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Tadic: Partition as option only if other solutions fail

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Serbian President Boris Tadic stated on Monday that he is "prepared to also consider" partition of Kosovo as an option for the resolution of the province's status, but only if all other possible solutions do not produce any results.

In a live broadcast by Serbia's state television RTS, Tadic said that partition of Kosovo as an option "is not on the present agenda," but that Belgrade still wants to search for a solution within the concept of the broadest possible autonomy of Kosovo within Serbia.

"I am ready to also consider that option if we exhaust all previous options, which are many, because there is still space for finding a solution within the option of substantial autonomy," said Tadic.

President Tadic underscored that "all initiatives within the process of resolution of the Kosovo status are legitimate" and that anything is better that the situation in which one side wins all and the other side loses it all.