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“IN THE EYE OF THE STORM: the Political, Diplomatic and Military Struggle for Croatian Independence”, the 2015 bestseller published by the leading Croatian daily, *Večernji List*, editor Žarko Ivković, has now appeared in English translation.



The author, Ante Gugo, has collected and painstakingly researched all the most significant events which characterized the dissolution of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the creation of the Republic of Croatia, placing them in an impressive historical as well as political context. He deals not only with the Croatian War of Independence (known as the Homeland War) - which culminated in “Operation Storm” and the liberation of a quarter of Croatian territory from four years of Serb military occupation - but also takes into account the five years preceding the outbreak of the Croatian War of Independence, dissecting the events from the second half of the 1980s that led directly to the Serbian war of aggression against Slovenia, Croatia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina. These crucial events begin on May 23, 1985, with the decision by Serb academics to prepare a Memorandum of the Serbian Academy of Science and Arts (SANU), which promotes the creation of a „Greater Serbia“ in the event of the dissolution of Yugoslavia, and ends on August 8, 1995, when the entire 21st Kordun Corps of the Serbian army surrenders to the Croatian army in “Operation Storm”. This surrender represented the end of the dream of a „Greater Serbia“ and the beginning of new geo-political relations in southwestern Europe.

Gugo utilizes in his research and analysis a wide range of sources, including the memoirs of the main protagonists in these events: former Croatian Prime Minister, Hrvoje Šarinić, former Croatian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mate Granić, former President of the Presidency of Yugoslavia, Borisav Jović, as well as the works of historians and publicists, professional military studies and publications, and foreign media. Numerous other politicians and actual participants in military operations assisted him as well in illuminating the background of these historical occurrences, and reports that appeared in major Yugoslav media were also taken into account.

The author goes even further, addressing the greater role of the media in the actions that led to Serbian aggression against Croatia and then to the Croatian War of Independence, the significance of these media reports, and how they provide an understanding of these incidents today, citing specifically the Croatian newspapers and magazines *Večernji list*, *Vjesnik*, *Slobodna Dalmacija*, *Novi list*, *Danas*, and *Globus*, but also Belgrade's *Politika*, *Borba*, *Večernje novosti*, *NIN*, *Duga*, *Vreme*, and so forth. This wide spectrum of civil and military sources has given the author as well as the readers a unparalleled insight into the past.

„IN THE EYE OF THE STORM: the Political, Diplomatic and Military Struggle for Croatian Independence“ was translated by Michael Durgo and can be ordered through local bookstores around the world, or online, in either print or digital edition, at Create Space, www.amazon.com (Book will appear in 3-5 days on actual Amazon website). Links:

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