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## **REPRESENTATIVES OF KOSOVO SERBS MEET SERBIA'S PRESIDENT AND ENERGY OFFICIALS**

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The President of Serbia, Aleksandar Vučić held a meeting with the political representatives of Kosovo Serbs, with whom he reached conclusions for joint action in preserving all vital national interests in Kosovo and the most important interests of Serbia, the Serbias Government Office for Kosovo announced on Wednesday.

The public will be informed about all concrete conclusions in the next 72 hours, after additional consultations with all representatives of the Serb people in Kosovo, as well as with the relevant representatives of the international community, Radio Free Europe quotes the statement.

The meeting was attended by the Minister of Energy and Mining of Serbia, Zorana Mihajlovic, the director of the public enterprise Elektroprivreda Srbije, Milorad Grcic, and the director of the company Elektromreza Srbije, Jelena Matejic.

The meeting took place after the Kosovo Transmission System and Electricity Market Operator (KOSTT) left from SMM regulatory bloc (Serbia, Montenegro and North Macedonia) and joined Albania in AK regulatory bloc.

This was based on an agreement signed in June between KOSTT and the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E).

The agreement entered into force on 29 September.

Nebih Zariqi, a member of the KOSTT board, stated for Radio Free Europe that immediately after the start of the independent operation of Kosovos energy system, Serbia stopped the transmission of 500 megawatts of electricity that Kosovo imported from this state.

Energy experts in Kosovo told Radio Free Europe that this independence of the energy system has positive elements, but does not include the implementation of the agreement for the Serb-majority northern part of Kosovo.

Citizens living in the four Serb-majority municipalities in northern Kosovo (North Mitrovica, Zubin Potok, Zvečan and Leposavić) did not paid their electricity bills since the end of the war in 1999, even though they were supplied from Kosovo.

However, citizens in the north receive electricity bills from Elektrokosmet of Serbia, a company

that Kosovo considers illegal.

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