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NATIONAL REVIVAL IDEALS IN THE NEWLY LIBERATED TOWN OF SLIVEN (FROM THE PAGES OF THE BULGARIAN „FLAG“ NEWSPAPER)

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The article presents the first printed newspaper in Sliven - the "Bulgarian flag" newspaper, published in 1879 - its editorial staff and publishers, the main objectives and trends in its agenda. The thesis that is maintained here is that in the changed post-Liberation situation the new paper managed to make its reputation among the readers of the town and the province as a natural successor of the most valuable journalistic traditions from the Bulgarian national revival period. Besides, the article emphasizes the impressive efforts of the newspaper to prove the indisputable truth that the struggle for the national unity was a continuation of the Bulgarian revival process. With conviction, consistency and trustworthiness, with the power of information, the weekly withstood the right of the Bulgarians to oppose the decisions of the Congress of Berlin in July 1879 and the unnatural fragmentation of their lands. The impression is that the newspaper not only championed the realization of the ideal for political and economic sovereignty of united Bulgaria, but it also sought to create and defend the new self-confidence of one European nation deserving of freedom.