

Summary

Uprising battles in the region in Toplica in 1806

The region of Niš and its surroundings was widely involved in the rebellious struggle only in 1806, when the decisions of the Assembly of Rebellion Leaders made in Smederevo in November 1805, started to be carried out. The decisions referred to moving the focus of further actions gradually out of the borders of Belgrade pashadom. As a consequence of these decisions, in January 1806, the rebellious forces cross The Zapadna Morava River, liberate Kruševac and start moving towards Niš, occupying Aleksinac on their way. One part of the forces was separated for the diversion towards Toplica and reached Dubovo on the border of Leskovac region and Kuršumlija on the border with Kosovo. This made it easier for the rebellious forces to reach Niš and helped spreading of the rebellion in the region of the Nišava River. At the same time, with the intrusion of the rebellious forces, a large part of Serbian local inhabitants under the leadership of their princes as for example Momir of Leskovac, Rista i Neško of Prokuplje, Mita i Marinko of Pirot etc., leaves their homes and goes to the liberated parts of Serbia, while those people skilled in handling arms, join the rebellious army.