
HOW SERBIA'S ADDICTION TO COAL COULD CLOUD ITS FUTURE IN EUROPE

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Outside of Serbia, it is likely little known that it was Serbian coal miners that, two decades ago, helped bring about the downfall of strongman president Slobodan Milosevic.

The protests that rocked Serbia in September and October 2000 were accompanied by strikes not only by students but miners too, whose refusal to work raised the prospect of the Balkan nation - where 70% of energy is produced in coal-run power plants - having to go without power.

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