

Hungarian participation in the First Battle of Kosovo 1389

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Abstract

The threat of Ottoman penetration in Europe urged Balkan feudal lords already disrupted and dissented among themselves to temporarily leave conflicts aside and form a wide anti-ottoman coalition. In this coalition, as opposed to dynastic succession problems, Hungary was an active participant also due to the fact that it was directly threatened by the Ottoman invasion. Based on sources of the time, an active participation in this battle of Hungarians was observed which ended up with the defeat of the Balkan coalition.

The effects of the Battle of Kosovo, in addition to the fact that they were directly reflected in the political position of Kosovo itself, were expressed even in Hungarian areas, since the Ottomans opened their way towards middle Danube and Sava valley, a route they would use in upcoming years in case of attacks on Hungary and Central Europe.

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