

Kosovo: A Frozen Conflict?

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Yugoslavia Parallels



- Territorial Divisions
 - 6 Republics
 - 2 Autonomous provinces
- Nations & nationalities

Kosovo-Serbia Dynamics

- 1974 Constitution – autonomous rights
- 1974, 1981 – nationalist demonstrations
- 1982-86 – Serb counter-mobilization
- 1987 – Rise to power of Slobodan Milošević



Kosovar Responses

- 1989 – Serbian revocation of Kosovo Autonomy
- 1990-92 – nonviolent resistance & parallel state
- 1993-95 – development of Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA)
- 1998-99 – KLA guerrilla attacks & Serbian government counter-insurgency

International Attention

- Oct 1998, international community intervention & Serbia agreement (UN SC, NATO, US Amb. Holbrooke, OSCE) lead to Kosovo Verification Mission (KVM)
- Feb & Mar 1999, Rambouillet negotiations fail
- Mar-Jun 1999, 78-day NATO bombing campaign

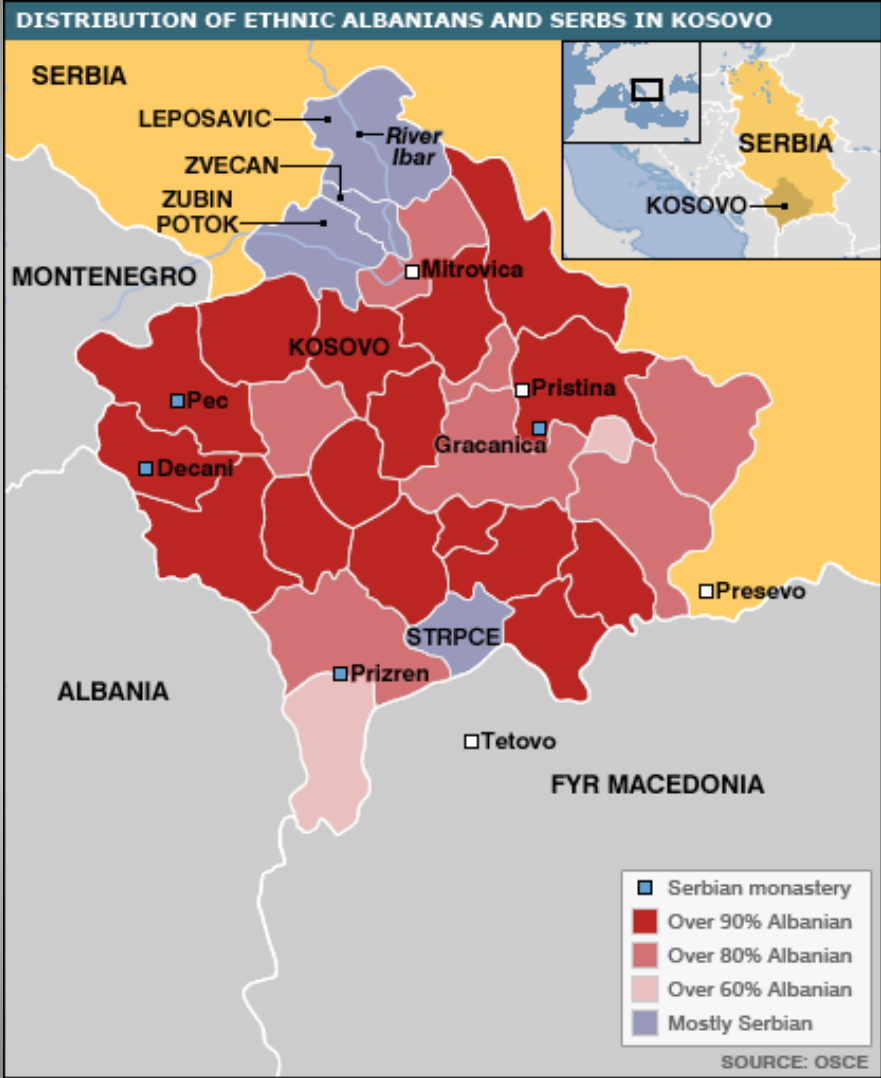


Foundation of Freeze

UN Security Council Resolution 1244 (June 10, 1999)

- Conditions for Serbian withdrawal
- United Nations administration (UNMIK)
- International security presence (KFOR)
- Unresolved political status:
 - Sovereignty of Serbia recognized
 - Institutions of self-government to be developed

Ethnic Distribution



Post-Conflict Developments

- 2000-01 – Development of self-government: local councils, Kosovo Assembly
- Mar 2004 – Outbreak of ethnic violence
- Feb-Oct 2006 – Status negotiations under UN auspices result in deadlock
- Feb 2007 – UN Special Envoy Maarti Ahtisaari proposes plan of supervised independence; rejected by Serbia & Russian Federation

Kosovo Independence

- Aug-Dec 2007, further negotiations produce no new results
- Feb 17, 2008, Kosovo Assembly declares independence
- Initial recognition from US & 22 of 27 EU states; rejection by Serbia & allies



Post-Independence Dynamics

- EU Rule of Law Mission – EULEX
- Continued KFOR presence
- July 2010 -- ICJ ruling on independence
- July 2011 violence
- EU mediated “Dialogue”



Future Thaw?

- Question of independence continues to divide
 - Serbia refuses to recognize independence
 - Kosovo has recognition of 98 states
- EU enlargement dynamic presents future hope
 - Mar 2012 – Serbia granted candidate status
 - Kosovo remains potential candidate
- Future remains full of uncertainty – sovereignty remains disputed