

**NATIONAL (IN)SECURITY ON RICHTER SCALE – HOW MUCH?
(ETHNOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF A LOCAL DISASTER)**

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Abstract

The paper presents an individual and group reaction of the population in the town of Pernik during the earthquake of May 22, 2012, in the context of its local and national projection. The text analyzes the causes of the earthquake and the efficacy of the measures for prevention and overcoming the results of the disaster in the context of their official interpretation and on the level of everyday culture. The conclusions show the shaken trust of the Bulgarian in the political and economic stability of the state; the crisis of life, including as a result of a natural disaster, is comprehended as something permanent and inextricable. The opinion that over the last several years in Bulgaria the complete lack of security in national aspect should be measured on the Richter scale rather than the earthquakes settled permanently in the public space in the region.