

**Figure 17.2 ► Chronology of Selected Events**

Date	Event
1974	Josip Broz Tito grants Kosovo autonomy.
1989	Slobodan Milosevic revokes Kosovo autonomy.
1990s	Yugoslavia disintegrates, but Kosovo remains integrated.
1998	Kosovar Albanians protest lack of independence and set up a parallel government. A de facto civil war breaks out between Kosovar Serbs and Albanians.
March 1999	NATO sponsors the Rambouillet Conference at which Kosovar Albanians sign a peace agreement, but the Serbs refuse. US-led NATO airstrikes mark beginning of war; Washington officially severs diplomatic relations with Serbia and closes its embassy.
June 1999	NATO and Serb authorities—with Russian mediation—announce a military-technical agreement to end hostilities, and the United Nations passes UN Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1244.
May 2001	The United States formally reopens Embassy Belgrade.
2005	Martti Ahtisaari is appointed UN Special Envoy for Kosovo.
April 2007	Ahtisaari presents a package to the UN Security Council that includes a recommendation that Kosovo become independent subject to a period of international supervision. Kosovar Albanians accept the proposal; Serbia rejects it as a violation of its legal sovereignty over Kosovo, which it argues was reaffirmed by UNSCR 1244.
13 February 2008	Serbian National Council meets and rejects in advance Kosovo independence, adopts action plan, and rules out nondiplomatic retaliatory steps such as military intervention or disruption of electricity.
15 February 2008	Boris Tadic is sworn in as Serbian president.
16 February 2008	European Union announces plan to send eighteen-hundred-strong police and judicial force to Kosovo.
17 February 2008	Kosovo declares independence. Russia calls UN Security Council emergency session. Anti-independence rally in Belgrade turns violent, and “hooligans” attack US Embassy.
18 February 2008	The United States recognizes Kosovo independence. Rallies and additional riots break out in Belgrade. Serbia recalls its ambassador from the United States.
19 February 2008	Attacks occur on UN-monitored border posts Jarinje and Banja in northern Kosovo.