
TENSIONS RISE BETWEEN BULGARIA AND NORTH MACEDONIA AFTER DEPUTY PM'S SHARP CRITICISM

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The Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) responded after an interview with North Macedonias Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Transport, Aleksandar Nikoloski, who criticized Bulgaria for the absence of the flag of North Macedonia at an informal meeting between Presidents Rumen Radev and Gordana Siljanovska-Davkova. Nikoloski's comments included strong criticism, stating that Bulgaria lacked civility and respect.

In response, the MFA declared it would not engage in such non-European rhetoric. It emphasized that Bulgarias partners had been informed of the provocations, which seemed aimed at disrupting diplomatic dialogue. The MFA also reiterated the importance of good neighborly relations for North Macedonia's European integration.

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