
SERBIA SUSPENDS KOSOVO NORMALIZATION AFTER ARREST OF SENIOR OFFICIAL IGOR POPOVIC

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Serbia on Monday announced the suspension of the normalization process with Kosovo after the arrest of Igor Popovic, deputy director of the Serbian governments Office for Kosovo, at a border crossing in northern Kosovo.

In a written statement, Petar Petkovic, director of the Serbian Office for Kosovo, called the arrest an abuse of law and accused Kosovo of attempting to "humiliate Serbs." He warned that Serbia would not resume EU-mediated dialogue with Pristina until Popovic is released.

We are halting the normalization process with Kosovo until Popovic is freed, Petkovic said, further claiming that his deputy was abducted for merely speaking the truth about the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) during a memorial event earlier this month in Rahovec.

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