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**THE ROLE OF RUMORS IN THE MILITARY HISTORY OF
MEDIEVAL BULGARIA**

(7TH – 10TH CENTURIES)

(Summary)

Rumors in Medieval Bulgaria usually appeared in two ways. The first one was impulsive, uncontrolled and provoked by unclear and spontaneous circumstances. The second one was defined by deliberate creation and spreading of rumors. The information the rumors contained could not be always verified. This, however, did not mean that the entire information was false. Rumors could either have positive effect on people's behavior, or provoke additional disturbance and fear. Particularly common were rumors related to foreign invasion, unusual natural omens, miraculous interference of saints in important events, dramatic changes in the governance of the state. Rumors were also used for achieving particular results during diplomatic negotiations.