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**DAME GRUEV'S DEMISE – BETWEEN A COINCIDENTAL
TRAGEDY AND A FATAL PREDETERMINATION**

(Summary)

The article examines the death of Damyan (Dame) Gruev – one of the founders of the IMERO (Internal Macedonian-Edirne Revolutionary Organization) and its main leader. His assassination in December 1906 is presented not only as an accidental act. Gruev's death was partly a result of the large-scale measures taken by Ottoman authorities, aided by Serbian diplomats in Ottoman Macedonia, as well as the deep crisis and division in the IMERO.