

**STATEMENTS MADE BY THE LEADERSHIP OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF FYROM AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS
REGARDING FYROM'S ETHNICITY AND LANGUAGE**

- 1991** NATASHA STOYNOFF in an article which appeared in the TORONTO STAR during the first day of the Caravan 1991, Skopje pavilion stated "kick our Slavic Boot heels" . Where Vesna Kondovski was elected by the FYROM'S Slavs "the Princess of Skopje".
- 1992** Former President of FYROM, KIRO GLIGOROV, on February 26, 1992 told the Foreign Information Service daily Report, Eastern Europe: " We are Slavs who came to this area in the sixth century A.D.. Definitely, we are not descendants of the ancient Macedonians and our language is a Slavic dialect closely related to Bulgarian.
- 1992** Former President of FYROM, KIRO GLIGOROV, on March 15, 1992, the Toronto Star, quotes him saying that " We are Slav Macedonians. That's who we are! We absolutely have no connection to Alexander the Great and his Macedonia. He was Greek. Our ancestors came here in FYROM in the 5th and 6th century.
- 1999** FYROM'S Ambassador to U.S.A., LJUBICA ACEVSHKA, on January, 22, 1999, stated, " We do not claim to be descendants of Alexander the Great." She also stated that " We are Slavs and we speak a Slavic language similar to and closely related to Bulgarian". The Ambassador also said: "GREECE is FYROM'S largest trading partner and its number one investor. Instead of opting for war, we have chosen the mediation of the United Nations, with talks on the ambassadorial level under Mr. Vance and Mr. Nimetz".
- 1999** FYROM'S Ambassador to Canada, GYORDAN VASELINOV, on February 22, 1999, told the Ottawa Citizen newspaper, " We are not related to the Northern Greeks (Macedonians) who produced leaders like Amyntas, Philip, Ptolemy and Alexander the Great. We are Slavs and our language is a Slavic Bulgarian dialect.

IS THERE ANY DOUBT AS TO WHO THEY ARE , WHEN BY THEIR OWN STATEMENTS THEY ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR ORIGIN, ETHNICITY AND LANGUAGE. THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL IN CREATING A COUNTRY THAT NEVER EXISTED, OUT OF NO WHERE, JUST BECAUSE THERE WERE POLITICAL INTERESTS BY OTHERS.

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