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## **MACEDONIA SEEKS ALBANIA'S SUPPORT TO SECURE NATO INVITATION**

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Macedonia expects Albania to help the country secure a NATO membership invitation, Macedonian President Gjorge Ivanov told his visiting Albanian counterpart Ilir Meta on Monday.

Ivanov told a joint press conference that both Albania and Macedonia had embarked on their journey towards NATO, adding after Albania became a member, Macedonia was looking for support in its efforts to achieve the same goal.

With regards to the two countries' aspirations to join the European Union (EU), Ivanov told Albania's president that Macedonia's experience would be at the disposal of Albania to boost its EU integration efforts.

On the other hand, Meta said Albania was looking forward to Macedonia joining NATO and to making an evident headway in its EU integration process.

The leaders agreed to work on more concrete projects that would bring the two nations closer, including the countries' business communities and infrastructure.

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