

## Agreement for the Deportation of the Jews signed by Belev and Dannecker

For the deportation at first of 20,000 Jews from the new Bulgarian lands Thrace and Macedonia to the German eastern regions,

Concluded between

The Bulgarian commissar for Jewish questions, Mr. Alexander Belev, on one side, and the German plenipotentiary, Capitan of the Defense detachments (SS Haupt- sturmführer) Theodor Dannecker, on the other side,

1. After approval by the Council of Ministers, in the new Bulgarian lands Thrace and Macedonia, 20,000 Jews – regardless of age and sex – will be prepared for deportation. The German Reich is ready to accept these Jews in its eastern regions.
2. Departure railway staions, figures and number of trains are established as follows:
 

a) in Skopje	5,000 with 5 trains
b) in Bitolya [Monastir]	3,000 with 3 trains
c) in Pirot	2,000 with 2 trains
d) in G. Djumaya	3,000 with 3 trains
e) in Dupniza	3,000 with 3 trains
f) in Radomir	4,000 with 4 trains

In view of the fact that complete accommodation of the last 12,000 Jews in camps is possible only until 15 April 1943, the Germans plenipotentiary will take action so that these 12 trains – as far as this will be possible technically – are ready to depart in the period between the end of March and 15 April 1943/ The Jews assembled in Skopje and Bitolya will, consequently, be deported after 15 April 1943.

3. The Bulgarian Commissariat for Jewish questions, as an organ of the Ministry of Interior and National Health, guarantees the German Reich that the following basic conditions will be fulfilled:
  - a) Only Jews will be included in the transports.  
[...]
  - c) In case the Jews being deported are not yet deprived of their  
Citizenship that should be done upon their leaving Bulgarian territory.  
[...]
8. In no case will the Bulgarian government demand the return of the deported Jews.

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