

in Milosevic's court, including Karadzic, Arkan, and so on, are leaders of large organized crime organizations.

The organized crime apparatus that is emerging in the Balkans is strong enough to challenge almost any government in the area. If one looks at what is happening in Kosova in this light, then one can understand the dangerous insanity of those who suggest leaving the conduct of the war to an Afghansi-style guerrilla group.

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## Interview: Feride Istogu Gillesberg

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# U.S. must force NATO action in Kosova

*Mrs. Gillesberg was one of the two delegates representing Kosova at the Seventh Annual OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Session. She was interviewed on July 15 by Michelle Rasmussen in Copenhagen.*

**EIR:** What should the West, and specifically the United States, do in Kosova?

**Gillesberg:** Serbian military action against the civilian Kosova-Albanian population is ongoing. Villages are being attacked and civilians are being massacred and forced to flee. Indications are that 100,000 people have fled to Albania, Macedonia, and Montenegro. Since the beginning of May, there have been at least 350 people killed, mostly children, women, and the elderly. But one-third of the areas that have been attacked by the Serbian forces, have not been allowed to be seen by outsiders. . . . This has to be stopped.

NATO must intervene immediately with military action inside Kosova, to stop the Serbian genocide. Air exercises over Albania and Macedonia are not enough. The United States should keep its word. President Clinton, please remember what you promised President Rugova, that you would not allow a new Bosnia. Time is running out. The United States should take to heart what Rep. Steny Hoyer [D-Md.] said at the OSCE conference. He reminded the gathered parliamentarians that they must give content to the statement "Never Again." He said that it was the shame of the international community which led to action in Bosnia, but that this time, the world's nations cannot wait until the shame is upon them, before they act.

There was a good intention behind the original OSCE resolution, namely, that NATO should prepare a military intervention. Unfortunately, because several European countries were against this, the resolution was amended to state that NATO could only be allowed to intervene, if mandated

by the UN Security Council. Under current conditions, that will never happen; more people will be killed, and the tragedy will unfold. The United States must make the decision to initiate an immediate NATO military intervention inside Kosova to stop the Serbian genocide.

**EIR:** What do you think will be necessary to solve the terrible economic problems of Kosova?

**Gillesberg:** First, the political status of Kosova has to be resolved. President Rugova has called for the establishment of an international protectorate, as an interim stage, and that the best, long-term political solution would be an independent Kosova, open for cooperation with both Albania and Serbia.

Second, given Kosova's geographical position, where Europe meets Asia, and the Middle East, there has to be economic development based on a program to build up infrastructure, which would link Kosova up to the proposed Eurasian Land-Bridge. There also need to be improvements in agriculture and industry, and investment in education and scientific research. There has to be an increase of the living standard for all people in Kosova, without discrimination against any group. This would bring back the optimism needed to build a future for all of Kosova's citizens. Economic development of all the countries in the Balkans, will be necessary to create peace in the future.

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