

Summary

**Rebellious Fights in the Region of Sokobanja in 1917**

In the South of Serbia, in 1917, a revolt against the Bulgarian occupying force broke out. The revolt spread not only in the region of Toplica but also in the region of Kruševac, Jablanica and Pusta Reka, South Pomoravlje, Zaplanje and Vlasotince, the surroundings of Niš towards Morava, as well as Aleksinac, Svrljig and Sokobanja.

In the region around Sokobanja and Svrljig, in the north of Niš, the rebellious movement was strong and numerous forces took part in it, both the rebellious and the occupying ones. Many people from the Banjski district had fled into the woods even in 1916. The range of revolts in the Banjski district was triggered by the revolt in the region of Aleksinac, where Milan Dečanac was the leader of the rebellion.

The rebels in the region of Sokobanja were not strongly tied to other regions over which the rebellion from Toplica was spread at the beginning of the 1917. But despite these weak connections with other regions, the fights from this region itself, show how great the rebellious movements were there against the occupying force, and that there were great efforts of the Bulgarians to crush the rebellion in this part of Serbia.