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## **US envoy for the Balkans meets the Albanian opposition, bad not with Berisha**

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**USPA NEWS** - Since the last visit to Albania by the Washington envoy Gabriel Escobar, many things had changed in the ranks of the opposition, but what has not changed is the American attitude towards former Prime Minister Sali Berisha.

The United States recognizes only those Democrats who follow the pro-American line in the main opposition Democratic Party, the faction currently led by Enkelejd Alibeaj.

As the local elections are near, the Americans reinforced the isolation against the historic leader of the Democrats, who has been declared 'non grata', as they acted differently with Ilir Meta.

Once the Americans excluded him too from the agenda, while today when the former President has taken the reins of his party Partia e Lirise in opposition, the American anger towards Ilir Meta has faded.

The American instructions were the same for all political parties, for clean and problem-free candidates.

The guidelines for Meta continued beyond the minutes of the meeting, even on the steps of the headquarters.

Representative Gabriel Escobar seems to have left a path open for Ilir Meta.

The latter preferred not to give details about the conversation with Escobar but chose to convey a message of calm to his ally Berisha, who is unwanted by the Americans.

"I invite you all to the stadium, everyone there", said Meta, as he saluted with two fingers, which is the old symbol of the Democratic Party.

The representative of the United States of America for the Balkans also focused on the region security matters, which he discussed with the Albanian Foreign Minister.

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