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Serbian government orders police to cancel Kosovo passport stamps

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The Serbian government has instructed the Interior ministry to cancel the stamps of the interim Kosovo administration in the passports of foreign nationals entering Serbia and to mark them with Serbian stamps, Minister of Environment Oliver Dulic said Thursday.

Presenting on behalf of the government excuses to travellers with the stamps of the "Republic of Kosovo" instead of UNMIK's stamps who had problems crossing Serbia's borders, Dulic told the press that the police were also instructed to speed up passport control.

Officials demanded that the ministry put a line through the stamp on foreigners' passports if they are trying to travel from Kosovo to Serbia.

The ministry was also ordered to place a Republic of Serbia border stamp alongside the crossed-out stamp, the report said.