

Response of Albanian Authorities with regard to the alert “British Journalist targeted by smear campaign”

Albania is an open and amicable country, which hosts many foreign visitors from across the world through an exceptionally liberal policy. No limitations on residency are applied to foreign journalists and various local and foreign media representatives. Applications for Albanian residence permit may be refused for a very limited number of reasons. Such reasons may include failure to submit proper required documents, missing deadlines, failure to apply in person, not meeting eligibility requirements, etc. In reference to the case in point, on Ophelia Alice Elizabeth George-Lucas, Albanian authorities would be happy to provide thorough explanations to the interested person involved, who has yet to come forward with a formal request for explanation to authorities.