
TÜRKİYE ASSUMES NATO COMMAND IN KOSOVO FOR SECOND TIME SINCE 1999

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Türkiye Today (3 October 2025)

Türkiye assumed command of NATO's Kosovo Force (KFOR) from Italy, marking the second time Ankara has led the peacekeeping mission since it was established in 1999.

At a ceremony at KFOR headquarters in Pristina, Turkish Maj. Gen. Ozkan Ulutas took over command from Italian Maj. Gen. Enrico Barduani. The event was attended by Kosovo President Vjosa Osmani, Prime Minister Albin Kurti, Turkish Chief of General Staff Gen. Selcuk Bayraktaroglu, NATO's Allied Joint Force Command Naples Commander Adm. Stuart Benjamin Munsch, Türkiye's Ambassador to Pristina Sabri Tunc Angili, and other officials.

The ceremony began with the national anthems of Türkiye and Italy.

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