahmeti, PIA Public Relations Coordinator.

Exactly, there are about 8 thousand passengers more than in April 2008.

In April 2008, 81,457 passengers passed through the ANP, while in April 2009, 88,950 passengers passed through.

In the annual ranking, by comparing the first 4 months of this year, with last year, increase in passengers' number is up to 3 percent

Besides increasing the passengers' number, a marked increase was also in airlines' flights at Pristina International Airport.

"There are about more than 100 flights operated during April this year compared with April 2008. While in April 2008 we had 329 flights, there 437 flights now.

This is a significant increase of nearly 33 per cent and by this increase in the number of passengers and flights we are also expecting even better financial results this year.

This increase in the number of flights and passengers, by taking into considerations the global financial crisis is directly the result of several strategic decisions of management as operating 24 hours and the including the simulative program for airlines, what has prompted these companies to increase the number of flights, "said further PIA's coordinator, Altin Ahmeti.

Pristina International Airport last year had an increase in the number of passengers of nearly 15 per cent, compared with 2007.

While in 2007 there were only 990 thousand civilian passengers, in 2008 the number of passengers reached 1 million and 137 thousand.

