

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

The United States of America and the Republic of Kosova share a unique bond, rooted in our common values and interests, as well as the US being Kosova's closest ally. As proud Albanian Americans, we deeply value the unwavering support of the United States for the Republic of Kosova's independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity.

However, we are deeply concerned by the constant threat posed by Serbia and its President Aleksander Vucic towards Kosova and its people. On September 24, 2023, approximately 30 heavily armed terrorists from Serbia, with a shockingly large and heavy arsenal of military-grade weapons and gear, carried out a terrorist attack that killed a Kosova Police Officer in the line of duty and injured many others. One of the assailants is the Deputy of Serbska List Milan Radoicic, who publicly admitted he led the operation, along with Bojan Mijailovic, a bodyguard of Interior Minister Aleksander Vulin. Vulin was recently sanctioned for corruption by the US Treasury including organized crime, illegal narcotics operations, and facilitating Russia's malign activities in the Western Balkans.

*"We know it was coordinated and sophisticated," U.S. Ambassador to Kosova Jeffrey M. Hovenier according to POLITICO, adding the gunmen appeared to have had military training. "The quantity of weapons suggests this was serious, with a plan to destabilize security in the region."*

On September 29, Serbian military troops surrounded Kosova with 48 forward military and gendarmerie bases on the border ready for an imminent invasion. This is a clear and present danger to Kosova's people, security, sovereignty, and territorial integrity.

The terrorist attack is part of a series of attempts to destabilize Kosova and the region. Serbia has twice sent troops and tanks to the Kosova border, on high military alert, in response to domestic Kosova policy being implemented in accordance with Kosova law and within international laws and agreements. On June 14, 2023, Serbian military personnel kidnapped three Kosova Police Officers deep within Kosova's territory, made false charges, and only released them due to international pressure.

The attack on Kosova represents a game-changer and pivotal moment not only for the region but for Europe. Serbia has demonstrated time and again to be a danger to Kosova, its neighbors, and the broader international community. The United States and the European Union can no longer treat Serbia as a reliable partner while it supplies and now harbors heavily armed terrorists.

The US and the EU must sanction President Vucic and prevent him from inciting violence, arming terrorists, and threatening its neighbors. Serbia cannot remain a member of the Western community while also maintaining close ties with Russia. In fact, Serbia imports Russian weapons in direct violation of CAATSA Section 231 and accepts weapons deliveries from China. Serbia continually undermines any potential security partnership with the Transatlantic family of nations.

President Biden, the Albanian-American community respectfully requests a meeting with you to discuss how our community can contribute to our shared goals. The Albanian-American community has a long history of working closely with the White House, the Administration, and Members of Congress to promote peace and prosperity in the Balkans.

Signed,

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