

Albania

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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

The Albanian Committee for Legal Affairs approved a draft law saying that the former communist state security files from between 1944-1991 should be opened. But there was disagreement on who could have access to them. The files of the state intelligence department may detail the names and contributions of the thousands of citizen spies it enlisted in that era. The draft law caused vigorous debate in the community and among the government, with the ruling Socialist Party eventually stating they are not in favor of the opening of the files, fearing it will cause too much turmoil and division in society. Others say that history cannot be properly accounted for unless the files are opened. Pray for divine wisdom and justice (The Bible, [Psalm 33:5](#)).

Source: [Albania takes another step towards declassifying communism security files \(Euractiv\)](#) and [Albania's Socialists are Thwarting Justice for Communist-Era Crimes \(Balkan Insight\)](#)

MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Albania was once the poorest nation in Europe but has been working hard to transform its economy in the last decade. Regardless of the devastating earthquake in November 2019 and the COVID-19 pandemic, Albania made a robust recovery during 2021, though the war in Ukraine may slow the progress this year. Despite having a well-known mob, Albania made notable steps in combating drugs, weapons, and human trafficking. The process of Albania's accession to the European Union is ongoing. Under Communist rule, no religion was allowed. Now, Islam claims twice as many followers as Christianity. Christian Believers enjoy worshipping openly in a country that once restricted religious freedom, although, most who claim Christianity are reported to be nominal in their faith.



CHIEF OF STATE

President Bujar Nishani

HEAD OF GOV.

PM Edi Rama

POPULATION

3,029,000

CHRISTIANS

26.7%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

0.4%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Islam

PERSECUTION RANKING

Not Ranked

REFUGEES

8,032

LIFE EXPECTANCY

77.54 yrs

LITERACY RATE

96.8%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

14.3%