

YUGOSLAVIA: Military Deployments in Kosovo

The deployment to Kosovo Province yesterday of military units probably will quickly end demonstrations by ethnic Albanians, but broader political problems there remain unresolved. The weeklong demonstrations and clashes with police have led to some 22 deaths.

The military deployments are a partial victory for Serbian leaders, who probably favor more force to quash the Albanian demonstrations quickly. Despite Serbian pressure, however, the government probably will try to confine the military to an intimidating show of force. Security forces probably can quell the demonstrations in the coming week or so, but Kosovo will remain a tinderbox as long as the ethnic Albanian majority—95 percent of the province—lives under hamfisted Serbian rule.

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