

SACT Visits the Republic of Albania - ACT

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Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Albania, Major General Maskim Malaj recently hosted Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, General Stephane Abrial in Albania.

Albania became a member of the Alliance in 2009 and has since then been actively contributing to numerous NATO activities, in particular peacekeeping troops in Afghanistan.

Abrial was briefed on the transformational efforts of the Albanian forces and efforts being put forth to meet arising obligations. Abrial expressed his high consideration for the contributions Albania is making in a short time with financial pressure.

He also offered ACT's assistance for the work on the new Strategic Defense Review, which is due at the end of 2011.

Also while in Albania, Abrial met with Albanian President, His Excellency Bamir Topi; Prime Minister, His Excellency Sali Ram Berisha; Minister of Defence, Mr. Armen Imami.

[More pictures on the Albanian MOD website](#) .