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## **NORTH MACEDONIA JAILS EX-SPEAKER OVER STORMING OF PARLIAMENT**

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The Criminal Court in Skopje on Monday in a first instance verdict sentenced former speaker of parliament Trajko Veljanoski to six years and six months in jail and former transport and former labour ministers, Mile Janakieski and Spiro Ristovski, to six years and three months in jail each.

The former head of the secret police, Vladimir Atanasovski, was jailed for six years.

Veljanoski and the others, all members of the former ruling VMRO DPMNE party, were found guilty of terrorist endangerment of constitutional order, as organisers of the April 27, 2017 storming of parliament in which about 100 people were injured.

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