
SERBIAN LAWYERS STRIKE, BUT EU PRESSURE DECISIVE IN OPPOSING JUDICIAL CHANGES

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Serbian lawyers stopped work for three days, but without a general strike in the judiciary, experts say only EU pressure can force the government to retract controversial legal amendments deemed a serious step back.

Courts in Serbia fell quiet for the first three days of this week as lawyers went on strike in protest at a controversial set of judicial amendments, but its European Union pressure that experts say will be decisive in forcing the government to reverse course.

Critics of the government say the amendments, adopted in late January, will weaken the judiciary and particularly organised crime prosecutors who have found themselves in the crosshairs of the ruling Serbian Progressive Party, SNS, and Serbias president, Aleksandar Vucic.

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