

sured Skopje into allowing the creation of depots of weapons, just inside the borders, to be used by the KLA in Kosovo. Tanusevci was one of them, but not the only one. This is a 'public secret' at this point." The weapons and the military material were supposed to be used in Kosovo, not in Macedonia. "And now, Macedonia feels betrayed."

"The government is in a very difficult situation, though at this point, many have understood the NATO game. If a state of emergency is declared, the country could rapidly be split in two. The same could happen if Bulgaria, for example, would enter Macedonia militarily to help against the KLA." Another concern of the Macedonian source was the reaction of the non-Albanian population. There are reports of an increasing number of young people asking to join the Army. "If the rope is pulled too much, there will be a reaction. . . . Something could emerge in northern Greece. Greek authorities are reportedly very worried about a possible 'Albanian problem.' . . . Someone is pushing the Albanians into a mass suicide, someone is using them as cannon fodder."

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## Interview: Faris Nanic

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# 'Can't We Learn From Balkan History?'

*Faris Nanic, Secretary of Croatia's Party of Democratic Action (SDA) and former Chief of Staff of President Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, has been a voice of sanity in the "Balkan debate" both as journalist and political and diplomatic leader. He was one of the initiating signers, together with Schiller Institute Chairman Helga Zepp-LaRouche, of an international call for "Peace through Development for the Balkans." In April 1994, as special representative of the President of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Nanic was one of the main organizers of a conference hosted by the European Parliament in Brussels: "Bosnia-Herzegovina: Justice and Development are the Only Bases for Peace." He talked to Umberto Pascali from Zagreb, Croatia, on March 14.*

**EIR:** Mr. Nanic, you have been an insider and a leading participant in the main events of Southeast Europe, sometimes referred to as the Balkans, for the last 15 years, as journalist, and military, diplomatic, and political leader. Suddenly in the last weeks, all of the accumulated hot spots in the areas have begun to explode. The Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) has been reactivated and unchained again, the

leaders of the Bosnian Croats de facto declared a secession from Bosnia, Croatia is swept by unprecedented demonstrations against the government and the so-called international community. And all this, while a countdown to a Middle East war is accelerating. What is really happening? **Nanic:** First of all, I think that a number of Balkan hot spots are now being set on fire again simultaneously. And these things cannot be observed as isolated incidents that are connected to this or that particular local situation. Everything is connected to the regional issue, the Balkans issue, the Balkans that were already set on fire in 1991 with the dissolution of former Yugoslavia. I have the same feeling I had even before 1991, . . . that a major war was going to happen again. Of course, I wasn't aware of how the war was going to be ignited and how the scenario would be developed. For the first time since 1996, for the first time after the Dayton Agreement was signed, and a certain peace was *imposed* on the Balkan region, I am worried that things are getting out of control, and that even the so-called international community representatives that are active in the region, in Bosnia and Kosovo, don't have the real picture of what is really going on.

There is a similarity between 1991 and 2001 because we have, in effect, the same President and, more or less, the same administration in the United States, and the same ideology behind it. We have the same very sensitive spots being activated again, like Bosnia and Kosovo. We have more or less the same strategic context in terms of negative reversal of the peace process, not only in the Balkans, but also in the Middle East.

So, there are a lot of similarities, also, in the method that is being used. In Bosnia, we have this Croatian rebellion, the strongest Croatian party in Bosnia, which is the HDZ, rebelling against the international community's molding of the Bosnian electoral college government on both the federal and the state level of Bosnia. The International Representative in Bosnia pushed through the creation of a "technical government" excluding parties that, like HDZ in the Croatian part of Bosnia, had received 75% of the votes! There was a reaction, and the threat of the establishment of a "self-rule."

Whatever one may think about the HDZ and what they did in the past, and how they served the purpose of developing the theory of the clash of civilizations, especially in Bosnia, this time they are right. What the international community did, was to impose a post-electoral government, a technical coalition, in Bosnia, with which they provoked the reaction especially among the representatives of HDZ. . . . But with 75% of the Croatian votes being completely ignored, that is a very good basis for the frustration of the ordinary citizen. What is really worrying is that, you have the democratically elected local government, mainly in the Croatian parts of Bosnia, that do not recognize the federal and central government.

We had the same thing back in 1991 in Croatia, which

was called the Serb Autonomous Region of Krajina, where the local Serb leadership “split” from Croatia, leading to Belgrade’s war against Croatia. It is the same recipe used in Bosnia in 1992, prior to the war, in the so-called Herzeg-Bosna. The confrontation in 1991 in Croatia started without weaponry; nobody was expecting any military clash or anything similar. But after less than a year, it developed into a full military clash, rebellion by the local Serbs and intervention by the Yugoslav National Army, and then, less than a year later, the war in Bosnia started. So, they are using the same pattern.

There are certain activities launched by certain Croatian high military officers in Bosnia that could be very dangerous, that could go toward the creation of an independent military or paramilitary organization. It could lead, if pursued to the end, to a dramatic military confrontation in and around Bosnia.

What we should ask ourselves is: Why was the decision to create independent military organizations taken now? Has someone given a “green light” to some generals? And I don’t mean someone in Croatia, but someone outside, someone who wants to trigger a final upheaval in the Balkans.

**EIR:** This is the contradiction of the so-called international community that allegedly intervened to reestablish peace and democracy, but ends up, and officially so, rejecting the electoral results and the “democratic process,” and resorting to unlawful, some say dictatorial, methods.

**Nanic:** Yes, they are using totally undemocratic decisions, totally undemocratic methods. The problem was already present in the Dayton Agreement. Such an agreement could have been revised, but they preferred to spend up to an estimated \$1 billion to bring about these “democratic changes” and to roll back the so-called nationalists in Croatia and Yugoslavia. But at the end of the day, the international community is openly advocating anti-democratic methods.

**EIR:** The situation in the Croat cantons of Bosnia is very much linked to what is happening in Croatia itself. Especially the area of the Dalmatian coast witnessed some of the biggest popular demonstrations ever in recent history, like the one in Split on Feb. 11. These were protesting against the government, especially against War Crime Tribunal’s Carla Del Ponte, and what was taken, not as measures against war criminals, but as an interference into the internal affairs of Croatia, by many.

**Nanic:** These things are connected of course. First of all, the new government of Croatia, of Prime Minister Ivica Racan and President Stipe Mesic, that succeeded President Franjo Tudjman, was very cooperative with the demands of the so-called international community. The positive side was the end of Croatian support for secessionist tendencies in Bosnia. But, in general, the new government complied completely with all of the demands of the International Monetary

Fund (IMF), the financial circles, in terms of completely “liberalizing” the economy, the privatization process was set off on a very large scale. And what provoked the recent demonstrations, was this cooperation with the International Tribunal in the Hague.

**EIR:** So, the adherence of the government of Croatia to every demand, instead of strengthening the government and making it more democratic, is isolating the government and separating it from the people that they represent.

**Nanic:** Yes, because the point is that this government, in last year’s elections, really got popular support because they were promising certain changes and people really expected it to be, finally, getting rid of the interference in Bosnian internal problems. Secondly, people thought the new government would give Croatia a period of economic development, at least a reversal or change of the policy of importing without producing, as they had been promised. And that didn’t happen! What they really managed to do in Croatia was only to increase unemployment to a completely unbearable level. The new government complied with the completely crazy demands of the IMF to cut the budget, which is already very small, and to completely “liberalize” the economy and to privatize what was left over from the Desert Storm-style privatization implemented by the previous government. Now there is a popular reaction; people think they have been fooled.

**EIR:** And, of course, we have the unleashing of the KLA, especially against Macedonia.

**Nanic:** Well, what amazes me from the beginning is how easily, for instance the Bosnia Croatian leaders decided to move on with their “self-rule” in Bosnia—something completely anti-Constitutional and anti-Dayton Agreement. Almost as if they had been given a certain signal to do what is completely illegal and anti-Constitutional. The same thing happened with the KLA, and strangely enough it happened in the same days!

It seems that even though they are doing anti-Constitutional and anti-international law things, they still are being given a certain signal to go on and proceed, because nobody is going to actually punish them. How on earth can the KLA—which was supposed to be completely disarmed within the mandate of NATO in Kosovo, which has lasted almost two years—how can the KLA do what it did? The NATO control over Kosovo is much stronger than in Bosnia. It is a very unlimited mandate—they can basically do whatever they want there, intervene militarily and so on. So, how can the KLA emerge in southern Serbia, in western Macedonia, wherever you can create a hot spot? There is a definite cooperation between the KLA, which was supposed to be disarmed, and the NATO forces on the ground.

Who is controlling the Kosovo border? NATO. How can a supposedly uncontrolled group of armed men provoke

such an incident on the Macedonian border, without a single casualty on their side, creating a total mess on the Macedonian border side, a total mess in the Macedonian Army? Don't forget that the capital of Macedonia, Skopje, is not more than 40 km from the border. It is very easy to go into Skopje militarily from Kosovo if nobody does anything, and apparently NATO is doing nothing but simply manipulating the Serb and the Albanian forces in the area, widening or narrowing the so-called Security Zone. It is very easy for any organized Albanian force, and the KLA *is* an organized force, definitely militarily trained somewhere outside, very well equipped, that can go easily to the Macedonian capital, overthrow the government and do whatever is imaginable, with a very weak and very poorly organized Macedonian Army. The Macedonian Army and Macedonian politics completely relied upon the promises of the American administration, and of the international community that Macedonia would not be touched.

**EIR:** And, at this very moment, the KLA is becoming openly active in Tetovo and the surrounding area.

**Nanic:** Yes, *EIR* readers should know that Macedonian Albanians comprise about 35-40% of the population of Macedonia. And they are ethnically homogeneous, they are concentrated in a certain territory. This can be easily manipulated into forming what was announced yesterday by certain representatives of the Albanian community in Macedonia—a separate entity, a para-state, an ethnically based para-state within a formally sovereign Macedonian state. Later on, in later stages of course, a state that would secede from Macedonia, to help form something that has been called and is still called Greater Albania.

**EIR:** At this point there is a fear reaction from the non-Albanian population, a fear that could explode into a reaction. Reportedly many young Macedonians are asking to join the army to fight the KLA; there is a situation of tension that could reach a point that is difficult to reverse.

**Nanic:** Of course, even the most moderate members of the Macedonian political elite, still have strong nationalist feelings. So the unchaining of the KLA could trigger havoc in Macedonia. It can provoke a very difficult and serious, and almost incurable ethnic conflict between Albanians and Macedonians.

But if anything happens militarily in Macedonia, this means that there is going to be another Balkan war immediately. Imagine the ramifications for Bulgaria, Serbia, Albania, Greece and, of course, also Turkey. This is how the Second Balkan War started, in Macedonia. And all this, while just south of there, in the Middle East, the situation is also heating up towards a terrible conflagration, and actually, the heating up is almost complete, and the war is there. The only question is, when it will be fully ignited, on a full scale.

## WWF Sues LaRouche Brazil Organization

*EIR issued the following press release on March 14.*

The Brazilian branch of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), the international environmentalist NGO founded by Britain's Prince Philip and former Nazi Party member Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, filed a slander suit in a Rio de Janeiro court on March 5 against the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement (MSIA) of Brazil.

About two months ago, on Jan. 19, WWF-Brazil had obtained a prior restraining order against the MSIA (which is part of the international political movement associated with U.S. 2004 Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche), which included a court-ordered search and seizure of MSIA publications, which WWF-Brazil found offensive to their "honor." The grossly unconstitutional restraining order was obtained by WWF-Brazil, despite the fact that they at no point presented evidence refuting the truthfulness of the MSIA publications.

WWF-Brazil, whose president is José Roberto Marinho, the scion of the O Globo media conglomerate, has now filed its full slander suit, the content of which has not yet been made available to the MSIA's lawyers.

On Jan. 27, in response to the original restraining order, *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche issued a lengthy report analyzing what was behind the WWF attack on him and his associates, entitled "Look At What Happened in Brazil." Therein, LaRouche explained that the central issue in the Brazil incident was the British monarchy's ongoing attacks against him, personally, and what he stands for as an international alternative to their genocidal policies. LaRouche noted: "The personal attack on me, shows that WWF's targetting of Brazil expresses a much broader, global intention."

That intention includes deploying such forces as the British-French financial oligarch, Teddy Goldsmith, the radical environmentalist organizer of the recent Pôrto Alegre, Brazil gathering of global Jacobin movements, to stop any and all promotion of industrialization, either by sovereign nation-states or by nationalist forces within those countries. Although the Brazilian government of President Fernando Henrique Cardoso has itself shared much of the outlook and policies of the WWF, LaRouche noted that the Brazilian government is also in mortal danger from the British-sponsored offensive:

"If Brazil's government were toppled by aid of WWF's