



**REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA
STATE INTELLIGENT SERVICE**

PRESS RELEASE

State Intelligence Service announces the results of its work and publishes the first public report

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The State Intelligence Service of Albania published and distributed today its Public Report 2018. The Report, published for the first time by SHISH, gives the reader a summary of many important activities this national security institution performs. The Report includes a variety of data on the structure and modus-operandi of the organization, giving a considerable space to the transparency.

The Public Report 2018 shows the diversity of SHISH activities, in compliance with the law, its working principles, its mission and vision. Through its activities in all areas defined by law, SHISH has demonstrated an ability to combine local, regional and wider security perspectives, with its knowledge and experience, in intense cooperation with strategic partners.

In this way, SHISH fulfills its ambition to improve the quality of its product, emphasizing the need for a fair balance between the respect for human rights, including the right of the public to be informed, and performing the duties assigned by law, while maintaining the principle of confidentiality in its working methods.

The publication of the Public Report 2018 helps SHISH to implement its strategy in successfully fulfilling its mission. Part of this strategy is a closer cooperation with the public to which this Report is directed. SHISH is convinced that change is a long-term process, but efforts to be more open toward the public are seen as a first step on this direction.

On the occasion of the publication of this first Public Report, the Director of SHISH, Mr. Helidon Bendo welcomed the engagement and results of the intelligence community in ensuring the national security and stressed the determination to increase transparency toward the public.

“The publication of this first Public Report was a challenge that SHISH has courageously undertaken and successfully fulfilled. At every minute of our work, it is not easy at all to stick to the well-known principle of the most modern intelligence services, to keep everything needed and to show as much as necessary”, Director Bendo said.

The full PDF Public Report 2018 can be downloaded, in Albanian and English languages, at www.shish.gov.al.

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