

《时代周刊:希腊民众就马其顿国名问题举行抗议活动》

And in other world news: The problem with ‘ Macedonia ’

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Tens of thousands of Greek protesters rallied in Thessaloniki on Jan.21

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against the use of “Macedonia” in the name of the neighboring nation officially known as the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM).

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The demonstrations came as the two countries begin talks to resolve the long-standing dispute.

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Here's more.

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(First of all) SIMMERING RESENTMENT

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The disagreement started nearly 30 years ago, when the former Yugoslav republic declared independence and chose its name.

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Opponents say it implies a territorial claim over Greece's northern region, which is also called Macedonia.

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(And then) HARDBALL

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The issue led Greece to block its neighbor's attempts to join NATO and the E.U.

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In 1994, Greece instituted a crippling trade embargo, which was lifted in 1995 after FYROM conceded to amend its constitution and change its national flag.

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(And then) the STALEMATE

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Both governments hope to come to a solution during U.N.-moderated talks, which started in January.

