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## Political Scene in Kosovo seen from the Security viewpoint

After political discussion held on 3<sup>rd</sup> of August on demarcation with Montenegro, where state committee protected their work and, in their opinion, Kosovo does not lose any meter square of land and the boundary is in accordance with international laws and it is the same boundary with the one of 1974, with which Kosovo is recognized.

Whereas experts representing the Opposition have refuted this boundary line, because they declared that Kosovo loses approximately 8 km<sup>2</sup> and two strategic points, Zhlep and Çakor, which are part of Kosovo, are being given to Montenegro.

After the discussion, Kosovo Assembly was attacked with an RPG on 4<sup>th</sup> of August, at 11:30 PM in the back part of the building. Nobody was harmed in this attack, but there were only material damages.

Later, there were various declarations by both sides, pro and against demarcation and they only became more determined in their opinions towards this issue.

On 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> of August, the Vice President of the United States, Mr. Joe Biden, visited Kosovo. After the meeting with Kosovo Prime Minister, Mr. Isa Mustafa, and Kosovo President, Mr. Hashim Thaçi, he did not meet anybody else and he declared to the media that Kosovo must fight organized crime and corruption and that the agreements of demarcation and Association of Municipalities with Serb majority should be approved.

Otherwise, the biggest Opposition Party, “Vetevendosje”, called for a national protest on 1<sup>st</sup> of September, when Kosovo Assembly is going to ratify the agreement of demarcation with Montenegro, whereas two other Opposition parties, AAK and NISMA are not part of organizing this protest, but they do not oppose the call to protest.

The Serbian List have voted Pro demarcation, in exchange of establishment of Association of Municipalities with Serbian Majority, which by many experts is seen as a risk for Serbian presence inside the judicial, political and security system of Kosovo.

There are 7 votes against demarcation by the parliamentarians of coalition PDK-LDK.

Whereas on 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 2016, RTK was attacked by an unknown person with a hand bomb. According to Kosovo Intelligence Agency, the attack on Kosovo Assembly and the attack on RTK are related to each other.

The security situation is tense in the time before the protest of 1<sup>st</sup> September. This protest is predicted to be violent.