
ALBANIA READY TO INCREASE NUMBER OF ITS TROOPS TO AFGHANISTAN: MINISTER

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The Albanian government is willing to send more troops to Afghanistan, thus enhancing its military representation in international missions, a press statement from the Albanian Ministry of Defense said Saturday.

"Albania is about to send more troops in response to the requirement of U.S. President Donald Trump for a new strategy on Afghanistan," Albania's newly appointed Defense Minister Olta Xhacka told visiting Chairman of the NATO Military Committee Petr Pavel late Friday.

On his part, Pavel highly evaluated Albania's contribution to the NATO missions, especially in Afghanistan and in fight against terrorism.

Pavel also evaluated Albania's role for building regional stability through promoting cooperation.

Pavel is on an official visit to Albania in the context of meeting of the chiefs of staff of NATO members here on September 15-17.

They are set to discuss security situation in the (..) Balkans region and will make recommendations for continuation of the Resolute Support mission in Afghanistan.

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