



Italy Takes Command of KFOR with General Roberto Vergori

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After a year, Italy resumes command of the NATO **KFOR** (Kosovo Force) mission in Kosovo. During the change-of-command ceremony held at KFOR Headquarters in Pristina, attended by Defense Minister **Guido Crosetto**, the outgoing commander, Turkish General Özkan Ulutaş, handed over command to Italian General **Roberto Vergori**.

The KFOR mission currently includes **4,600 personnel from 31 countries**, with the Italian contingent forming the largest component at approximately **900 personnel**. With the appointment of General Vergori, Italy assumes command of the peacekeeping force in Kosovo for the **fifteenth time**.

Profile and Career of General Roberto Vergori

Born in Lecce on **September 28, 1971**, Major General Roberto Vergori has built a distinguished military career both at home and in the principal international operational theaters.

- **Academic and elite training:** He began his military training in 1990, attending the **172° Corso dell'Accademia Militare di Modena** and the Scuola di Applicazione di Torino.
- **Brigata Paracadutisti "Folgore":** A career paratrooper officer, he has held numerous operational and staff assignments, culminating as **Aquila 1 Commander of the Brigata Paracadutisti "Folgore"**.
- **Overseas operational experience:** He has taken part in numerous international missions and complex operational environments, including **Kosovo, FYROM, Afghanistan, Lebanon and Libya**.
- **Regimental commands and General Staff:** In addition to commanding the 5° Reggimento Fanteria "Aosta" in Messina, he was appointed **Capo Ufficio Generale del Capo di Stato Maggiore dell'Esercito** in February 2024. In April 2024, he was promoted to the rank of **Major General**.

General Vergori's appointment confirms Italy's leading role, and that of its Armed Forces, within the Atlantic Alliance in safeguarding the stability and security of the Balkan region.