

Safety Concerns in the Tirana FIR

Albanian airspace (the LAAA/Tirana FIR) along with LATI/Tirana Airport was closed on 8 April 2021 due to a lack of ATC staff.

There is an ongoing dispute between ATC and the authorities which has resulted in three controllers being detained.

Although the airspace has been re-opened, the Albanian controllers still working are under extreme pressure for their future employment.

There are reports that controllers from other States have been brought in to replace the Albanian controllers, their status as to training and local ratings are unknown.

Pilots are requested to exercise extreme caution while operating within this airspace.