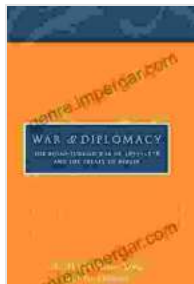


# The Russo-Turkish War of 1877-1878 and the Treaty of Berlin



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The Russo-Turkish War of 1877-1878 was a major conflict between the Russian Empire and the Ottoman Empire. The war began in April 1877, when Russia declared war on the Ottoman Empire after the Ottomans refused to grant autonomy to the Christian population of the Balkans. The war ended in March 1878, with the Treaty of Berlin, which gave Russia significant territorial gains in the Balkans and established the independent state of Bulgaria.

## Causes of the War

The Russo-Turkish War of 1877-1878 was caused by a number of factors, including:

- The Russian desire to expand its influence in the Balkans

- The Ottoman Empire's refusal to grant autonomy to the Christian population of the Balkans
- The rise of nationalism in the Balkans
- The European powers' desire to weaken the Ottoman Empire

## **Course of the War**

The Russo-Turkish War of 1877-1878 was fought in two main theaters: the Balkans and the Caucasus. In the Balkans, the Russians quickly captured a number of Ottoman fortresses, including Plevna, which fell after a five-month siege. In the Caucasus, the Russians also made significant gains, capturing the city of Kars.

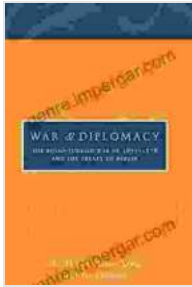
The war ended in March 1878, with the Treaty of Berlin. The treaty gave Russia significant territorial gains in the Balkans, including the Dobruja region, which was transferred from Romania to Russia. The treaty also established the independent state of Bulgaria.

## **Consequences of the War**

The Russo-Turkish War of 1877-1878 had a number of consequences, including:

- The weakening of the Ottoman Empire
- The expansion of Russian influence in the Balkans
- The creation of the independent state of Bulgaria
- The rise of nationalism in the Balkans

The Russo-Turkish War of 1877-1878 was a major conflict that had a significant impact on the history of the Balkans. The war led to the weakening of the Ottoman Empire, the expansion of Russian influence in the region, and the creation of the independent state of Bulgaria.



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