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Shortage of medicines in central Kosovo, Serb-language school shut out in southwest

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The director of the Gračanica Health Care Center, Rada Trajkovic, said on Monday that there are increasingly less medications in the Serb areas of central Kosovo and that the situation would become alarming unless the UNMIK customs allow in a vehicle with a consignment of medications that they have detained for the past 20 days.

"Someone within the institutions is not willing to allow in medicines for the ill people of the enclaves. I expect those who are responsible in the Kosovo Ministry and the Health Ministry to exert pressure, via the World Health Organization, so that agreed solutions are realized," Trajkovic stated.

A van with medications sent to health institutions in central Kosovo from central Serbia has been held over 20 days at the UNMIK terminal in southern Kosovska Mitrovica.

Meanwhile, in the Gora region in southwestern Kosovo, classes for about 200 schoolchildren from the Nebojsa Jerkovic primary school did not start on Monday because teachers who had refused to sign contracts with the Kosovo Ministry of Education, Science and Technology were prevented from entering the school.

The population of the region is Gorani, who speak Serbian language and follow Serbia's education curriculum.

"Only the Serbian Ministry curriculum is appropriate and provides real education to the children and this is the stand of most parents", head of the municipality Alija Abdi said.

About 1,200 children in Gora are educated according to the Serbian curriculum.