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# YUGOSLAVIA: Continued Strains Over Kosovo

Mahmut Bakali's replacement yesterday as leader of the Kosovo provincial party organization reflects continuing strains in the Yugoslav leadership over the recent unrest among ethnic Albanians in Kosovo. Belgrade's nervousness over the danger of major new disturbances occurring in the province is evident from the harsh denunciations of "Albanian irredentism" and "greater Albanian chauvinism" leveled by top Yugoslav officials over the past several days. Rumors of guerrilla actions by Albanian nationalists against Yugoslav Army units in Kosovo cannot be substantiated, but Yugoslav authorities admit there is continuing "hostile" activity in the region and new arrests have been reported. Special sessions of the Serbian and the Yugoslav Party Central Committees called to discuss the Kosovo situation today and tomorrow, respectively, may result in further leadership changes. [REDACTED]

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