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Since antiquity, the Balkans, especially post-Yugoslavian countries, have been a region for multiculturalism, solidarity among the peoples, and peace. All of the countries in this region, including us, are strategically important for Europe and the globe at large. However, with the recent events like the dissolution of Yugoslavia, the Kosovo war, and the following events have made the Balkan countries insecure and, overall, made the region instable. Furthermore, this very instability has created the conditions for terrorist groups, as NLA.

It has to be mentioned that we, the Republic of Macedonia, are the first and only country that left Yugoslavia in democratic and peaceful ways, which has created a precedent for other post-Yugoslavian countries, and which are still the holy manners of Macedonian society. While all the people in Macedonia were living in a great harmony and peace, not only in the Yugoslavian but also in the post-Yugoslavian era, suddenly, out of nowhere, little problems were created, and these little problems got bigger with the help of countries in the region.

During the Kosovo war in 1999, we opened our doors to almost 350,000 Kosovo Albanian refugees, despite the fact that it cost us 10% of our GDP. Terrorists, on the other hand, spread reports that the Macedonian government was abolishing the rights of Albanians living in the nation.

In 2000, the first attacks were started by NLA terrorists in the small village of Tanuševci, located in northern Macedonia near the border with Kosovo, and our security forces has retaliated against this attack. However, we can say the major attacks started on January 22, 2001, with an NLA attack on a police station in the village of Tearce. And this event was followed by the attack on Tetevo, in which even Albanian people of Macedonia got injured, in which Republic of Macedonia has injured which is followed by Ohrid Agreement between our government and the representatives of the Albanian people of Macedonia, which guaranteed their rights to live as free people in Macedonia. Following these events, NATO nations banded together to safeguard Macedonia and its people with a series of operations. Finally, with the assistance of NATO and our heroes, the terrorists were defeated, and democracy, all the people living in the Republic of Macedonia, and, finally, the good triumphed.

