

SERBIA: ARMY PURGE

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The government purged its army leadership, removing well-known generals in what appeared to be the largest such change since Slobodan Milosevic was ousted in 2000. The official Tanjug news agency named 16 high-ranking officers, most of them generals, who were removed from their posts or pensioned off. They included the deputy chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Vladimir Lazarevic, who headed the army in Kosovo in the 1999 war, and the military intelligence chief, Maj. Gen. Radosav Skoric. "It is necessary that we get a new, young, reformist team for the 21st century," Prime Minister Zoran Zivkovic said. (Reuters)

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