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UNDP: 75 percent of Serbs feel unsafe in Kosovo

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A total of 75 percent of Kosovo Serbs said that they did not feel safe in Kosovo, and more than 50 percent of them said they felt unsafe when they were outdoors, the results of a new UNDP survey said.

Most of the surveyors, regardless of their ethnic background, said that they “always feel worried and are never relaxed.”

Members of two most-numerous nations in Kosovo - Serbs and ethnic Albanians - do not show readiness for a radical improvement of their inter-ethnic relations, and Kosovo Albanians claim that the reason for such a situation is the influence of Belgrade, while Serbs hold that responsibility rests with the Albanian leaders' position, the report said.

Ethnic Albanians claim that the reason why no progress has been made in respect to inter-ethnic relations, besides Belgrade's influence, is the unwillingness of Kosovo Serbs to integrate themselves into the Kosovo society, while the Serbs point to the fact that the Albanians are not making sufficient effort to integrate them.

The survey is part of the series of Early Warning Reports, which the UNDP carried out in July, and it covered the sample of 1,260 people - 844 Albanians, 199 Serbs and 124 members of other ethnic communities.