Secret Serbian plan for war on Macedonia

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The specter of a religious war is being evoked by the Greater Serbians from the ashes of martyred Bosnia. That prospective war, terribly more destructive than the ethnic war we have seen up to now, is supposed to spill over from former Yugoslavia into the Middle East, Asia, and the rest of Europe. EIR has obtained information on a secret plan prepared to the last detail by the Belgrade secret services. The plan, confirmed by military sources in Zagreb, Croatia and published in part by the Slovenian paper Delo, includes the creation and use of synthetic "Islamic fundamentalist" groups to supply the pretext for a "reaction" from "Christians."

According to reliable sources, certain western intelligence services are engaged in training 3,000 Islamic "fundamentalist" guerrilla fighters to be deployed in Kosova. The target of the plan is the "southern flank" of former Yugoslavia—i.e., the predominantly Albanian region of Kosova, which Serbian "Duce" Slobodan Milosevic unilaterally declared part of Serbia—and the independent republic of Macedonia, whose recognition as a sovereign nation has been blocked by the Serbian-allied Greek government. Kosova and Macedonia are to be destabilized, set up, conquered, and then "cleansed" of non-Serbians.

The Greater Serbians, in pursuing their perverted dream of racial purity, are hysterically blind to the consequences of their genocide. In reality, if they succeed, nothing could really stop the broadening of the war to Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, and soon thereafter down into Iran and the Middle East.

'The Third Balkan War'

"Serbian politicians and Army commanders will proceed with their war games without taking into account that the Balkan peninsula will blow up," wrote *Delo* on Nov 21. The title of the long analysis by Krecimir Moller and Mirjana Glusac is "The Third Balkan War," referring to the Balkan War that ignited World War I. Writes Delo, "We . . . cannot be surprised or astonished with the latest preparations for the 'pacification' of Kosova and Macedonia. These plans were set up a year ago, and were published in the newspaper *Slobodna Dalmacija* on Jan. 2 and 16, and April 23.

"Due to the fact that the situation last year did not develop as expected in Belgrade, the Third Section of the Security Department of JOS [Yugoslav military forces] under the leadership of Milan Milojevic and the head of UB [Secret Police] Nedeljko Boskovic have changed the plans known under the code-names 'Old Serbia' and 'The Bridge.' The objective was to find a pretext for the Serbian invasion of Macedonia, Kosova, and Sandjak [a heavily Muslim area]. So the secret police invented the threat of a 'rising wave of Islamic fundamentalism' which had to be stopped. But it was not easy to implement the plan. . . . So the Security Administration of the Yugoslav Army decided to provoke ethnic conflicts and create uncertainty and instability in Kosova and Sandjak, and later in Macedonia.

"In order to achieve this objective, they decided to massively arm the Serbian population in those areas, as they had done in Bosnia. They even armed the Albanian population and the Muslims." According to the account, the former head of the Intelligence Service of the Yugoslav Army, Marko Negavanovic, intervened personally to help get the funds for financing extremists to be used in the destabilization. Certain local Albanian leaders who in the past had collaborated with Yugoslav intelligence, were easily blackmailed. "They were supplied with \$2 million in February. Three weeks ago, \$15 million was transferred to the Greek company Thita in Piraeus. The funds were then transferred to the Greek company account of the companies Radiotone and Lapi-Tours, located in the Kosova capital of Pristina." From there, the money went to local leaders to launch ethnic fights against the Macedonian government, who will be accused of chauvinism against the Albanian population.

In the short term, this will be used to delay the diplomatic recognition of Macedonia. In the long run, it will help to stage an "Albanian" uprising against Macedonia. "Incidents between Macedonians and Albanians and ethnic Serbs in Macedonia will be provoked. This will lead to the Society of Serbs and Montenegrins [a front for the Greater Serbians] in Macedonia to ask for help from the Yugoslav Army, which will intervene on the pretext of protecting the Serbs."

At the same time, the Serbian Army will launch a series of provocations against Kosova and Muslim Sandjak. The aim: to provoke a military reaction from Albania and then invade the country. Already the \$erbian Army has taken position. "It is expected that Albanian troops will react, and for this reason the Serbo-Yugoslav forces in Parcin, Leskovac, Novi Pazar, Prizren, Niksic, Pec, Nis, and Urosevac will be put in a state of alert. All airports should be put in a state of alert."

The Greek government is playing a crucial role in the plan, according to the document. "High-ranking Greek officers recently paid a visit to the head of the Security Administration of the Yugoslav Army, Nedeljko Boskovic. He explained to them that 'in case of war, Serbia will accept a Greek military penetration of Macedonia.' Serbian military

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leaders signed the pact with Greece in order to prevent what they claim was the creation of a Greater Macedonia or Greater Albania. . . . According to the agreement, Serbia and Greece are obligated to provide each other with logistical support."

Indeed, there has been an escalation of provocations both in Kosova and in Macedonia, where riots exploded in Skopje between Macedonian police and Albanians early in November. Later, a Serbian soldier on guard duty was assaulted in Pristina. The Serbian police decided that this was the work of two "Albanians." Another soldier was stabbed twice in the back, again in Pristina. While witnesses claimed that the incident was faked, the Serbian authorities accused two Albanians.

And that was only the beginning. On Dec. 3, at the entrance of the produce market in Pristina, near the mosque on Danubi Street, the Serbian police killed an 18-year-old boy and wounded his brother and several other people. The brother of the victim was shot while lying on the ground. On Dec. 8, Serbian police machine-gunned and killed an ethnic Albanian woodcutter in Vucitrn, 15 miles northwest of Pristina.

That same day, a bomb exploded in the courtyard of the only mosque in the Serbian capital of Belgrade. It was the third explosion there in the last two months. To top the provocation, the Serbian authorities announced that they will begin the construction in Muslim Pristina of the biggest Orthodox Church in the Balkans.

Macedonia targeted

Serbian Maj. Gen. Miroslav Radmanovic, in charge of the area, promptly issued an ultimatum: "We will use all means at our disposal to reply to those who attack our soldiers or Serbian population anywhere, including Macedonia." *Delo* explains: "The presence of the Yugoslav Army has obviously increased on the Macedonian border in the last month. Serbo-Yugoslavia has also hired 200 mercenaries from abroad (mainly Russians and Romanians); Greece has given to Serbia 15,000 special operations troops.

"It is obvious that the Serbian plan will soon be put into effect. The Albanians in Slovenia indicated a few months ago that the war will start in December. Albanian forces can hardly defend their own country, and any hope that they could do something for the Macedonians or the Albanians in Kosova and Macedonia is just an illusion. The Serbian forces are at least 15 times bigger and stronger. . . . The Serbian plan contains many frightening scenarios."

The article concludes with a detailed analysis of the Serbian military plan to take over Macedonia. "It is not difficult to foresee the consequences of such an action. The Balkan barrel of gunpowder will blow up and spread like a chain reaction to much larger regions, and the involvement of Islamic countries can be expected. The consequences for the security of Europe are too difficult to predict."

At this point, the Macedonian government is on the verge

of collapse. As an *ultima ratio* before the refusal of Europe to recognize the republic, Foreign Minister Denko Maleski accepted the idea of changing the name of Macedonia into that of "Macedonia (Skopje)," in order to comply with the recommendation of the European Community, which did not have the courage to stand up to Greece. The Macedonian parliament, however, rejected the change. The situation now is extremely unstable, and objectively favors those forces in Macedonia who are pushing for a desperate confrontation with Serbia and Greece.

Greek Foreign Minister Michalis Papaconstantinou pointed his blackmailing finger at the EC members on Dec. 8 in Brussels. "If you break the political consensus on the issue of Macedonia, don't expect Greece to support the EC in its attempt to solve the Yugoslav problem. . . . All of you may recognize Macedonia, but Greece will not, which means that that republic will not survive for long!"

Religious war scenario

Dr. Peter Valentin Blajic of Split summarized the situation in an interview to EIR. "Definitely there is a scenario that calls for a war of religion. And it is all artificial. There are no so-called fundamentalists in Bosnia or in Kosova. When I heard these allegations, I looked into the matter. There are microscopic groups of extremists, they are not dangerous, but someone is pushing them. So someone wants the explosion. A few days ago, the leader of the so-called Serbian Republic of Bosnia, Radovan Karadzic, declared publicly: 'We are not alone, the whole Orthodox world, the Russians, are with us. Thus we are not scared neither by the Catholic world, nor by the Islamic world. There are still nuclear bombs in the hands of our Russian friends. The Russians will help us when we need them.' Karadzic said this to Belgrade TV."

Indeed, several Russians and Romanians have been killed in Bosnia while fighting with the Serbians. Several Russian officials belonging to special forces deployed in Afghanistan, have been hired by the most ferocious Chetnik (irregulars) gangs, such as the group of the sadistic mobster Zeljko Arkan. "Apparently this alliance works," said Dr. Blajic, "while the West is so immoral—this France, this England, what immorality! Here even the blind see it."

Last Aug. 31, Nasir Shansab, an American citizen of Afghan origin and a well-known specialist on the Balkans and the Middle East, made a forecast: "There have been hints and threats of intervention by the Middle Eastern countries, the *jihad* [Islamic holy war] has already been started—not by the Muslims, but by the leaders of the Serbian forces who have conjured up an Islamic threat to egg their followers on."

"If the international community does nothing, finally the Islamic world might clearly respond with a counter-jihad. There would be nothing more foolish and dangerous for Europe and the West than to start a general religious war against Muslims." But that, apparently, is the intention.