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## **KOSOVO SERBS CONSIDERING WITHDRAWAL FROM INSTITUTIONS**

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Simic made the statements in an interview with Serbias public broadcaster, RTS, adding that they will consult with Belgrade on to further proceed. According to Simic authorities in Pristina took many decisions which have affected lives of Serbs in Kosovo, mentioning arrests, assaults against Serb returnees and the tax that the Government of Kosovo introduced in all Serbian products last year. Simic also criticised the Platform on dialogue with Serbia which was approved on Friday by Kosovo Parliament, saying that this document is a final blow to the continuation of Pristina-belgrade dialogue facilitated by the EU. Adoption of the platform makes the dialogue meaningless. Its an attempt to take over control of economic potential, and sends a clear message to Kosovo Serbs. Therefore, we are asking withdrawal from institutions, because of these meaningless actions which made our lives difficult, Simic said.

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