

Bishop Agatangel: Every inch of the Macedonian land, both in Pirin and Aegean, is saturated in Macedonian blood.

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They changed the name of Voden, they gave a Greek name, to Lerin, to Kostur, to Solun, now they want to change the name or add an appendage to all of our Macedonian country. We Macedonians, filled with great love, with great patience, with great compassion, brotherly love and philanthropy, tell everyone - no, Macedonia is our country, our homeland, our soul. The name of the state is the name of the Macedonian church, the soul of the Macedonian people, Bishop Agatangel said at a protest tonight before the Parliament against the change of the name of the state.

"Our pain, for the Macedonians, is great and continues. Our beloved Macedonian country is split into three parts - White Sea, Pirin and Vardar. We thank God for preserving this Vardar part, gave it

to us so that we can rise as a Macedonian people spiritually and preserve the memories of our great-grandfathers who lie in our Macedonian soil. Every inch of the Macedonian land, both in Pirin and Aegean, is saturated in Macedonian blood. Every stone you would lift, you will hear the cry of the stone for the shed blood of our grandparents and our brothers and sisters, "said Bishop Agatangel.

He said that the Macedonians are a holy people. "Our Macedonian country is registered in the Bible and now someone wants to wipe us out, and why does he want to? None of those nations who want to remove us exist in the Bible. Let's be dignified, keep our name, our Macedonian language, our identity, the unitary order of our holy Macedonian country, and keep the name of our holy Macedonian church, "said the bishop.

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