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EU plotting Ukraine-style coup in Serbia – Moscow

The bloc is fueling the protests in order to install a loyal government in the country, the SVR has said



Protesters against the ruling party's policies march onto Bulevar Mihaila Pupina and block traffic in Novi Sad, Serbia, on September 14, 2025. ©

The EU is seeking to orchestrate a Ukraine-style 'Maidan' in Serbia by fueling the violent protests that have swept the Balkan country since late last year, Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR) has said.

The unrest erupted in Serbia in November 2024 after a roof collapse at the railway station in the city of Novi Sad, killing 16 people. The incident triggered

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accountability. The list of demands later expanded to holding snap elections and the resignation of President Aleksandar Vucic.

The latter has branded the protesters *“terrorists”* seeking to *“bring down the state”* under foreign influence. In response to public pressure, the Serbian authorities also agreed to some concessions, including the resignation of several ministers and the publication of documents related to the Novi Sad canopy collapse.

In a statement on Monday, the SVR said that the unrest is *“largely a product of EU subversive activity,”* adding that the main goal of Brussels is to bring *“a compliant and loyal... leadership to power in one of the largest countries in the Balkans.”*

The agency said EU efforts had radicalized youth, pushing them *“from peaceful protests to more revolutionary methods of struggle and violence.”* It argued, however, that attempts to reproduce a Western-backed *“color revolution”* in Serbia were faltering due to *“patriotic sentiment, the unifying influence of the Orthodox Church, and memories of NATO aggression and the bombing of the country.”*

According to the SVR, Brussels plans to exploit the anniversary of the Novi Sad disaster on November 1 to intensify pressure. It claimed EU institutions were *“brainwashing”* Serbian youth with promises of a *“bright European future”* while using supposedly independent media outlets as vehicles for influence.

The goal, the SVR said, is to mobilize protesters and stage a *“Serbian Maidan,”* referring to a series of Western-backed protests in Ukraine in 2013-2014 that resulted in a coup that

public backlash, with activists accusing the government of corruption and demanding



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EU officials have said they are closely monitoring the situation in Serbia while denouncing what they describe as excessive use of force by law enforcement.

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