



January 1941
Bulgaria issues first Anti-Semitic laws
March 1941:
Bulgarian government under Tsar Boris III joins the Axis in expectation of a German victory
May 1941:
Annexation of Vardarian Macedonia, Aegean Thrace, city of Piroto
September 1942:
Bulgarian government allows the deportation of 171 Bulgarian Jewish citizens from Germany, France, and Bohemia to Auschwitz
March 1943:
Bulgarian officials arrest 11 363 Jews of the annexed territories and hand the victims to the SS for deportation to Treblinka.
Beginning 9 March 1943:
Protests by the Bulgarian democratic public supported by members of parliament force the government to postpone the deportation in Old Bulgaria. Also the developments in World War II save the lives of 48 000 Bulgarian Jews.

Map 11.2.1 Bulgaria 1943