

Pensioner and former PKB workers block traffic: Demands - meeting with president and RTS to report on their problem

Members of the Association of Pensioners and Former Workers of PKB "Rit", who are asking for compensation for shares, blocked the central streets of Belgrade again today, demanding a meeting with the President of Serbia, Aleksandar Vučić. The protest was held near the Assembly of Serbia and near the RTS building.

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Protest of former PKB workers

meeting from that municipality several times, which never happened. They also claim that in the future they will radicalize the protest by blocking the traffic with tractors in front of the Assembly.

The main request of the Association of Pensioners and Former Workers of the Agricultural Corporation "Belgrade" (PKB) is to be paid compensation for the shares they did not receive due to the change in the status of that company.

The socially-owned enterprise PKB passed into state ownership by various decisions of state representatives several years ago. The privatization of PKB, once one of the largest agricultural plants in Europe, was completed in the second half of 2018 by selling the company's assets to Al Dahra from the United Arab Emirates. Although the workers, as stated in the Association, were entitled to shares according to the Law on Privatization, they were denied that.

Recently, the Ministry of Economy conveyed the position of the State Attorney 's Office [that there are no grounds for paying free shares to former PKB employees](#) that they did not receive when the company was sold, and instructed the workers to claim their rights in court.

The workers have [already initiated a lawsuit](#) , and the hearings have been postponed several times. The association, which consists of about 3,000 pensioners and former workers, is now demanding around 11 million euros in compensation.

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