

Why Self-determination?

Self-determination is the right of all colonized peoples. The absence of preparation in the fields of politics, economics, society or education cannot be used as a pretext to delay independence. (UN SC Resolution 1514, 1960)

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THIS WEEK:

**A nonviolent demonstration
5 Reasons for the attack on
the PISG
5 reasons for the attack on
UNMIK
Beatings, arrests and harassment**

Kosovapress poll (5.12.06)

41% supported demonstration
54% opposed demonstration
5% don't know

28th November: A nonviolent demonstration

This is what really happened on Tuesday 28th November. Tens of thousands of people marched through the centre of Prishtina. At the government building, Albin Kurti made a short speech to emphasize once again the objective of the demonstration: to oppose the negotiation team of Kosovo. Then activists threw bottles filled with red paint at the walls of the buildings, and at the windows, and we attached the '5 reasons' for our attack on the gates. Some people in the crowd threw stones which our organizers tried to stop. We knew that most of the staff in the building would not be working that day, and before the action began, we told the police to move back so that they would not be hurt. **Not a single person was injured as a result of our demonstration.** This is a testament to the professional organization of the demonstration and its control by our activists.

Following this, we moved with the crowd to UNMIK where we placed a padlock on the front gate and removed one slab of the defensive wall that surrounds the building. A chain of activists protected the entrance, preventing the crowd from entering because this was not our objective. Then we also threw bottles of red paint at UNMIK. Red paint was used to symbolize the color of the flag, and the color of blood.

The UNMIK police fired tear gas at the crowd, which incited a reaction of stone throwing, which once again we tried to stop. Even though throwing stones was not our plan, we understand people's indignation and as organisers take responsibility for this act. Despite the gas, we attached the '5 reasons' for our attack on the wall. The crowd regathered after a few min-

utes, and we continued our march until we reached our office and Albin Kurti explained that the demonstration was over. Everyone left peacefully.

Our movement has never ascribed to 'passive resistance'. Every action has inflicted some form of damage in order to send a message to UNMIK and the PISG: writing graffiti on walls, on UNMIK jeeps, deflating their tires, throwing paint at buildings, throwing eggs, boycotting Serbian products, blaring an emergency announcement at UNMIK and blockading institutions and the border. Is a boycott less violent than breaking a window?

We are nonviolent because we have never threatened the lives of people or attempted to injure or kill people. Our only target is the institutions and the buildings or cars which represent them. This is the only nonviolent means we have of preventing these institutions from leading Kosovo towards certain war.

Beating, arrests and harassment

A total of 6 activists have been arrested since Saturday. Three were held in detention for 72 hours and are sentenced to 30 days house arrest. (Salih Zyba, Muhammet Shala and Besfort Berisha). Two were arrested last night and are still in detention Lirim Gashi and Misim Sylja). The

To the PISG: 5 REASONS

1. You accepted and thus legitimized all the documents that have damaged the past, the present and the future of this country and its people (the Rambouillet Agreement, Resolution 1244, the Constitutional Framework, the Report of Kai Eide, etc).
2. You accepted without any conditions, to negotiate the will of the people of Kosovo.
3. You alienated our culture and history by giving it to Serbia, the most brutal aggressor that we have ever experienced.
4. You have given our century old enemy 1/3 of the territory of Kosovo, in order to smooth the path for strengthening the strategic position of Serbia for a future war to reoccupy Kosovo.
5. You accepted all the requests of Serbia so that she can decide where to return Serbs in Kosovo, in order to make possible the fifth re-colonization of Kosovo. Therefore we've attacked you. We've attacked you to liberate ourselves.

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sixth, Hysen Durmishi, was released when the police realized he was not even on their 'list'.

The police have been searching for activists all over Kosovo. They went to the homes of Atdhe Buja and Avni Sylejmani, returning to Avni's home again at 1am. The police went three times to the home of Vedat Xhymshiti and threatened on Monday to search his home. So far, police have entered our offices in Gjilan, Prizren and Prishtina and have taken the residential register of students in the dormitories of the University of Prishtina to identify those in the demonstration.

The police threatened to harass activist's families. Xhelal Sveçla was told by a 'sergeant Agimi' that if he didn't come to the police station, they would go to his home every half an hour. On Sunday, they went there three times.

Last, but not least, the police continued their old habit of beating activists inside the police station. According to Bexhet Shala, the director of the Council for the Defense of Human Rights and Freedoms (CDHRF), who visited the activists in jail two times, Salih Zyba, was beaten in the police station in Muhaxherë, Prishtina and has a black eye. According to the CDHRF, none of those arrested were shown an order for house search or for arrest.

The activists in prison refused to eat because they were served with products made in Serbia.

To UNMIK: 5 REASONS

1. You have institutionally protected Serbia in Kosovo
2. You usurped and monopolized all the political, economic and social space of Kosovo, in order to deny the people of Kosovo their will for freedom and their interest for development.
3. You denied the right of the people of Kosovo to be citizens by transforming them, without their consent, into residents.
4. You corrupted our courts and police by obliging them to work for you and not for the defense and security of the people.
5. You denied the people of Kosovo their own government, a minimal right that even autonomous territories have, by usurping and blackmailing the PISG which you created. Therefore we've attacked you. We've attacked you to liberate ourselves.

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