



OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Serbia's Foreign Minister Ivica Dačić today had a telephone conversation with the Foreign Minister of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Nikola Poposki, about the latest developments in Kumanovo.

Dačić condemned the violence in the strongest of terms and expressed dismay at its impact on human lives and peace. "A better, more developed society, which is what we are all aiming for, is built through long-term, day-by-day work on reforms and any sort of violence endangers its very foundations," Dačić said.

The ministers agreed that the stability of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is of vital importance for the stability of the whole region.

Dačić expressed confidence that no effort will be spared to prevent violence from escalating and added that his Special Representative on the Western Balkans, Ambassador Gerard Stoudmann, and the Head of the Chairmanship Task Force, Ambassador Dejan Šahović, will visit Skopje next week.

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