

## FOCUS ON KOSOVO

### There Is a Kosova Precedent, Though Not What Moscow Says It Is

By Vladimir Socor

Kosova issue may blunt extreme nationalism in Europe...

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### This Dependent Independence Is the Least Worst Solution for Kosovo

By Timothy G. Ash

It is unique in its wider European framework, but all would-be states will still take this Balkan solution for a precedent...

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/>

### The Consequences of Kosovo

By Anne Applebaum

Milosevic the super-nationalist—the would-be leader of a revived, powerful, successful Serbia—damaged no country nearly so much as he damaged Serbia itself...

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## RUSSIA

### Russia's Serbia Strategy

By Charlie Szrom

Yesterday evening, Serbian Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica boasted to a crowd opposed to Kosovar independence that, “We’re not alone in our fight. President Putin is with us.” Why should Russia go to the trouble of standing up for Serbia?

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## EUROPE

### Yippy Ti Yi Yo, Europe!

By Victor Davis Hanson

In the last few days, we’ve been reminded yet again that Europe’s radical secularism, atheism, socialism, multiculturalism, childlessness, and aging population make a fascinating but unstable mix – a lovely, fragile orchid in a thinly protected greenhouse...

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## IRAN

### Iranian Influence in the Levant, Iraq, and Afghanistan

By F. W. Kagan, D. Pletka, K. Kagan

Kagan, Kagan, and Pletka on Iranian influence in the Middle East and beyond...

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## **Attack Iran, With Words**

*By Reuel Marc Gerecht*

For those who believe—as I do—that the clerics who rule Iran must never have an arsenal of nuclear weapons, the United States' course of action ought to be clear: The Bush administration should advocate direct, unconditional talks between Washington and Tehran. Strategically, politically and morally, such meetings will help us think more clearly...

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## **CUBA**

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## **A Card to Play for Cuba's Freedom**

*By Robert Kagan*

The long-awaited 'resignation' of Fidel Castro may give both Cubans and Americans a chance to escape the trap they've been in for more than four decades...

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## **He Stood Up to the U.S.—and Survived**

*By Mark Falcoff*

Like many dictators—Franco and Salazar, Stalin and Tito, Pinochet and Mao—his luck held out to the very last...

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