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## Serbian ministers open post office in Gracanica

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Serbia's Minister for Kosovo Goran Bogdanovic and minister for Local Government Milan Markovic opened a post office in the Serb-populated town of Gracanica on Monday, a move seen as proof of Belgrade's hold on Serb areas of its southern province.

The two ministers did not inform Kosovo's Albanian authorities of the visit, but were escorted by policemen of the European Union law and justice mission EULEX.

Talking to journalists, Bogdanovic said he doesn't need to ask for anyone's permission because "Kosovo is part of Serbia", and he can come and go as often as he wants.

The Serb ministers said the new Post and Telecommunication building in Gracanica had cost over €90,000 euros and promised further investments. They distributed gifts to Serbian children in a Gracanica kindergarten.

Meanwhile, another Serbian Orthodox church was burglarized in Kosovo.

The Rasko-Prizrenska Eparchy announced that the church, dedicated to Sv. Jovan (St. John) is located in Ranilug, in eastern Kosovo.

Priest Aca Djuric says that passers-by noticed that the burglary was in progress last evening.

"They were passing by the church when they heard heavy thumps on the church door," KiM Radio reported Djuric as saying.

The thief then ran away without having had time to rob the temple or harm it in any other way, but the southern door on the church was damaged.

Kosovo police, KPS, conducted an investigation at the scene after being alerted to the incident.

This is the fourth attack on Orthodox temples in the eastern Kosovo Pomoravlje region in the past month.