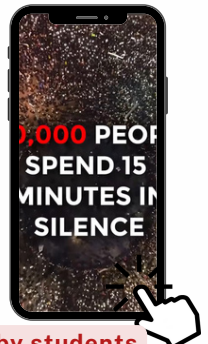


STUDENT-LED PROTESTS IN SERBIA: A FIGHT FOR JUSTICE AND AGAINST CORRUPTION



FOR MORE THAN FOUR MONTHS, **STUDENT-LED** PROTESTS HAVE MOBILIZED THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS ACROSS SERBIA IN A **PEACEFUL** FIGHT FOR JUSTICE AND AGAINST CORRUPTION.



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WHY?

On **November 1, 2024**, a railway canopy collapsed, **killing 15 people**, including children. This tragic incident occurred in Novi Sad, Serbia's second-largest city, at a recently renovated railway station — one that President Vučić had proudly inaugurated twice. This disaster was the most devastating and visible consequence of **years of corruption and authoritarian rule**, which have weakened institutions, suppressed accountability, and prioritized profit over public safety.

WHERE?

Protests erupted all over Serbia, spreading to **more than 300 cities**. The largest demonstrations have taken place in Belgrade, Novi Sad, Kragujevac, and Niš.

WHO?

The protests were initiated and continue to be led by **students**. They quickly gained the support of university professors and the academic community, followed by high school teachers and their students, who mobilized massively. Over time, the broader population joined, recognizing the urgency of the movement.

HOW?

Students occupied university buildings, effectively halting all academic activities. These faculty buildings remain occupied 24/7, serving as hubs of resistance. Inside, students hold **plenums** — open assemblies where registered students engage in direct democracy to carefully plan and coordinate the protest activities.

Beyond the university occupations, students — joined by many citizens — block streets daily for **15 minutes**, standing in silence to **honor the 15 victims** of the Novi Sad tragedy.

GOAL?

Protesting students have outlined four concrete demands, making their fulfillment a non-negotiable condition for ending the blockades:

- 1) The **release of all documentation** related to the railway station reconstruction, ensuring transparency and accountability.
- 2) The **release of arrested protesters** and the annulment of all charges against them.
- 3) The identification and indictment of **individuals responsible for attacking students** and professors during peaceful protests.
- 4) A 20% increase in the **national budget for higher education** to address long-standing neglect in the sector.