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## GREECE, BULGARIA, TO SWAP MEDIEVAL RULER'S REMAINS FOR RELIGIOUS ARTEFACTS

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Greece will return to Bulgaria the remains identified as those of Bulgarian medieval ruler Tsar [REDACTED] under an accord signed on Tuesday that [REDACTED] provides for the transfer of other historic and religious artefacts between the two Balkan neighbours.

Bulgarian Prime Minister Rumen Radev described [REDACTED] accord as a historic agreement and said the [REDACTED] of Samuels remains ended six decades of [REDACTED] by Sofia to bring them home after [REDACTED] discovery in Greece in 1965.

Samuel, or Samuil, reigned [REDACTED] 997 to 1014 during the First Bulgarian Empire and is deemed a national hero by Bulgarians for struggling to preserve his [REDACTED] independence from the neighbouring, Greek-speaking Byzantine Empire.

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