

Chieftain of Mirdita

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MIRDITAS!

The difficult situation that was created in our country, following the fierce attack of gangs led by Russian agents in 1944, forced me to leave the homeland with my son Ndue (second son) to find refuge in foreign lands, where along with exile friends, I tried as much as I knew how and as best as I could, to protect the national rights of the Albanian people, today cruelly violated by the centuries' enemies.

So as to not leave the people of Mirdita on their own I have left in my place my two sons: Mark (the eldest son) and Lleshi (the third son) who have tried as hard as they could to defend those rights, until in the end they gave their own lives solely to serve the homeland, trying to return Albania's its freedom.

As I cannot withdraw from the fight we have started and cannot betray the ideal and the blood of my sons, Mark and Llesh, I am authorizing my cousin Ndue Pjeter Gjomarkaj, to lead the anti-communist movement in Mirdita.

For this purpose I authorize him through this letter, in my name, so that he can organize a useful stand for the rights of the people and the nation, that are suffering so cruelly under the barbaric rule of communism.

I specifically order you to form the Mirdita "Executive Committee" as soon as possible and through it communicate and make contact with all the freedom-lovers of Northern Albania to establish a Central Committee with the aim of fighting against Communism, for freedom of Albania and the Albanian people.

I urge you to organize an Information Centre as soon as possible, which tries to establish secure relations between the provinces of Albania, especially with the groups of Diber and Kosova. Along with Ndue Pjeter Gjomarkaj I'm also sending Ndue Gjon Mëlyshi, who has the authorization to be his right arm.

Discussions of each meeting to be minuted and secured so as not to fall into the hands of Russian agents, who are members of the cruel government of Tirana. I call specifically upon all the people of Mirdita, especially those who wander through the mountains with their arms in hand, to have a good relationship with each other, to brotherhood and to follow the principles of the Kanun: Trust, Honor, Fellowship.

Only then you will be dignified of being called Mirditas and as such take the deserved place in the history of Albania, when you follow these principles and hold high the flag of Tradition.

PS- Together with Ndue Pjeter Gjomarkaj and Ndue Gjon Melyshi will also be coming Prof. Alush Leshanaku and Mr. Xhevdet Blloshmi, who are not only to be supported, but also safeguarded as much as possible and accompanied up to Elbasan, where they will form their centre.

Kapidan Gjon Marka Gjoni

Signature

Kapidan Ndue Gjon Marku

Signature

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