

Fact Sheet: Serbia Protest Movement 2024–2025

Protests

As of **March 4**, protest gatherings have been organised in **over 400 places**, including the smallest towns and villages. According to [AJS](#) ("Arhiv javnih skupova") [records](#), their number is growing at a rate of about **120 per month**, with an average of **four new settlements** added **per day**.

Protesters also staged daily "**Serbia, stop**" (**Zastani, Srbijo**) **traffic blockades** from **11:52 am to 12:08 pm**—the time of the collapse—symbolizing the **16 lives lost**, accompanied by a **silent protest**. Besides daily protests, several **large-scale student protests** were organised:

- **December 22, 2024: First mass student protest** on **Slavija Square in Belgrade**, with around **102,000** people.
- **New Year's Eve: 17,000** gathered at **Students Square** with the slogan "**Nema nove za staru ste nam još dužni.**"
January 12: 28,000–30,000 gathered in front of the **Constitutional Court**.
- **January 17: 53,000–55,000** protested against **RTS** with the slogan "**Naše pravo da znamo sve.**"
- **January 27: 24-hour blockade** of **Belgrade Autokomanda**; more than **100,000** people participated.
- **February 1:** Gatherings in at least **200 places**; massive protest in **Novi Sad** with **several tens of thousands** participants.
- **February 15:** Protest in **Kragujevac** lasting **15 hours**, "**Sretnimo se na Sretenje**", with around **130,000** participants.
- **March 1:** Protest in **Niš**, lasting **18 hours**, called "**Studentski edikt**", with an estimated **200,000** attendees.
- **March 15:** Protest in **Belgrade** with between **275,000 and 325,000** people.

The **Centre for Research, Transparency and Accountability (CRTA)** reported that **at least 1,697 protests** took place during **March** in **at least 378 settlements** ([CRTA announcement](#)).

Attacks

- **November 22:** First attack on students of the **Faculty of Dramatic Arts**; two students seriously injured ([source](#)).
 - **December 6:** Car attack injuring four **Belgrade Philharmonic Orchestra** musicians ([source](#)).
 - **December 10:** Student of **Faculty of Law** hit during "**Stop Serbia**" rally ([source](#)).
 - **December 13:** Attack in **Novi Sad**; "Porsche" drove into protesters, attackers returned to physically assault the crowd ([source](#)).
 - **January 11:** Students protested in front of **Security and Information Agency (BIA)** headquarters due to intimidation attempts.
 - **January 14:** Attack on seven **Faculty of Law** students with plastic and glass bottles ([source](#)).
 - **January 16:** In **Čačak**, religious teacher and union representative threatened after meeting with Mayor **Milun Todorović** ([source](#)).
 - **January 16:** Student **Sonja Ponjavic** seriously injured during street blockade ([source](#)).
 - **January 24:** Another car attack on student monitors ([source](#)).
 - **January 28:** Two attacks in **Novi Sad** on students; serious injury reported ([source](#)).
 - **March 10:** Attack by **Gendarmerie** on students blocking **RTS** ([source](#)).
 - **March 15:** During silent protest in Belgrade, **sound cannon** allegedly used near the Presidency ([source](#)).
 - **March 28:** Attack on four students from **Faculty of Sport and Physical Education** in **Novi Sad** ([source](#)).
 - **March 30:** **Dean of Faculty of Philosophy** stabbed in the hand ([source](#)).
 - **April 4:** Attack on security at **Faculty of Economics** ([source](#)).
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Arrests

- **March 14:** Six opposition and youth activists arrested in **Novi Sad**, including a member of **STAV** and activists from **PSG** ([source](#)).
 - **Lazar Stojaković** summoned for a "friendly conversation" by the **BIA**, after his father was interrogated ([source](#)).
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Marathons and Walks

Novi Sad, February 1:

Walk: **Belgrade-Novı Sad, March 30–31 - 74 km**

Kragujevac, February 15:

Massive student walks to **Kragujevac** from multiple cities:

1. **Belgrade-Kragujevac: 130.4km (February 11-14)**
2. **Niš-Kragujevac: 150km**
3. **Novi Sad-Kragujevac**
4. **Kraljevo-Kragujevac: 65km**
5. **Čačak-Kragujevac**
6. **Novi Pazar-Kragujevac**

Belgrade-Kragujevac, 115 km on February 14, relay run

Niš, March 1:

- **Relay ultramarathon Belgrade-Niš, 235km (27 -- 28.2).**
- Walks from **Čačak (160km), Bor (133km), Kragujevac (150km), Aleksandrovac (90km), Kruševac (65km).**

The detailed route from **Bor to Niš** included **16 settlements, 5 cities, 11 villages, 400–1000 participants, 133 km.**

Belgrade, March 15:

Walks from:

- **Subotica (200km, 6 days),**
- **Niš (193km, 500 students, 6 days),**
- **Čačak (5 days, 140km).**

Novi Pazar, April 12: Walks from **Niš, Jagodina, Čuprija, Paraćin.**

Kraljevo, April 16: Walks from **Vrnjačka Banja, Valjevo, Užice, Požega, Čačak, Niš, Bujanovac.**

Students on Bikes

- **"BICIKLOM NA PROTEST" (January 31, 2025):** Belgrade – Novi Sad, 74.1 km in 6h 30min.
- **"DVA DANA NA DVA TOČKA" (February 13–14, 2025):** Belgrade – Pančevo – Smederevo – Velika Plana – Batočina – Kragujevac, 124 km.
- **"3 GRADA. 2 TOČKA. 1 CILJ." (February 25–28, 2025):** Novi Sad – Belgrade – Požarevac – Jagodina – Kruševac – Niš, 380 km.
- **"SLOBODA VLADA ČARŠIJOM" (April 10–14, 2025):** Belgrade – Valjevo – Kraljevo – Novi Pazar, 320 km.

"TURA DO STRAZBURA" — Belgrade to Strasbourg, April 3–15, 2025, covering:

- **1475km**, across **Serbia, Hungary, Austria, Germany, and France.**