

Sarajevo State Buildings Torched in Riots

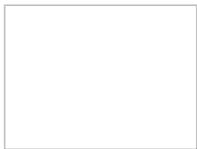
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Protests escalated into clashes with police and attacks on government offices.

Anti-government protests in Sarajevo and other urban centres in Bosnia last week escalated into clashes between demonstrators and police. Crowds stormed a number of local and national government buildings and started fires.

Editorial Comment

Could Sarajevo Protests Herald "Bosnian Spring"?



Amid the worst violence to hit country since the end of the war, some are hoping the unrest will prompt real political change.

The protests began among workers in the industrial town of Tuzla before expanding to other parts of the Federation (the bigger of Bosnia's two entities), with a wider focus on government inefficiency, systemic corruption, botched privatisations and social injustice.

These images show damage caused during the protests in Sarajevo.

Photographs by Jim Marshall, a freelance photographer living in Sarajevo. More of his work can be seen at itisjim.com and at facebook.com/itisjimphotography.

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