



THE BYTYQI BROTHERS

Justice delayed. Justice denied.

Statement on Prime Minister Vučić's Announced Visit to Washington, D.C.

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Without first delivering significant progress in the Bytyqi case, [Prime Minister Vučić's potential visit to Washington, D.C.](#) will be contentious.

Prime Minister Vučić first promised progress in the Bytyqi case by the [end of last summer](#). Nothing happened. At the end of last year, he again promised progress by the [end of March](#). Again, nothing happened.

On multiple occasions, Prime Minister Vučić has promised the Bytyqi family that he would not come to the United States nor meet with President Obama unless he first delivered significant progress in the Bytyqi case.

The Bytyqi family hopes that Prime Minister Vučić's announcement portends long-awaited progress. Fatose Bytyqi expressed his family's hope:

“My family believes that Prime Minister Vučić will deliver on this case. Visiting the United States or meeting with President Obama without such progress would be his third broken promise regarding the case. We don't believe that he would make such a visit. He has always expressed to me his personal commitment to seeing that my brothers' murderers will be prosecuted – no matter who they are.”

For nearly fifteen years, Serbian presidents, prime ministers, and other senior-level officials have made and broken promises of accountability in the case. Members of the [United States Congress](#) and [State Department officials](#) continue to press the case as a significant factor holding back the improvement of Serbian and U.S. relations. However, no noticeable action has been taken by Serbian officials. Not even initial steps have been made, like efforts to isolate Goran Radosavljević. Serbian prosecutors believe that Radosavljević, the main suspect in the case, [has interfered in the case](#), intimidated witnesses, and [will continue to do so](#). At a minimum, Radosavljević should be suspended from Prime Minister Vučić's Progressive party.

“The murders of my brothers – three American citizens – should not be so easily ignored. We believe in Prime Minister Vučić's resolve to see that justice is done and improve Serbia's bilateral relations with the United States,” said Bytyqi, “U.S. officials will not let it pass if he does not.”

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