

## HISTORY AND BALKAN NATIONS

At the present, the Balkan people tend to be part of the European Union. They are in a process of integration with the most prominent countries of Europe. A new era has began, which will hopefully be around for quite some time. In this case it is understandable that the demand for those countries arises to review their history, using the same terminology, with a broader view, especially removing textbooks denigrating spirit and promoting hatred between nations. Kosova was the first to fulfill the European Union request, to revise and rewrite the history textbooks of Balkan nations for the lower grade schools. Relevant specialists prepared and published the texts of the lower classes for the Balkan countries. The publication of these texts brought no concern, but rather they were discussed by the committees of the respective countries. They were reprinted to meet the needs of the school. The demand hosted in Prishtina by Turkish Education Minister sparked a surprisingly unfriendly reaction from some Albanian intellectuals and historians, presenting their concern forcefully in the media.

The history of the Balkan nations in some respects is a sad one. Many gun battles occurred between them. But the Albanians, in particular, have not attacked any of the other states. Though a small nation, they fought for their freedom and independence and have experienced various occupations. They have shed blood to defend the land of their ancestors and have suffered from the captive foreigners.

Albanian intellectuals concern has to do with preserving at all cost our national history. It is also their duty: they need to write history on the basis of facts and documents, but also avoid contempt and hatred for their neighboring nations. These requirements should be right in the mind of every Albanian intellectual work. The laceration of hooligans in stadiums or

other gatherings does not represent any problem. This shows that these people should be isolated from society where they belong. Additionally, these separate groups still do not know that history is not repeated as before. At the present day, relations between countries and people of the Balkans have positively changed, because they need to be developed for the benefit of cooperation and European integration.

In the new conditions created, the history of the Balkan peoples of older formulations needs to be reviewed, corrected and why not, some other things must be hidden all together. They were written under the influence of the past negative monistic ideology, where the communist state could decide everything, while in other countries, the Chetniks were driven by fanatical warmonger with chauvinistic evil purposes. It is necessary, utilizing the mutual archives, by consensus, from any sinister influence of former nationalism as well as the one of our time, with scientific agreement, with scientific authority be agreed, so that the Balkans are not the last nest of endless controversy, leaving as soon as possible the old-fashioned nationalism that fed communist dictatorships.

It is known that every nation is sensitive to the history of his own country. This requires that historians have a broad professional background and a contemporary horizon in terms of new phenomena that currently poses nowadays. In this sense, our historians, should write our history, with objectivity, without distortion, even enriching it with the new facts and data. These event occurrence, have not mentioned personalities, or casually mentioned them or historians who fail to make generalizations. This is the time when historians can freely write because they do not have political pressure with bad intention to distort history or chronology of events or patriotic national figures. After the democratic processes of the 90s, besides the people, even our historiography was liberated by the politicization of forced positions and forced deformation of historical events. Thus, it is hoped that the Balkans, together, will breathe free, with mutual respect and human kindness.