

Summary

Reports from Kosovo and Metohija 1941-1942 – the Archive Fund of Milan Nedić

The archive documents from the time of the Second World War in 1941/42, which were separated from the archive fund “ The regional commission for establishing the facts about war crimes committed by the occupation forces and their collaborators in the period of 1941-1945, on Kosovo and Metohija”, comprise the reports of the delegates of the Ministry of the Internal Affairs for the Kosovo region, then the reports made by the clerks of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as the reports of the prominent citizens from Kosovo and Metohija. The reports were sent to the president of the Ministry Council, “ the army general Mr Milan Dj. Nedić who was at the same time the Prime Minister of the Serbian National Salvation Government.

The reports contained the descriptions of a difficult position of the Serbian people on Kosovo and Metohija, whose destiny mainly depended on the German and Italian occupying forces, who ruled the territory together with a formed board which was in charge of the crimes carried out over the Serbs by the Arbanases, and the board was, in fact, the Albanian-Kosovian committee.

The difficult position of the Serbian population was deepened by murders, robberies, burning down the whole villages, burning down the barns and wheat fields, which at the same time brought to the economic impoverishment , and there also was a large persecution of the Serbs to Monte Negro and Serbia, also carried out by the Arbanases.

The reports also talk about the destroyed churches, plowed graveyards, and the division of the property after the Serbs had been violently persecuted. They also contain the information about the agrarian reform which was performed within a few days and the Serbian property divided, from the fork to the spoon.....

Thanks mainly to the persistence, wish and nostalgia of the Serbs to preserve their roots despite all the circumstances, which they showed again during these hard war years, as they had always done, they managed to survive and at least a couple of tenths thousands of them stayed there.