

PARTICIPATION OF THE MADRASA STUDENTS IN 1981 DEMONSTRATIONS

The handling of major political events that took place in a non-distant period of historical developments and national Albanian efforts for liberation from the Slav-Communist conqueror is a laborious research process and a great intellectual responsibility for every scholar. The coverage of such events from the historical and political developments in Albanian territories, such as the 1981 demonstrations, is an added obligation knowing that a large number of Albanian and international researchers in various scientific, historical, political and legal fields have shed light to the period in question.

Nevertheless, no research on and handling of the issue of the participation of *Alauddin madrasa* students in Pristina in the 1981 demonstrations has been found. Such a scientific research is missing in the Albanian territories, so the presentation of this topic is of great importance and complements to this scientific void. There is a special reason for such a scientific research.

The aim is to provide substantial evidence about those years and the important events of our new national history by analyzing and examining critically and impartially the numerous archival documentation, the plentiful material from local and foreign writers, the press articles of the time within the territory of the former socialist Yugoslavia and of the international press.

The 1981 demonstrations are a major turning point in the national political domain. It is a fact that in March - April 1981 demonstrations, the masses of citizens, students, working class, and high school students of Prishtina, were joined by the *Alauddin madrasa* students to protest for their fundamental rights, the upgrading of the constitutional level, the shifting from autonomy to republic, as an interim phase to its secession so that "Kosovo would be an independent and sovereign state".