

## 22 Years after Warning Was Sounded, Greater Albania Threat Emerges

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Those of us who starting twenty-two years ago warned that the <u>U.S. and NATO were</u> <u>abetting plans to carve a Greater Albania</u> out of no less than six nations in Southeastern Europe were marginalized or ridiculed.

Dismissed when we pointed out that the Kosovo Liberation Army, with whom and on behalf of whom NATO waged a 78-day war against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in 1999, were no sooner given control of the Serbian province of Kosovo in June of that year but – with the full connivance of the U.S. and NATO – it invaded neighboring territories under assorted aliases: the National Liberation Army in Macedonia and the Liberation Army of Preševo, Medveđa and Bujanovac in south Serbia, with spillover in Montenegro and similar designs on Greece (the Liberation Army of Chameria).

During the Italian occupation of Albania in World War II, the government of Benito Mussolini encouraged Albanian irredentist designs on Kosovo and Chameria (Epirus).

I received an email in 2000 from someone who is now a prominent American journalist detailing his first-hand experience in watching an American military helicopter providing cover for fighters of the Liberation Army of Preševo, Medveđa and Bujanovac in Serbia.

We were also criticized when we remarked that the six stars on the Kosovo flag might represent the component parts of a Greater Albania: all or part of Albania, Greece, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and south Serbia.

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<u>Albanian PM's statement on unification with Kosovo unacceptable – Russian Foreign Ministry</u>

Moscow views the statement made by Prime Minister of Albania Edi Rama on unification of the country with Kosovo as absolutely unacceptable, official spokeswoman of the Russian Foreign Ministry Maria Zakharova said in a comment. "We consider the statement of Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama on the unification of Albania and Kosovo as absolutely unacceptable. Promotion of 'Greater Albania' creation plans grossly contradicts provisions of UN Security Council Resolution 1244 and undermines stability in the region," Zakharova said.

It is particularly strange to here that violation of the document that is fundamental for Kosovo settlement "is declared as the key goal in the political career of the leader in one of countries in the Balkan Region," the spokeswoman noted....

"We look forward to an appropriate response of Western tutors of the Kosovo 'nationbuilding' project to this brazen provocation. We are highly surprised they miss such undermining calls, while they direct criticism against Belgrade in connection of its 'Serbian world' humanitarian concept, justified and consistent with the international law," Zakharova noted.

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