

# Long-awaited talks on Kosovo's future

Legally still part of Serbia, Kosovo has been administered by the UN since NATO's 1999 air war forced former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to end a crackdown on ethnic Albanians. Serbia rejects calls by Kosovo's Albanian majority for independence, but offers autonomy for the province



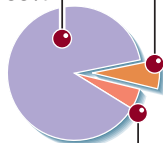
## SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO:

Republics in loose federation created February 2003

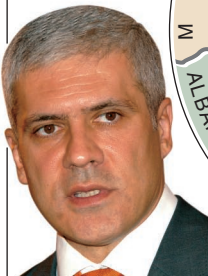
**KOSOVO:** Population: **1.9 million (2002)**

Ethnic groups: Serbs **7%**. 80,000 remain – 200,000 have left since 1999

Albanians **88%**



Others **5%**



**Serbian President Boris Tadic:**

Suggests imposing 20-year period before determining final status of Kosovo



*Serbian state flag used in all Serb areas of Kosovo*



*Presidential seal of Kosovo*



**Kosovan President Fatmir Sejdiu:**

Pledges to guarantee minority rights. Presidential flag used as unofficial flag of future Kosovan state