

The anti-Albanian attitude of Serbia during the Turkish parliamentary elections of 1912

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Abstract

Year 1912 is characterized by the armed resistance of Albanians against the Ottoman Empire, in order to gain the legitimate rights, which were infringed by the Young Turk rulers. From January of that year the Turkish parliamentary opposition tried persistently to collapse the government that had brought the state near a total collapse, because of misruling. Albanian deputies had clearly stated their decision pro the collapse of the Young Turks government. Hasan Pristina denounced the harsh treatment of the government towards Albanians, and this increased the complaints of Albanians to that level, that they prepared for armed resistance against the Ottoman Empire. The Albanian protests against the Young Turks government were analyzed with special attention by Serbia, which aspired to benefit. Through their agents, they persuaded the main leaders of the Albanian movement allegedly that they would have the material and moral support by Serbia. Main objective of this manuscript is the analysis of the anti-Albanian attitude of Serbia.

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