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Kosovo Serbs protest: Stop Eulex

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Several thousand Serbs protested on Thursday in Kosovska Mitrovica north, Gracanica, Ranilug and Strpce against the deployment of the EU mission in Kosovo.

In Kosovska Mitrovica, the vice-president of the Association of the Kosovo Municipalities, Marko Jaksic, told the international community and Belgrade that the Serbs in Kosovo will never accept the "illegal Eulex mission."

Jaksic said the reason for saying "no to the Eulex mission" in Kosovo is that it wants to install Martti Ahtisaari's plan for Kosovo and to create another Albanian state in the Balkans, Jaksic stated.

The protest ended without incidents, with a peaceful walkabout to the main bridge over the Ibar River, which divides the city into the northern majority Serb part, and the southern majority ethnic Albanian part.

Several hundred Serbs protested in Gracanica.

Representatives of the Serb municipality of Pristina, located in Gracanica, called on Serbs living in the central part of Kosovo to civic insubordination, saying that this is the way to show their disagreement with the Eulex mission and the unilaterally declared independence of Kosovo.

Pristina municipality assembly head Radovan Nacic accused the international community of implementing a bad policy in Kosovo, claiming that the international factors first turned the nations of the province against each other, and then they came to reconcile them.

The protesting Serbs carried banners saying "Stop to Eulex", "No to Independence", "Serb Police in Serb Communities" and others, and the gathering was secured by Kfor troops and members of the Kosovo police.