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**THE DEPORTATION OF THE JEWS FROM WESTERN THRACE,  
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The two volumes contain 609 documents from the Bulgarian archives (the bulk of them previously unpublished) concerning the deportation of 11 343 Jews from Western Thrace, Vardar's Macedonia and Pirot carried out by the Bulgarian authorities in March 1943. Those Jews were delivered to the Germans in Skopje and in Vienna and sent to the Treblinka death camp where, with the exception of less than a hundred people, they were exterminated in the gas chambers.

The seven parts of the publication cover all the relevant aspects of this tragic episode from the Holocaust. Evidence is provided about the life of the Jewish communities from April 1941, when Bulgaria took over those territories, until the deportation. A detailed account can be found about the legal status of those Jews, about the negotiations between the Bulgarian and the German governments concerning their fate, and about the maturation of the strategic decisions. The documents included paint a thorough picture of the logistics of the operation as a whole, and in each particular town. Open reactions concerning the events and personal testimonies from leading public figures are published. A great number of documents concern the liquidation of the personal belongings, of the assets and of the businesses of the deported. Files are presented from the trial held in March 1945 against some of the Bulgarian officials responsible for the handling of the deportation.

The book contains lists by towns of the Jews who inhabited them just before the deportation. Those records – registering the names, age, addresses and occupations of the deported – were utilized by the authorities during the operation.

Two introductory texts by the editors summarize respectively the content of the volumes and the historiography of the events. A bibliography and a list of the consulted archival collections are included. The volumes close with a geographical index and an index of the names in the documents. Explanatory notes are added where necessary.

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