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SERBIA'S NEW WAR CRIMES STRATEGY: ROUTE TO JUSTICE OR DEAD END?

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Serbia has been accused, most recently by the European Commission, of having a weak record on war crimes prosecutions and of failing to prosecute high-ranking military chiefs and officials.

The countrys new five-year national strategy for processing war crimes, which was adopted by the government earlier this month, sets out how prosecutors, judges and other officials intend to move forward in the period from 2021 to 2026.

It covers issues like the efficiency of proceedings, the protection of victims and witnesses, finding the remaining wartime missing persons and cooperation with the United Nations International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals in The Hague and with judiciaries in other ex-Yugoslav countries.

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