Crunch time nears on Kosovo independence As a December 10 deadline to reach a negotiated compromise looms with no deal in sight, there are fears that the UN-administered province may declare independence unilaterally, triggering a chain reaction of potentially violent secessions across the Balkans Main 20km Serb areas 25 miles Kosovska Mitrovica Hashim Thaci: **Boris Tadic:** President of Kosovo's likely next Pristina I Pec Serbia offers prime minister wants Gnjilane KOSOVO + full independence only broad but pledges to autonomy Diakovica (coordinate any move with U.S. and EU Prizren Urosevac U.S: Committed Russia: Blocking UN Security Council from to recognizing granting independence Kosovo's independence **EU:** Countries 100km with separatist 60 miles movements -NATO: 16.000 including Spain, Greece and Cyprus - fear independence troops SERBIA could set dangerous precedent BOSNIA Kosovo POSSIBLE CONFLICT HOTSPOTS Ethnic Serb-dominated areas of Kosovo and Bosnia, and ethnic Albanian-dominated areas of Macedonia and Serbia MONTENEGRO Ethnic-Albanian Republika **ALBANIA** Srpska majority MACEDONIA Pictures: Associated Press © GRAPHIC NEWS