Preparation for the 1850 Vidin Uprising

(Abstract)

The paper deals with the preparations for the Vidin uprising, conducted mainly in March and April of 1850. The background and role of Jovan Teodorović, organizer and planner of the insurgency, are explained, as well as his arrest by the Serbian authorities. Teodorović’s detailed war plan and list of his fellow conspirators are presented. It is shown that preparations for the uprising continued after his removal, led by village chieftains from the Vidin, Belogradčik and Lom kazas and monks of the Rakovica Monastery. Serbian policy towards the insurgency is discussed and certain indications about possible Russian involvement are stated. The paper is based on previously unused documents of Serbian origin.