

Kapidan of Mirdita

9 February 1949

MIRDITAS!

The difficult situation that was created in our country, following the fierce attack of coterie 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 exiled friends, I tried as much as I knew and as best as I could to protect the national rights of the Albanian people, today cruelly violated by the centuries' enemies.

Not to leave on their own the people of Mirdita, 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 giving their own lives solely to serve the homeland and to return Albania its freedom.

As I cannot withdraw from the fight we have started and as I could not 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, through this letter, to administer 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 and for freedom of Albania and the Albanian people.

I urge you to organize an Information Centre as soon as possible, which will 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 Melyshi, who has the authorization to be his right arm.

Discussions of each meeting will be recorded and secured, so as not to fall into the hands of Russian agents who are the 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, as brothers and to follow the principles of the Kanun: Trust, Honor, Kinship.

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

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

Kapidan Gjon Marka Gjoni  
Kapidan Ndue Gjon Marku

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