Serbia's strongman toppled by students

Serbia's longtime leader Aleksandar Vučić has lost a snap election to a student-led movement that won mass support by vowing to fight corruption and reverse democratic backsliding



Aleksandar Vučić *Dominated Serbian politics as prime minister or president since 2014*



SERBIA PARLIAMENT ELECTION *(Projected seats*)*

103 Serbian Progressive Party (SNS) — Student List **140**



**Based on CESID-Ipsos analysis*

STUDENTS MOVEMENT

■ Grassroots movement, sparked by deadly 2024 collapse of Novi Sad train station canopy, drove nearly two years of nationwide protests against corruption and negligence, ending 14 years of Vučić-led dominance



Ilija Srdanović



Radomir Saičić

WHO WILL RUN SERBIA NOW?

■ None of candidates are students; they include academics, doctors, actors and other figures from civil society

■ Student List must now choose prime minister and form government. Lead candidate ***Ilija Srdanović*** and former central bank governor ***Dejan Šoškić***, expected to play prominent roles

■ Presidential election to replace Vučić must be held by late December. ***Radomir Saičić***, chemistry professor, considered strong candidate

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