

2003. Therefore, in accordance with section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), I am continuing for 1 year the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans.

This notice shall be published in the *Federal Register* and transmitted to the Congress.

George W. Bush

The White House,
June 20, 2003.

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NOTE: This notice will be published in the *Federal Register* on June 24.

**Message to the Congress on
Continuation of the National
Emergency With Respect to the
Western Balkans**

June 20, 2003

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. Consistent with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice, stating that the Western Balkans emergency is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2003, to the *Federal Register* for publication. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the *Federal Register* on June 25, 2002, 67 *Fed. Reg.* 42703.

The crisis constituted by the actions of persons engaged in, or assisting, sponsoring, or supporting, (i) extremist violence in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and elsewhere in the Western Balkans region, or (ii) acts obstructing implementation of the Dayton Accords in Bosnia or United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of June 10, 1999, in Kosovo, that led to the declaration of a national emergency on June 26, 2001, has not been resolved. Subsequent to the

declaration of the national emergency, acts obstructing implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement of 2001 in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, have also become a concern. All of these actions are hostile to U.S. interests and pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to the Western Balkans and maintain in force the comprehensive sanctions to respond to this threat.

George W. Bush

The White House,
June 20, 2003.

**Message to the Congress
Transmitting a Report on the
National Emergency With Respect to
the Western Balkans**

June 20, 2003

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month report prepared by my Administration on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001.

George W. Bush

The White House,
June 20, 2003.

**Letter to Congressional Leaders
Transmitting a Report on Cyprus**

June 20, 2003

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. Chairman:)

Consistent with section 620C(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, I am providing a report prepared by my Administration on progress toward a negotiated solution of the Cyprus question covering the period April 1 through May 31, 2003. The

previous submission covered February 1 through March 31, 2003.

The United States remains committed to finding a just and lasting settlement for Cyprus. Serious efforts continued during this reporting period to persuade the two sides on Cyprus to resume negotiations under the auspices of the United Nations Good Offices Mission for Cyprus, on the basis of United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan's proposed settlement plan. As in the past, U.S. officials, including Secretary of State Powell, Under Secretary of State Marc Grossman, Special Cyprus Coordinator Thomas G. Weston, Ambassador to Cyprus Michael Klosson, Ambassador to Turkey Robert Pearson, and Ambassador to Greece Thomas Miller provided intensive diplomatic support to this process.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Richard G. Lugar, chairman, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

June 14

In the morning, at the Bush family home in Kennebunkport, ME, the President had an intelligence briefing.

June 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Orange, NJ, where he participated in a roundtable discussion with small-business owners and employees and toured the production facility at Andrea Foods. He then traveled to Elizabeth, NJ.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

June 17

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. He then traveled to Annandale, VA, where he participated in a roundtable discussion on employment training at Northern Virginia Community College. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his selection of William H. Leary as Chair of the Information Security Classification Appeals Panel.

June 18

In the morning, the President met with Speaker of the House of Representatives J. Dennis Hastert, House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, and Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle to discuss pending legislation and the President's recent trip to Europe and the Middle East. He then had intelligence and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council.

Later in the morning, in the Roosevelt Room, the President participated in a roundtable discussion with representatives of Prison Fellowship Ministries.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Vladimir Spidla of the Czech Republic to the White House on July 15.

The President announced his intention to nominate Alicia R. Castaneda to be a Director on the Board of Directors of the Federal Housing Finance Board.

June 19

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. He then traveled to Fridley, MN.

In the afternoon, the President met with small-business owners and employees at Micro Control Co. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jackie Wolcott Sanders for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament and the Special Representative of the President for Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.