

Bangladesh- Albania Bilateral Relations

The diplomatic relations between Bangladesh and Albania had established on 10th August 1977. There has been a sustained and enduring friendly relation between the two countries over the years. The two countries share many common values and beliefs founded on the concepts of peaceful co-existence and non- violence. Both the countries also hold similar views and position on many major international issues. It may be mentioned here that Albania is the only country in Europe which is a member of the OIC.

Albanian economy is emerging from the devastating era of communism and cold war. It is looking forward to attract foreign investment. Albania, which is currently a member of the Council of Europe, aspires to be a member of the EU. Albanian authorities hope that integration of Albania initially as an associate member of the EU would benefit Albania in terms of access to the European markets and to attract foreign investment. Officially recognized by the EU as a "potential candidate country" in 2000, Albania started negotiations on a Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA) in 2003. This was successfully agreed and signed on 12 June 2006, thus completing the first major step toward Albania's full membership in the EU. Albania applied for European Union membership on 28 April 2009.

There has not been exchange of visits at the higher political levels from either side though both countries expressed their keen interest to forge closer bilateral relations during various interactions. Both sides placed emphasis, in particular, on trade co-operation and frequent high-level contacts. Both countries support each other in international fora. Bangladesh pledged to support Albania's bid for UNSC membership in 2022-2023, and reciprocal support for ICCPR, ECOSOC, CRC, and ICH elections. Albania supported Bangladesh in its candidatures for ICAO and IMO Category C.