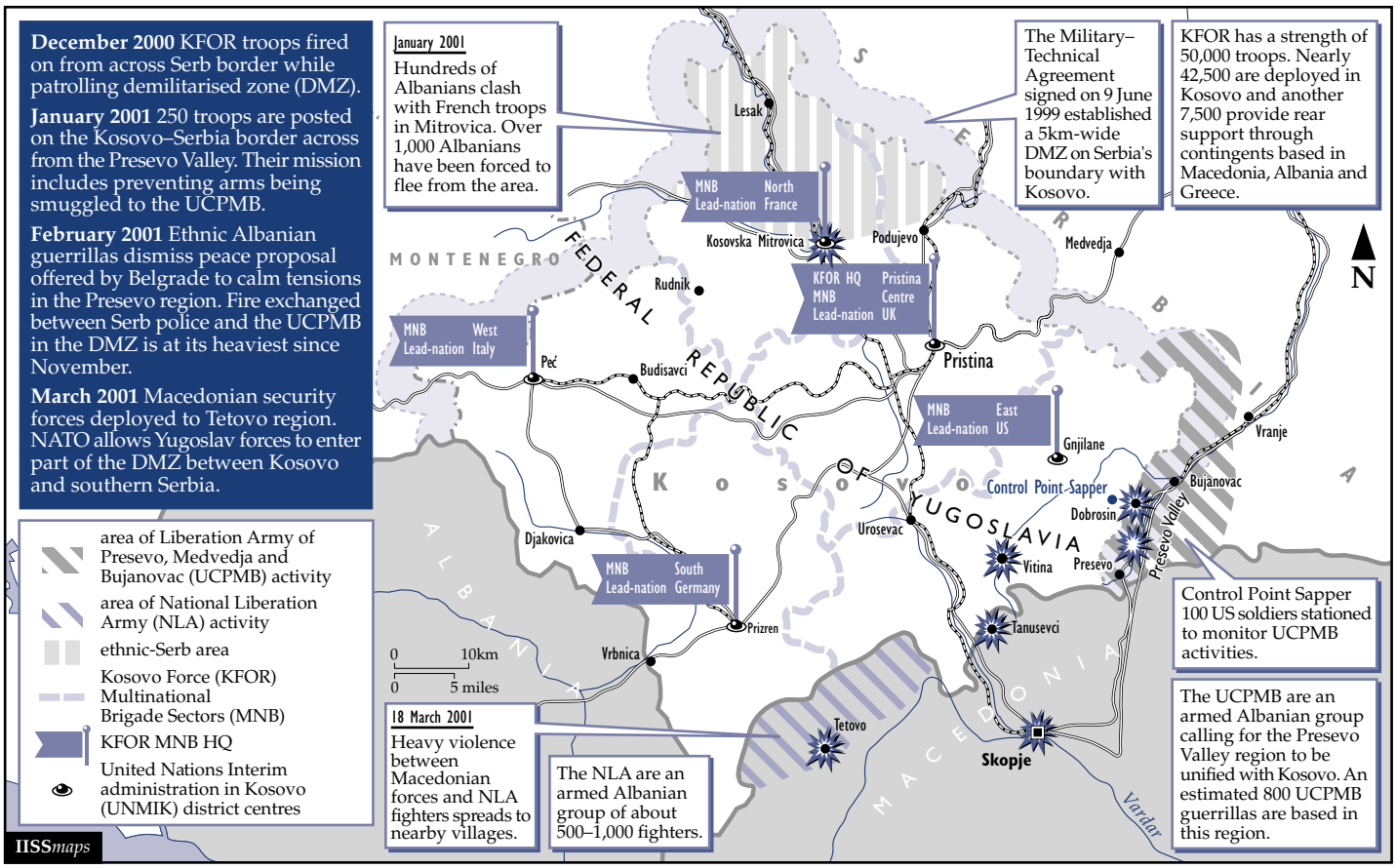
December 2000 KFOR troops fired on from across Serb border while patrolling demilitarised zone (DMZ).
January 2001 250 troops are posted on the Kosovo–Serbia border across from the Presevo Valley. Their mission includes preventing arms being smuggled to the UCPMB.
February 2001 Ethnic Albanian guerrillas dismiss peace proposal offered by Belgrade to calm tensions in the Presevo region. Fire exchanged between Serb police and the UCPMB in the DMZ is at its heaviest since November.
March 2001 Macedonian security forces deployed to Tetovo region. NATO allows Yugoslav forces to enter part of the DMZ between Kosovo and southern Serbia.
area of Liberation Army of Presevo, Medvedja and Bujanovac (UCPMB) activity
area of National Liberation Army (NLA) activity
ethnic-Serb area
Kosovo Force (KFOR) Multinational Brigade Sectors (MNB)
KFOR MNB HQ
United Nations Interim administration in Kosovo (UNMIK) district centres
IISSmaps
January 2001
Hundreds of Albanians clash with French troops in Mitrovica. Over 1,000 Albanians have been forced to flee from the area.
The Military–Technical Agreement signed on 9 June 1999 established a 5km-wide DMZ on Serbia's boundary with Kosovo.
KFOR has a strength of 50,000 troops. Nearly 42,500 are deployed in Kosovo and another 7,500 provide rear support through contingents based in Macedonia, Albania and Greece.
MNB North Lead-nation France
KFOR HQ Pristina
MNB Centre Lead-nation UK
MNB West Lead-nation Italy
MNB East Lead-nation US
MNB South Lead-nation Germany
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Kosovska Mitrovica
Podujevo
Medvedja
Rudnik
Peć
Budisavci
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Gnjilane
Vranje
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Dobrosin
Presevo
Vitina
Urosevac
Djakovica
Prizren
Vrbnica
Tanusevci
Tetovo
Skopje
Presevo Valley
Vardar
MONTENEGRO
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA
Kosovo
SERBIA
ALBANIA
MACEDONIA
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0 10km
0 5 miles
18 March 2001
Heavy violence between Macedonian forces and NLA fighters spreads to nearby villages.
The NLA are an armed Albanian group of about 500–1,000 fighters.
Control Point Sapper 100 US soldiers stationed to monitor UCPMB activities.
The UCPMB are an armed Albanian group calling for the Presevo Valley region to be unified with Kosovo. An estimated 800 UCPMB guerrillas are based in this region.