
**COMMENT BY THE INFORMATION AND PRESS DEPARTMENT (OF RUSSIAN FEDERATION)
ON AGGRESSIVE RHETORIC COMING FROM KOSOVO ALBANIANS**

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We took note of the aggressive remarks made by infamous Kosovo Albanian leader Ramush Haradinaj with regard to Belgrade and the Serbian leadership.

It is unacceptable that the patrons of Pristina, especially the EU and the United States, have not responded accordingly to such statements of unbridled extremism. Is it because our Western partners consider this normal? Is this acceptable in modern Europe? Do Brussels and Washington support what Mr Haradinaj had to say? Or are they just unable to talk sense into their underling?

We support the Serbian leaderships firm response to the crude attack by this militant who was involved in particularly heinous crimes against civilians during the Kosovo conflict of the 1990s.

Unfortunately, this turn of events and the flaring of passions should have been expected in light of the decision of the French court which ignored the legally justified request of the Serbian side and released Ramush Haradinaj, who is accused of committing numerous abductions, rapes and murders.

This episode goes to show that the Kosovo quasi-state is the main source of regional instability, and the indiscriminate connivance of Greater Albania aspirations leads to heightened interethnic tensions and a greater potential for conflict in the Balkans.

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