
NEXT NATO SUMMIT IN ALBANIA IN DOUBT AMID US RELUCTANCE AND LOW DEFENCE SPENDING

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As NATO leaders prepare for a summit in Türkiye next week, plans for an alliance summit in Albania next year have been thrown into doubt due to resistance from the Trump administration and dissatisfaction among NATO members with Tirana's low defence spending, a NATO diplomat, European official and three people familiar with the matter told Reuters.

A draft statement for next week's NATO summit in Ankara does not currently mention holding the next gathering in Albania, despite a previous declaration that it would take place there, the people said.

The move comes as European NATO members seek to show U.S. President Donald Trump in Ankara that they have made progress on defence spending pledges and avoid clashes with the American leader.

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