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The enclave train

Twice a day, a train runs from the small Serbian town of Zvecan in northern Kosovo to the Serbian enclaves scattered throughout the centre of the province.

In Priluzje, a large enclave where more than 2,000 Serbs and Roma live, the arrival of the train is a daily event. A Roma woman with her empty can bag, which she takes out of the carriage to Kosovo Polje (Fushe kosove in Albanian) that left from Zvecan, disembarks with the stock she picked up the day before, to sell it to a local wholesaler.

As we approach Kosovo Polje, the faces become more tense. There is one last test for the Serb passengers on the train: to reach the Serbian quarter of the town, which is several hundred metres from the station.

Two hours later, the train returns from Urosevac, heading back to Zvecan. Three young Roma take over a compartment, refugees from Plemetina, which the train serves.

Now the train is almost a normal train.

The staff is composed of Albanians and Serbs.