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SRSG condemns attack on UNMIK Court building, instructs police to restore law and order

PRISTINA – The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in Kosovo (SRSG) Joachim Rucker condemned in the strongest possible terms this morning's attack on the UNMIK District Court building in North Mitrovica. A large mob used force against UNMIK Police to enter the building at around 8:30am.

“Those who turned to violence in North Mitrovica have crossed one of UNMIK's red lines. This is completely unacceptable. I have instructed UNMIK Police to restore law and order in the North and to ensure that the Court House is again under UN control,” said the SRSG.

This morning, the SRSG informed the Serbian Government of the unfolding events and asked them to prevent such attacks. He once again stressed that any differences of opinion should be dealt with in a civilized manner and that violence would not be tolerated.

“I expect that the perpetrators of today's attack will be brought to justice. Once again, I appeal to all communities to refrain from violence and to help us ensure a safe and secure environment in Kosovo. UNMIK will defend its mandate throughout the whole territory of Kosovo without exception,” said the SRSG.

The SRSG has informed both President Fatmir Sejdiu and Prime Minister Hashim Thaçi of the latest developments and of UNMIK's course of action.