

## **Sandër LLESHAJ**

### **Minister of Interior of the Republic of Albania**



Sandër Lleshaj was born on January 25, 1963. He is married to Ms. Violeta Lleshaj, a professor of education. They are parents of two children, Dorothea and Anton.

Lleshaj graduated in 1985 at the Senior Officer High School in Tirana at the Radiolocation branch.

In 1996 he completed his education for air defense units in Germany.

In 1999, he completed his studies as an officer of the General Staff at the Academy of Management in Hamburg, Germany.

In 2012 he completed his doctoral studies in Tirana and received the Doctor of Science degree.

Lleshaj has also gone through a complete qualification cycle, both internally and internationally. In 2011 he completed the International Higher Defense Management Course at the United States Maritime Postgraduate School. In 2008 he completed a high-level qualification at the Center for European Security Studies, George C. Marshall in Germany. In 1994 and 1995 he qualified for German language in Austria and Germany.

After the end of the Military Academy in Tirana, in 1985, Sandër Lleshaj served in the Air Defense in Tirana. In 1992 he was appointed commander of an anti-fake regiment. Further, his career continued at the Academy of Defense as Commander of Courses.

In 2000, with the rank of Colonel, he was appointed Commander of the Military Academy "Skenderbej", which he held until 2003, when he began his post as Defense Attaché of the Republic of Albania in the Federal Republic of Germany. During this period, he has exercised as a non-resident the task of the Defense Attaché of the Republic of Albania in the Czech Republic and in the Republic of Hungary.

In 2006 he was appointed commander of the Doctrine and Training Command. In 2009 he received the rank of Brigadier General and in 2010 he was appointed to the post of Deputy Chief of General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Albania.

In May 2013, he was released from the Armed Forces and from September 2013 Mr. Lleshaj served as the Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of Albania.

On November 6, 2018 was appointed Vice- Internal Minister.

Lleshaj recognizes three foreign languages and is the author of several publications.

Since 23 November 2018, Sandër Lleshaj was appointed Minister of Interior.