Serbian protesters storm parliament to protest coronavirus lockdown

Belgrade, July 8 (RHC)-- A group of opposition supporters stormed the Serbian parliament building in Belgrade on Tuesday night in a protest against a lockdown planned for the capital this weekend to halt the spread of the coronavirus.

Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic said on Tuesday evening that stricter measures including the lockdown of Belgrade over the weekend would be introduced because of the rising number of coronavirus infections.

After Vucic's statement, several thousand people began gathering in front of the parliament in Belgrade's central square. Later, a small group of protesters pushed past a police cordon, broke through a door and entered the parliament building. But police later pushed them back.

Serbia, a country of 7 million people, has reported 16,168 coronavirus infections and 330 deaths. But the numbers are spiking and 299 cases and 13 deaths were reported on Tuesday alone.

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