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The second half of 2012 was not a period that could be said that important policy and national issues remained simmering under the surface. On the contrary, political expressions of the positions and action coming from various political actors had their articulation either publicly, on the streets as a manifestation of demonstrating political will, revolt, strike, or at the state institutions as is the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia. It is the legislature the place where seriously upsetting events took place at the very year-end which will have deep consequences in the political life of the country during the whole of 2013 and beyond. Local elections are due to take place in March 2013 but it will be no surprise if Macedonia has early national elections as well. The “name issue” again apparently showed no significant political developments, but media indicate that in 2013 there may be finally seen a breakthrough, if Nimetz’s suggestions would finally become a point of agreement. Still, the issue demands favorable climate and timing for reaching a common agreement in both Greece and Macedonia, preconditions that were not met so far.

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