

Republic of Bulgaria



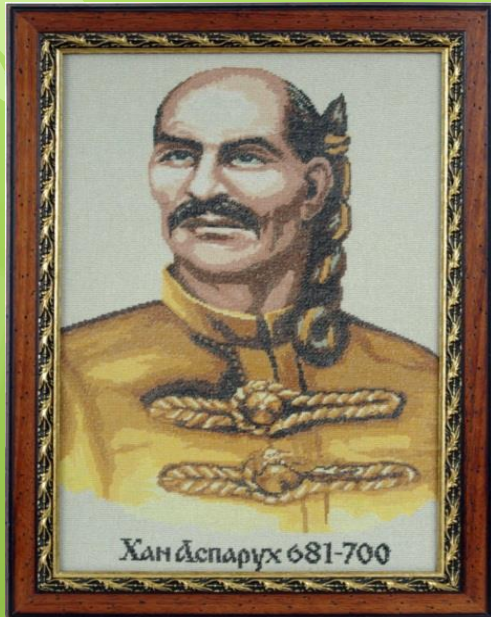
Coat of arms

- Flag
- Motto: Unity makes strength
- Anthem: MILA RODINO/"Dear Motherland"
- Capital: Sofia
- Official language: Bulgarian



- Bulgaria is bordered by Romania to the north, Serbia and Macedonia to the west, Greece and Turkey to the south, as well as the Black Sea to the east. Bulgaria is a very mountainous country due to its location in the Balkan peninsula. With a territory of 110,994 square kilometres (42,855 sq mi), Bulgaria ranks as the 14th-largest country in Europe.

History



Asparuh was a ruler of a Bulgar tribe in the second half of the 7th century and is credited with the establishment of the First Bulgarian Empire in 680/681.

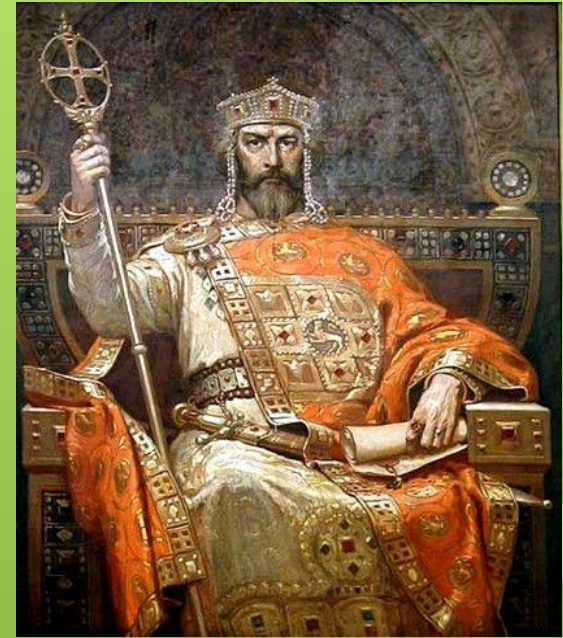


Saint Paisius of Hilendar or Paisiy Hilendarski was a Bulgarian clergyman. He is most famous for being the author of *Istoriya Slavyanobolgarskaya*.

History



Boris I was the Knyaz (Prince) of First Bulgarian Empire in 852–889.

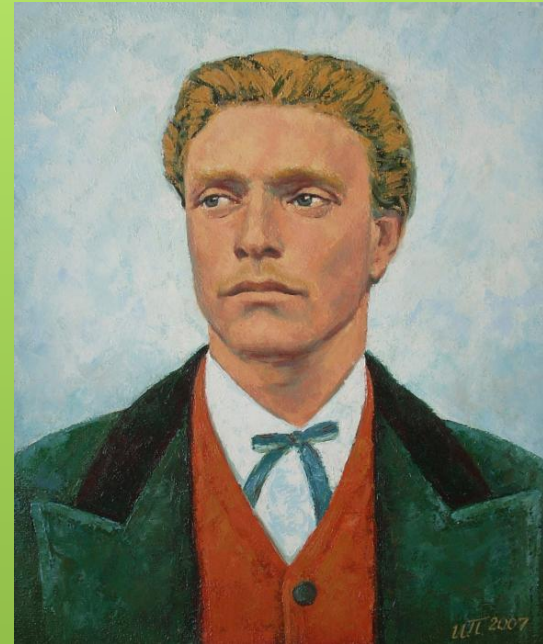


Simeon I the Great
His reign was also a period of unmatched cultural prosperity and enlightenment later deemed the Golden Age of Bulgarian culture.

History



Saints Cyril and Methodius are credited with devising the Glagolitic and Cyrillic alphabets.

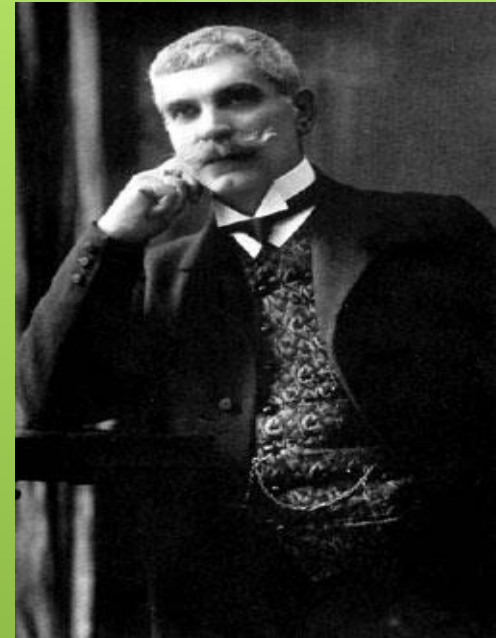


Vasil Levski
The Apostle of Freedom is a Bulgarian revolutionary and a national hero of Bulgaria.

History



Hristo Botev was a Bulgarian poet and a national revolutionary. Botev is widely considered by Bulgarians to be a symbolic historical figure and a national hero.



Ivan Vazov was a Bulgarian poet, novelist and playwright, often referred to as "the Patriarch of Bulgarian literature".

History



The Panagyurishte Treasure is a Thracian treasure excavated on December 8, 1949.



The Valchitran Treasure was discovered in 1924 near the village of Valchitran, 22 km southeast of Plevna, Bulgaria.

Geography



Danube (river)



Iskar (river)



Seven Rila Lakes



Balkan Mountains

Wildlife



Eastern imperial
eagle



Eurasian lynx



Brown bear



Jackal



The wooden windmill at the town's entrance of Nesebar



Mount Shipka
Monument of Freedom



Tsarevets

It served as the Second Bulgarian Empire's primary fortress.



The Madara Rider or Madara Horseman is an early medieval large rock relief carved.



St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral



Rila Monastery/Detail of one of the frescoes



The bridge of Burgas



Ivan Vazov National Theatre



The ancient Thracian city of Perperikon is located in the Eastern Rhodopes, 15 km northeast of the present-day town of Kardzhali, Bulgaria, on a 470 m high rocky hill, which is thought to have been a sacred place.

The Church (Cathedral)

Bulgarian Army

- The Military of Bulgaria, officially the Bulgarian Army represents the Armed Forces of the Republic of Bulgaria. The Commander-in-Chief is the President of Bulgaria. The Ministry of Defence is in charge of political leadership while military command remains in the hands of the General Staff, headed by the Chief of Staff. There are three main branches – the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force.



Logo of Ministry of Defense of Bulgaria



Paratroopers on an exercise

Politics

- Bulgaria is a parliamentary democracy in which the most powerful executive position is that of the prime minister. The political system has three separate branches of power—legislative, executive and judicial, with universal suffrage for citizens 18 years of age and older.



Political groups in the Parliament, 2011:

- Coalition for Bulgaria (left-wing)
- DPS (centrist)
- Independent
- GERB (centre-right)
- Blue Coalition (centre-right)
- Ataka (far right)

Rosen
Plevneliev-
President of
Bulgaria



The National Assembly building



Thank you for your attention

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