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ROLE OF ULEMMAS IN ALBANIAN UPRISINGS OF 1910-1912 IN THE KOSOVO VILAYET

Albanian National History is filled with different events, with dates and personalities that, of course, have left footprints in the course of time. This has not happened only with our history, because it is a general phenomenon for the whole planet. Therefore, their identification is hard work and it is required comprehensive knowledge because it is not easy that in the immensity of the people who live in this world, to depict those personalities, who, with their work and deeds leave orientation clues for generations. Such people are required to be in the proper place and time, and that, by their actions or inactions, affects the destinies of humanity, leaving behind their name in the historical events. It is completely right to say that history is a great scene in which appear the destinies of different nations, different wars, different victories and tragic losses.

Speaking in general about the contribution of Ylemmas in the Albanian National Movement, we will bring the conclusion of one the scholars, Sadulla Brestovci, who doing research on the role of Ylemmas in the Albanian National Movement, among others, notes: "The different archival and narratory materials or sources, which throw light on the Albanian National Movement of Kosovo, in general, give us a strong support to conclude that Albanian Ylemma and the Catholic clergy, generally were not against the movement. Such a statement applies mainly to the last period of the XIX century and the beginning of the twentieth century, especially in relation to the period of uprisings and armed actions. Just from both Muslim Ylemma and that of (clergy NA) Catholic, there were people who understood the Albanian National Movement and its positive role, that sympathized with it, helped it and took an active part in it. Especially in the

Kazah of Gjilan, a number of Ylemmas were directly engaged in the Albanian National Movement, taking an active part in actions". We are convinced that the number of Ylemmas who were engaged in the Albanian National Movement was the larger than this that we have mentioned in this paper.