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## 1. Preface

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- i This Country of Origin Information Key Documents (COI Key Documents) on Serbia has been produced by COI Service, UK Border Agency (UKBA), for use by officials involved in the asylum/human rights determination process. It provides general background information about the issues most commonly raised in asylum/human rights claims made in the United Kingdom. The COI Key Documents includes information available up to 1 November 2008. It was issued on 17 November 2008.
- ii The COI Key Documents is an indexed list of key reports, papers and articles produced by a wide range of recognised external information sources. It does not contain any UKBA opinion or policy.
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- iv As noted above, the documents identified concentrate mainly on human rights issues. By way of introduction, brief background information on Serbia is also provided. Please note, this background material is not intended to provide a summary of the material contained in the documents listed.
- v This COI Key Documents and the documents listed are publicly disclosable.
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## 2. Background information on Serbia

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**Full Country Name:** The Republic of Serbia (Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) World Factbook, 2 October 2008) [9a]

**Capital City:** Belgrade

**Area:** 88,361 sq.km

**Population:** 7,498,001 (Serbian Government census, 2002)

**Languages:** Serbian (majority), Hungarian, Bosniak, Roma, Croat, Montenegrin, Albanian, Slovak, Vlach, Romanian, Macedonian, Bulgarian, Ruthenian, Slovak and Ukrainian. In the areas inhabited by ethnic minorities, the languages and scripts of the minorities are in official use.

**Major Ethnic Communities:** Serbs 82.86%; Hungarians 3.91%; Bosniaks 1.82%; Roma 1.44%; Montenegrins 0.92%; Yugoslavs 1.08%; Croats 0.94%; Albanians 0.82% (Serbian Government census, 2002).

**Major Religions and Denominations:** Christianity: Serbian Orthodox dominant), Roman Catholicism, Islam.

**Major Political Parties:** Serbian Radical Party (SRS), Democratic Party (DS), G17 Plus, Socialist Party of Serbia (SPS), Democratic Party of Serbia (DSS), Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), New Serbia (NS), League of Vojvodina Social Democrats (LSDV), Sandzak Democratic Party (SDP), Coalition for Sandzak, Vojvodina Hungarians Alliance (SVM), Party of Democratic Action (PDD), Roma Party (RP), Union of Roma of Serbia (URS).

**Parliament of the Republic of Serbia:** The national legislature of Serbia is a unicameral assembly of 250 deputies elected through general elections for a term of four years. The deputies in the National Assembly elect the Government of the Republic of Serbia, which, together with the President of the Republic, represents the country's executive authority... The President of the Republic is elected for a term of 5 years by direct election and has important powers under the constitution. The President is not a member of the National Assembly or the government.

**President and Head of State:** Boris Tadic.

**Government:** On 7 July 2008 a coalition government was formed in Serbia between the Democratic Party, Socialist Party of Serbia and G17 PLUS. See the Internal Politics section below, for further information, on the political parties that are in the coalition.

### Key ministerial posts:

**Prime Minister:** Mirko Cvetkovic (DS)

**First Deputy Prime Minister:** Ivica Dacic (SPS)

**Foreign Minister:** Vuk Jeremic (DS)

**Defence Minister:** Dragan Sutanovac (DS)

**Finance Minister:** Diana Dragutinovic (G17 PLUS)

**Interior Minister:** Justice Minister: Ivica Dacic (SPS)

**Justice Minister:** Snezana Malovic (DS) (Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO)

Country Profile: Serbia, updated 23 July 2008) [3a]

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## GEOGRAPHY

Jane's Country Risk Assessments: Serbia – Geography, updated 14 October 2008 stated: "Serbia is situated in the geographic centre of the Balkans. It borders Croatia (241 km), Hungary (151 km), Romania (5476 km), Bulgaria (318 km), Macedonia (62 km), Montenegro (124 km), Bosnia-Herzegovina (302 km) and now Kosovo (352 km)...

The capital of Serbia, Belgrade, is located on the junction of the rivers Sava and Danube; southeast and southwest of Belgrade the terrain becomes progressively mountainous, particularly so in the southern border areas.” [1a]

See map below (United Nations Cartographic Section April 2007) [16a]



## RECENT HISTORY

The FCO's Country Profile: Serbia, updated 23 July 2008 noted:

“Tito's death in 1980 signalled the beginning of the end of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (SFRY). The state's economic decline continued and, increasingly, the power sharing issue rose up the agenda. In 1989 Slobodan Milosevic, riding a wave of nationalist sentiment, came to power in Serbia, and quickly installed his supporters in positions of power and severely restricted the autonomy of Kosovo and Vojvodina. In January 1990, the Yugoslav League of Communists failed to reach agreement on urgent questions of reform and the Slovenian delegation walked out.

“The next eighteen months witnessed a round of largely insincere negotiations over how to resolve Yugoslavia's collective problems. In June 1991 Slovenia and Croatia declared their independence. Macedonia withdrew from Yugoslavia after its independence referendum in September 1991, followed by Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1992. Serbia, under Milosevic, opposed the independence moves and actively participated in wars and armed conflicts in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina (1992-95) under the pretext of 'protecting' Croatian and Bosnian Serbs.

“Following the secession of the other Yugoslav republics, Serbia and Montenegro adopted the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY) on 27 April 1992, and declared themselves a new state.

“When Kosovo and Vojvodina were stripped of their previous degree of autonomy, Kosovo Albanians began boycotting the Serbian institutions and elections. However, after several years of passive resistance, violent opposition to Serbian hegemony grew in Kosovo. Milosevic turned to the policy of ethnic cleansing, this time against the Kosovo Albanian population. NATO intervened between March and June 1999 with a 78-day bombing campaign across Serbia and Montenegro to push repressive Serb troops out of Kosovo and force Milosevic to relinquish control of the province.

“Since June 1999, UNMIK has exercised administrative control of Kosovo, whilst the NATO-led Kosovo Force (KFOR) has maintained security within the province.” [3a]

The FCO Country Profile: Serbia, updated 23 July 2008, recorded:

“A landslide victory by the newly elected President Kostunica's [Democratic Opposition of Serbia] DOS coalition in the Serbian Assembly elections in December 2000 saw Democratic Party (DS) leader Zoran Djindjic appointed as Serbian Prime Minister.

“From 2001 until 2003, the DOS coalition government made good progress in building a democratic and stable future for Serbia. They implemented reforms in Serbia's administrative and legal institutions; devolved more power to the regions; brought stability to Southern Serbia (the Presevo Valley); and helped foster better relations with neighbours and the international community. Also the government's team of mainly young technocrat economists succeeded in reforming the banking system and tackling the inflation and currency instability that were a feature of life under Milosevic.” [3a]

The FCO country profile further noted:

“On 12 March 2003, Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic was assassinated outside a government building in Belgrade. In the immediate aftermath of the assassination the Serbian Government imposed a 42-day State of Emergency, during which time a nation-wide crackdown on organised crime ('Operation Sword') enabled the Government to make great progress in eradicating the influence of organised crime in Serbia. It resulted in the arrest of 4000 people from different organised crime gangs in connection with the assassination (for which the Government had blamed, in particular, a group known as the 'Zemun clan'); 14 other murders; 3 kidnapping cases, and 200 drug related crimes.” [3a]

Six months after the assassination: “the DOS lost its parliamentary majority. Early Parliamentary Elections took place on 28 December 2003. Overall turnout was 58.8%, with the Serbian Radical Party winning most votes and gaining 82 of the 250 seats in government....On 3 March 2004, the Serbian Assembly voted in the new minority government comprising the DSS, G17 Plus and SPO-NS, with support in the Assembly from the SPS. Former Yugoslav President Vojislav Kostunica was appointed Serbian Prime Minister” (FCO country Profile, updated 23 July 2008) [3a]

The US State Department (USSD) Background Note, Serbia, updated March 2008, observed: “On May 21, 2006, the Republic of Montenegro held a successful referendum on independence and declared independence on June 3. Thereafter, the parliament of Serbia stated that the Republic of Serbia was the continuity of the state union, changing the name of the country from Serbia and Montenegro to the Republic

of Serbia, with Serbia retaining Serbia and Montenegro's membership in all international organizations and bodies." [2c]

The FCO country profile further reported:

"On 09 November 2006 the Serbian Parliament unanimously endorsed a new Constitution for Serbia. This text was then put to a referendum on 28/29 October 2006. The electorate approved the new constitution with 53.04% voting in favour....Following the endorsement of the Constitution by the Serbian Parliament on 09 November, President Tadic called parliamentary elections on the 21 January 2007... A coalition government was formed on 15 May 2007 between the Democratic Party (DS), the Democratic Party of Serbia (DSS) and G17PLUS. The leader of the DSS Vojislav Koštunica served as Prime Minister of this coalition government." [3a]

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## RECENT EVENTS AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

The FCO country profile: Serbia, updated 23 July 2008, reported: "Kosovo declared independence from Serbia on 17 February 2008. On 18 February, the Foreign Secretary announced that the UK would recognise Kosovo as a sovereign, independent state. Serbia does not recognise Kosovo's independence." [3a]

On 3 February 2008 Boris Tadic was re-elected as President following the final round of elections. (FCO Country Profile: Serbia, 23 July 2008) [3a] The results were as follows:

Candidates	Nominating parties	Votes 1st round	%	Votes 2nd round	%
Boris Tadic	Democratic Party	1,457,030	35.39	2,292,650	51.61
Tomislav Nikolic	Serbian Radical Party	1,646,172	39.99	2,178,014	47.69

(Jane's Country Risk Assessments: Serbia – Internal Affairs, 11 March 2008) [1b]

The FCO country profile further reported

"Serbia held parliamentary and local elections on 11 May 2008....Following the elections the major parties were engaged in lengthy coalition talks before finally on 7 July 2008 a coalition government was formed. The coalition government that has been formed is made up of the Democratic Party, under the leadership of Tadic, the Socialist Party of Serbia, led by Dacic, and G17 PLUS under Dinkic. In this coalition government the new Prime Minister of Serbia is Mirko Cvetkovic (DS), while the other ministries have been shared out between the coalition parties.

"The results of the parliamentary election were as follows:

Party/Coalition	Party Leader	Parliament Seats	% of Votes Cast
Democratic Party (DS) Coalition*	Boris Tadic	102	38.44
Serbian Radical Party (SRS)	Tomislav Nikolic	78	29.36
Democratic Party of Serbia (DSS)/New Serbia	Vojislav Kostunica	30	11.59
Socialist Party of Serbia (SPS)*	Ivica Dacic	20	7.6
LDP Alliance	Cedomir Jovanovic	13	5.24
Hungarian Coalition	Istvan Pastor	4	1.81

Bosniak Ticket for a European Sandzak Dr. Sulejman Ugljanin 2 0.92  
Coalition of Albanians of Presevo Valley 1 0.41

“The Parties that make up the Democratic Party Coalition are: DS, G17PLUS, SPO, SDP and LSV. The parties that participate jointly with SPS are: PUPS (Party of United Pensioner of Serbia) and JS (United Serbia).” [3a]

BBC News reported on 22 July 2008 that: Bosnian Serb war crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic, one of the world’s most wanted men, has been arrested in Serbia after more than a decade on the run. ... The appointment of a new, pro-European government in Belgrade last month appears to have cleared the way for his arrest... The arrest of Mr Karadzic and other indicted war criminals is one of the main conditions of Serbian progress towards European Union membership.” [6c]

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## ECONOMY

**GDP (millions):** US\$ 42,923 (2007)

**GDP real growth rate:** 7.5% (2007 est.)

**GDP per capita:** US \$4103 (2006)

**Population below poverty line:** In 2007, 6.6% of the population lived below the national poverty line (approximately £80 per month)

**Unemployment rate:** 18.8%

**Inflation:** 10.1%

**Official Currency:** Serbian Dinar (RSD)

**Major industries:** Agriculture, machine building, metallurgy, mining, consumer goods, electronics, pharmaceuticals, petroleum products and chemicals.

**Major trading partners:** Russia, Italy, Germany, France, the former Yugoslav Republics and neighbouring EU states (Hungary, Bulgaria and Romania).

(FCO Country Profile: Serbia, 23 July 2008) [3a]

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## HUMAN RIGHTS

The USSD Country Report on Human Rights Practices 2007, Serbia (including Kosovo), released 11 March 2008, stated in its introduction:

“The government generally respected the human rights of its citizens and continued efforts to address human rights violations; however, numerous problems persisted. The following human rights problems were reported:

- corruption in the police and the judiciary;
- inefficient and lengthy trials;
- government failure to apprehend fugitive war crimes suspects under indictment of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), specifically Radovan Karadzic [see below for more information on Karadzic] and Ratko Mladic;
- harassment of journalists;
- human rights workers, and others critical of the government;
- limitations on freedom of speech and religion;
- societal intolerance and discrimination against ethnic and religious minorities, particularly Roma;



- large numbers of internally displaced persons;
- violence against women and children; and trafficking in persons” [2a]

The Amnesty International (AI) Report 2008, Serbia, covering events in 2007, highlighted a number of human rights areas of concern. These were:

- Serbia’s lack of co-operation with the ICTY
- 30 to 35 war crimes were under investigation; few prosecutions were completed
- Ongoing investigation into the disappearances of 900 ethnic Albanians in 1999
- Discrimination against minorities
- Inter-ethnic violence in the Sandžak region
- Female human rights defenders exposed to harassment
- Violence against women [10a]

The Human Rights Watch, World Report 2008: Serbia, covering events in 2007, released on 31 January 2008, noted that: “The government formed in May 2007 signalled a greater willingness to address accountability for war crimes, although it failed to deliver to justice the most wanted suspect, Ratko Mladic. There was less progress on other human rights issues: the situation of ethnic and religious minorities remains of concern, and independent journalists face threats and violence.” [4a]

The FCO country profile on Serbia updated 23 July 2008 reported:

“Following the fall of the Milosevic regime, the human rights situation in Serbia has greatly improved. Problems still remain, although many are typical of countries political and economic transition. Serbia has ratified the majority of human rights-related international conventions and since the separation from Montenegro, Serbia remains bound by these agreements. Full and practical implementation of these legal provisions is now important. The authorities have made some progress. For example, 'Minority Councils' for most of the major ethnic groups in Serbia have been established, which provide a more effective means for minorities to raise issues of concern with authorities. A Serbian Government strategy for tackling discrimination and better integration of the Roma community is also a positive development. The Serbian Government has also taken positive steps to address the inter-ethnic related problems in Southern Serbia.” [3a]

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	<b>[2a]</b>	United States Department of State (USSD) Country Report on Human Rights Practices 2007: Serbia, 11 March 2008 <a href="http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2007/100583.htm">http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2007/100583.htm</a>
	<b>[2c]</b>	United States Department of State, Background Note: Serbia, last updated March 2008 <a href="http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bqn/5388.htm">http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bqn/5388.htm</a>
	<b>[3a]</b>	Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Country Profile: Serbia, last updated on 23 July 2008 <a href="http://www.fco.gov.uk/content/en/country-profile/europe/fco_cp_serbiaincludingkosovo">http://www.fco.gov.uk/content/en/country-profile/europe/fco_cp_serbiaincludingkosovo</a>
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	<b>[23a]</b>	Department for International Development (DfID) Serbia Country Profile, updated 2 July 2008 <a href="http://www.dfid.gov.uk/countries/europe/serbiamontenegro.asp">http://www.dfid.gov.uk/countries/europe/serbiamontenegro.asp</a>
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**HUMAN RIGHTS – SPECIFIC ISSUES:**

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