

Balkans, KFOR-Belgrade dialogue looks Westward

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The communication channel between the NATO mission in Kosovo and Belgrade's military leadership is growing stronger. Major General **Roberto Vergori**, who has led the KFOR mission since October 14, met in the Serbian capital with the Chief of the General Staff of the Serbian Armed Forces, General **Milan Mojsilović**.

For the Italian commander, this was already his **second official visit to Belgrade** roughly one month after taking up the post: a tangible sign of the desire to maintain a steady and constructive direct line at the highest operational levels, essential to preventing tensions and ensuring stability along the administrative boundary line.

A meeting in a Serbia looking Westward

This second face-to-face meeting comes at a historic moment for Serbia and the overall balance of the Western Balkans. The meeting takes place amid the new political climate resulting from the recent October 25 parliamentary elections, which marked the end of Aleksandar Vučić's long era and the triumph of the **Student List** (with around 52% of the vote).

The vote gave the country a clear **pro-Western and pro-European turn**. This change of pace was welcomed in Brussels — with European Union leaders ready to relaunch Belgrade's reform and integration process — creating a far more favorable environment for regional de-escalation and cooperation with international actors.

Key points of the talks: dialogue and coordination

At the heart of the discussions between the two generals was an assessment of the security situation on the ground, with a highly positive appraisal of the quality of bilateral relations. According to the mission, Vergori and Mojsilović reaffirmed the central role of three pillars:

- **Continuous dialogue** between commands to prevent misunderstandings.
- **Effective coordination** in patrol and monitoring activities.
- **Mutual understanding** in managing local security dynamics.

KFOR headquarters also stressed that the mission continues to engage constructively with all relevant stakeholders and international partners, basing every relationship on **impartiality, professionalism, and mutual respect**, supported by transparent and timely communication. In a region redefining its political alignment toward Europe, KFOR finally reaffirmed its full operational capability and its continued commitment to implementing the mandate entrusted to it by **United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999)**, confirming its indispensable role as guarantor of a safe and secure environment and freedom of movement for all communities.