

The North Kosovo Crisis

Tensions between Serbia and Kosovo have been ongoing for decades, stemming from the Kosovo War of the late 1990s and the subsequent declaration of independence by Kosovo in 2008. Recently, tensions have flared up again as Kosovo's government pushed for Serbian -issued car plates to be swapped for Kosovan-issued ones in minority ethnic Serb areas. The symbolism was significant. Refusal led to civil disobedience, with reports of both barricaded roads and repeated shots. The rule change was postponed, and the EU mediated an agreement between the two sides. However, tensions escalated once again after the arrest of a former Serb police officer in North Kosovo on December 10th, 2022. Serbia responded by using the reports to justify an intensifying military presence on the border - and setting their military alertness to its highest degree. NATO, the EU, and the UN have continued their efforts to deescalate what is essentially a frozen conflict. As delegates, you'll have to tread lightly on the volatile issue, resolve the conflict and potentially put an end to the everlasting strain between Kosovo and Serbia.