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Political Maneuvering Intensifies

A party Central Committee meeting scheduled for Monday may be a showdown between Serbian party chief Milosevic and his opponents in the national and regional hierarchies.

Sessions of the national party Presidium yesterday and next Sunday are focusing on personnel changes involving as much as a third of the party leadership, including leaders targeted by Milosevic.

Defense Minister Kadijevic abruptly canceled a trip to Italy on Wednesday.

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The lineup of pro- and anti-Milosevic forces is still in flux, and maneuvering probably will increase in the next few days over leadership changes at the national level and in Serbia's Kosovo Province as well as over constitutional amendments to give Serbia greater power over Kosovo and the province of Vojvodina.

The limited military alert is probably precautionary and may be aimed at containing ethnic Albanian violence in Kosovo if popular Albanian leaders are purged. It indicates key national leaders believe that violence could erupt or that force may otherwise be necessary.

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