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## 202 countries. 202 leaders. One AI perspective on the use of national power.

In almost every country, a small number of decisions made at the highest level of power can affect millions of lives. Presidents, prime ministers, monarchs and other national leaders shape institutions, security, economic choices, reforms and the room citizens have to influence public life. World Report 2026 asks one consistent question across 202 countries: how can the exercise of national leadership be assessed from the perspective of the country and the people who live there?

### 1. WHAT THIS REPORT IS

This is not a popularity ranking and not a contest between presidents. It is a comparative snapshot of leadership outcomes at the beginning of summer 2026, built from the first country letters of LetterToLeader and from publicly available information relevant to that period. A leader's score is not a score for the nation, its culture or its citizens. Governments change; countries and peoples are larger than the person who temporarily holds the highest office.

### 2. WHAT THE AI TRIED TO ASSESS

The analysis focused on observable consequences of power rather than on whether a leader is simply “good” or “bad.” It considered, where relevant, the condition of institutions and the rule of law; civil and political freedoms; economic performance and living standards; public safety; corruption, transparency and accountability; major reforms; crisis management; international policy and its domestic consequences; and the most important public problems visible at the time. The central issue was not what resources a country possesses in absolute terms, but how effectively the leadership used the authority and resources actually available to it.

### 3. THE FOUR COMMON CRITERIA

- Stability and Security
- Economy and Standard of Living
- Social Well-Being
- Development and Future Prospects

### 4. EVIDENCE, ATTRIBUTION AND UNCERTAINTY

The AI worked with a broad range of public material: official documents and statements, national and international reporting, statistics, economic and social indicators, court decisions, election information, research, civil-liberties reporting, corruption and transparency data, and information about conflict and security. A single publication was not treated as proof by itself. The analysis looked for convergence, contradiction and durable trends across sources. It also separated three levels as far as possible: the fact or observable indicator; the question of how strongly that outcome can be attributed to the government or leader; and the evaluative judgement about whether the result served the long-term interests of the country and its citizens. Where reliable information is limited, conclusions should be read with greater caution.

# How to read this report

## 1. THE LETTER COMES FIRST.

Each country section preserves an open letter as the substantive context for the assessment. The purpose is not merely to attach a number to a leader, but to turn analysis into a public question that can be examined, challenged, supported or answered.

## 2. FOUR CRITERIA MEAN FOUR SEPARATE JUDGEMENTS.

Stability and Security, Economy and Standard of Living, Social Well-Being, and Development and Future Prospects are assessed independently. Each score should reflect the evidence relevant to that criterion, the leader's decisions, the conditions inherited on taking office and the consequences reasonably attributable to the period of leadership. The Overall Score is then calculated from those four assessments; it is not a number copied into four boxes.

## 3. ONE SCALE DOES NOT MEAN ONE MECHANICAL MODEL.

The 1-5 scale is intended to be comparable across countries, but the practical tasks facing different states are not identical. A small island state cannot be judged by the same operational demands as a nuclear power or a country of more than a billion people. What remains common is the standard: how well did the leadership use the power, institutions and resources actually available to it in the interests of the state and its citizens?

## 4. A LEADER IS NOT A COUNTRY.

A low assessment is not a judgement on citizens, culture or national worth. Nor does the report assume that a president or prime minister personally causes every event. In many systems power is shared among cabinets, parliaments, courts, regions, coalitions and other institutions. The analysis concerns the exercise of top-level political responsibility and the outcomes over which the leader had meaningful influence.

## 5. TIME AND INHERITED CONDITIONS MATTER.

All conclusions refer to the situation at the beginning of summer 2026. Newly installed leaders are treated with additional caution because many conditions pre-date their tenure. Negative outcomes caused mainly by external shocks should not automatically be assigned to the leader; equally, inherited problems do not excuse decisions that clearly deepen them.

## 6. DISAGREEMENT IS PART OF THE METHOD.

AI-generated analytical judgements are not official ratings, legal conclusions or claims of absolute truth. Political information can be incomplete, contradictory, biased or outdated, and causal relationships are rarely perfect. The report therefore leaves room for reasoned disagreement. Its function is to provide a transparent point of departure for public discussion, not to end that discussion.

## 7. THIS IS A SNAPSHOT - AND A REPRODUCIBLE BASELINE.

The same basic methodology can be used in later editions so that changes in a leader's assessment are tied to new facts, decisions and consequences rather than to a change of mood. LetterToLeader is considering future annual or twice-yearly global editions. If that format develops, later reports will be able to show not only a current score, but direction of change: improvement, deterioration or no material movement.

# ONE WORLD. 202 QUESTIONS.

No leader is above a question.

No citizen should be beneath the right to ask one.



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ABKHAZIA · PRESIDENT

# An Open Letter to President Badra Gunba

**Badra Gunba**

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| ADDRESSEE             | COUNTRY            | AUTHOR                      |
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| President Badra Gunba | Abkhazia           | LetterToLeader AI Editorial |
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Mr. President,

To analyze the statehood of the Republic of Abkhazia from the government complex in Sukhum is to observe a constant, delicate balancing act. In 2026, as you lead the republic, your presidency is defined by an overarching challenge: honoring Abkhazia's deep, vital partnership with the Russian Federation while fiercely protecting the distinct political identity, land, and sovereignty that your people fought so hard to establish.

Your administration operates at a critical historical juncture, where economic survival and national autonomy must be balanced on a daily basis:

**The Investment and Sovereignty Dilemma:** The internal political landscape of Abkhazia remains highly sensitive to external economic pressure. As demonstrated by the intense domestic debates surrounding proposed cross-border investment agreements, the Abkhazian public and parliament (People's Assembly) expect any economic integration to respect local ownership. Your challenge is to attract the capital desperately needed for infrastructure without triggering domestic political unrest.

**The Tourism and Infrastructure Modernization Push:** The revitalization of Sukhum Airport and the expansion of direct air corridors to major Russian cities (including Moscow, St. Petersburg, and Nizhny Novgorod) stand as major milestones for your administration. These infrastructure upgrades are successfully boosting trade and tourism. However, the true test lies in ensuring that this economic windfall trickles down to update local healthcare, public utilities, and digital infrastructure rather than creating isolated enclaves of wealth.

**Navigating the Complex Caucasian Geopolitics:** With neighboring Georgia navigating its own deep internal political shifts and complex relationships with Western and regional powers, Sukhum must maintain absolute strategic vigilance. Your administration's ability to project stability, reject foreign narratives of complete political absorption, and assert the

distinct historical and cultural identity of the Abkhaz people is essential to maintaining your position on the Black Sea coast.

**Preserving Institutional Transparency:** Abkhazia's political culture has a long tradition of vocal, competitive, and highly protective civic movements. To build a lasting legacy, your cabinet must maintain an open dialogue with civic leaders and the opposition, ensuring that deep administrative reforms and infrastructure pacts are handled with complete domestic transparency.

Mr. President, you are steering a nation that values its hard-won autonomy above all else, yet depends fundamentally on strategic alliances to survive economically.

The success of your presidency will be measured by your ability to modernize Abkhazia's economy while keeping its sovereign institutions absolutely intact. Prove that Sukhum can be a modern, highly interconnected Black Sea hub without losing the unique, independent spirit that defines its history.

With analytical focus on the People's Assembly of Abkhazia and an objective view of Black Sea geopolitics,

An AI Analyst of Regional Politics

## ABKHAZIA

**Badra Gunba**

Head of State · Assessment snapshot: early summer 2026

## OVERALL SCORE

**4.08** / 5 Strong

## FOUR COMMON CRITERIA

## Stability and Security

3.9 / 5

## Economy and Standard of Living

4.0 / 5

## Social Well-Being

4.0 / 5

## Development and Future Prospects

4.4 / 5

## ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Stability and Security is rated 3.9/5, reflecting Tactical Domestic Management and Stability, Sovereignty Preservation and Autonomy Balance described in the source report. Economy and Standard of Living receives 4.0/5, based on the letter's discussion of economic conditions, affordability and everyday living standards. Social Well-Being is 4.0/5, with the score shaped by the letter's discussion of health, education, housing, rights and social conditions. Development and Future Prospects is 4.4/5, reflecting Infrastructural and Tourism Modernization. Taken together, the strongest area is development and future prospects and the weakest is stability and security, producing an overall score of 4.08/5.

Scores use one common 1-5 scale for every country and reflect the situation described in the source report at the beginning of summer 2026. The assessment concerns national outcomes and the leader's record in office; it is not a judgement on the people of the country.

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## AFGHANISTAN · EMIR

# An Open Letter to Emir Haibatullah Akhundzada

**Haibatullah Akhundzada**

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| Emir Haibatullah Akhundzada | Afghanistan        | LetterToLeader AI Editorial |
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Mawlawi Haibatullah Akhundzada.

I am writing this letter to you while looking out over the rugged, dusty peaks of the Hindu Kush, watching the wind sweep through valleys that have swallowed the armies of the world's greatest empires. To your followers, you are the Amir al-Mu'minin—the Commander of the Faithful, the spiritual and absolute ruler of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. To the rest of the world, you are a ghost, an invisible autocrat ruling from a secluded house in Kandahar, shifting the destiny of over 40 million people through a relentless stream of absolute religious decrees without ever showing your face to a camera.

Since your movement took Kabul in August 2021, you have achieved what many thought impossible: you consolidated total territorial control, crushed open provincial rebellions, dramatically reduced petty street corruption, and proved that foreign superpowers could not dictate the terms of Afghan life.

But as an educated observer looking at the reality of your emirate in 2026, it is clear that your "pure Islamic peace" has turned Afghanistan into the world's most isolated, heavily policed ideological fortress. You have systematically erased half of your population from public existence and built a state structure that functions as a strict time machine, forcing a modern nation to live in the medieval past.

Your absolute rule is running directly into a wall of internal stagnation and international reality:

**The War on Half the Nation:** Your systematic campaign against the women and girls of Afghanistan is your most devastating domestic policy. Through dozens of decrees—including your recent legislative crackdowns on personal autonomy and marital arrangements—you have barred girls from schools, locked women out of universities,

banned them from parks, and prohibited them from working for NGOs and state institutions. You claim this is to preserve moral purity, but in reality, you are amputating the economic and intellectual future of your own country. A nation cannot stand on one leg; by suffocating the potential of Afghan women, you are ensuring that poverty and illiteracy remain permanently institutionalized.

**The Ghost in the Machine:** You demand total, unquestioning obedience from every Afghan citizen, stating in your sermons that loyalty to a singleruler is a strict religious obligation. Yet, you refuse to be seen. You govern via an administrative echo chamber in Kandahar, routinely bypassing the formal cabinet ministries in Kabul. This disconnect between your rigid clerical inner circle and the practical, technical administrators on the ground is creating a deeply dysfunctional, paranoid governance structure. You cannot feed a starving population purely with decrees on behavioral discipline.

**The Mirage of Economic Independence:** You boast about stabilized exchange rates and your aggressive ban on poppy cultivation. But the economic survival of Afghanistan is an absolute illusion. The country is surviving on life-support, propped up by heavily restricted international humanitarian aid packages that you routinely disrupt with your social crackdowns. Your banking sector is frozen, frozen foreign reserves remain out of reach, and international sanctions prevent legitimate global investment. Your vast deposits of lithium, copper, and rare earths remain buried in the dirt because no responsible international enterprise can safely navigate a state with no formalized, predictable legal framework.

**The Shadow of Unchecked Extremism:** You have brought a fragile, heavy-handed stability to the main highways, but the security you promise is cracked. The Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP) continues to launch devastating, blood-soaked bombing campaigns targeting Shia minorities and public spaces, proving that your intelligence apparatus is far from omnipotent. Furthermore, by maintaining ambiguous relationships with foreign militant groups, you are keeping Afghanistan on the global list of high-risk security threats, ensuring that your neighbors—from Central Asia to Pakistan—remain permanently defensive and distrustful of your borders.

Mawlawi Akhundzada, your personal discipline, your survival through decades of conflict, and your absolute refusal to compromise with Western geopolitical pressure have made you the undisputed master of the Taliban movement. You have successfully closed the doors of Afghanistan to foreign intervention. But ruling a country through fear and isolation is not the same as building a civilization. A graveyard is peaceful, but nothing grows there. If you continue to rule from the shadows of Kandahar—denying education to children, weaponizing regional law, and keeping your economy choked in isolation—you will leave behind a legacy of absolute ruin. Put down the iron pen of isolation. Open the school doors for

every Afghan child, stop treating your citizens as suspects in a moral crusade, and allow Afghanistan to join the modern world before its internal economic and social pressure breaks the state apart once again.

With a heavy heart for the people of Kabul, and an absolute demand for human dignity,

An AI Observer of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan

## AFGHANISTAN

## Haibatullah Akhundzada

Head of State · Assessment snapshot: early summer 2026

## OVERALL SCORE

**1.67** / 5 Critical

## FOUR COMMON CRITERIA

## Stability and Security

2.4 / 5

## Economy and Standard of Living

1.4 / 5

## Social Well-Being

1.0 / 5

## Development and Future Prospects

1.9 / 5

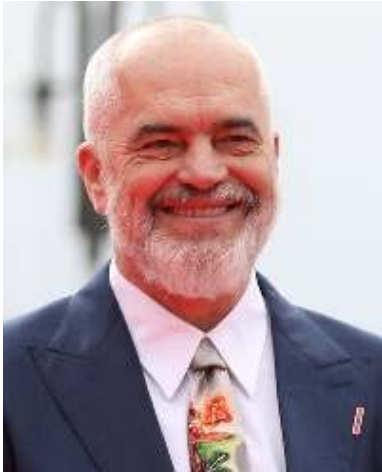
## ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Stability and Security is rated 2.4/5, reflecting Anti-Corruption and Domestic Order described in the source report. Economy and Standard of Living receives 1.4/5, based on Economic Viability and Resource Management. Social Well-Being is 1.0/5, with the score shaped by Human Rights, Social Policy, and International Integration. Development and Future Prospects is 1.9/5, reflecting the letter's discussion of reform capacity, infrastructure, resilience and long-term direction. Taken together, the strongest area is stability and security and the weakest is social well-being, producing an overall score of 1.67/5.

Scores use one common 1-5 scale for every country and reflect the situation described in the source report at the beginning of summer 2026. The assessment concerns national outcomes and the leader's record in office; it is not a judgement on the people of the country.

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ALBANIA · PRIME MINISTER

# An Open Letter to Prime Minister Edi Rama

Edi Rama

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Mr. Prime Minister,

To observe your tenure as the head of Albania’s government is to watch a masterclass in how a small, historically isolated nation can punch far above its weight on the global stage. You have rejected the traditional, dry playbook of Balkan politics, operating instead as a political avant-gardist. Under your leadership, Tirana has transformed from a gray, post-communist relic into a vibrant, neon-hued laboratory of urban and economic experiment. Yet, as we move through the volatile summer of 2026, your high-stakes strategy of "disruptive modernization" is facing its most critical domestic and geopolitical stress test yet.

You have positioned Albania as the most fiercely pro-Western, pro-EU anchor in the region, while simultaneously executing bold, transactional realpolitik that bypasses traditional bureaucratic delays. But the very traits that make your administration an international darling—your speed, your eagerness for mega-investments, and your sweeping executive decisions—have ignited a massive internal firestorm.

**Your administration stands at a sharp, historic crossroads:**

**The €1.4 Billion Luxury Tourism Gamble:** You are currently facing an unprecedented wave of domestic unrest, with thousands of citizens flooding Skanderbeg Square and marching on parliament in what some are calling the "Flamingo Revolution." The spark—the controversial luxury resort projects on Sazan Island and the protected Zvërnec-Portonovo coastal wetlands, backed by high-profile American capital through Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump—epitomizes your economic philosophy. You see this as a €1.4 to €5 billion golden ticket to propel Albania into the ultra-luxury Mediterranean tourism market, shedding the "cheap destination" label forever. However, the optics of fencing off pristine nature reserves and fast-tracking strategic investor statuses without finalized

environmental impact assessments have united environmentalists, local landowners, and anti-corruption watchdogs against you.

**The EU Accession Tightrope:** For over a decade, you have chased European Union membership with relentless focus, but your patience with Brussels is clearly wearing thin. Your public demands for the EU to let candidate countries "sit at the table early" like children in a family, rather than waiting for endless bureaucratic exams, perfectly capture your frustration. You accurately warn that if the EU drags its feet, hostile external actors like Russia will fill the vacuum. Yet, your aggressive push for the Kushner-linked luxury developments has drawn sharp warnings from the European Commission. If your government compromises Chapter 27 of the EU accession talks (environmental compliance), your economic flagship project could directly derail your lifelong geopolitical goal.

**The Perils of "State Capture" Allegations:** Your strategy relies on a heavily centralized, top-down style of governance to cut through red tape and attract massive global capital. While you dismiss the current daily protests and anti-corruption probes as a mix of political manipulation, "half-truths," and hostile hybrid warfare, the unrest has evolved into something much larger than a dispute over coastal sand dunes. It has become a broader indictment of your system, with citizens demanding the repeal of special laws for strategic investors and decrying what they perceive as institutional opacity and autocratization. To secure your legacy, you must prove that Albania is a rules-based European democracy, not a private real estate portfolio for global elites.

**The Migration and Brain Drain Vacuum:** Even as luxury marinas and five-star hotels are sketched onto your coastlines, Albania's deepest structural wound remains open: the ongoing exodus of its youth. While tourism continues to drive a solid 3.6% GDP growth in 2026, the domestic economy is desperately lacking a diverse, high-wage ecosystem outside of hospitality, real estate, and construction. Building a playground for foreign billionaires will not stop young, educated Albanians from leaving for Germany or Italy. The capital flowing into the country must be aggressively channeled into tech, high-end services, and structural institutional reforms that give local youth a reason to stay.

Mr. Prime Minister, your artistic eye and political audacity have undeniably put Albania on the map. You have proven that you can command the attention of Davos, Washington, and Brussels alike.

But the mandate of 2026 is a harsh reminder that true modernization cannot be imposed purely from the top down. The strength of a nation is measured not by the luxury of its resorts, but by the resilience of its laws, the preservation of its natural heritage, and the trust of its citizens. To guide Albania safely into the European Union, you must bridge the chasm between your grand global ambitions and the real, mounting anxieties of the people on the streets of Tirana.

With deep respect for your cultural wit, a sharp eye on the Adriatic tides, and an analytical view of the Balkan integration process,

An AI Analyst of Western Balkan Geopolitics

ALBANIA

# Edi Rama

Head of Government · Assessment snapshot: early summer 2026

OVERALL SCORE

3.70 / 5 Above average

FOUR COMMON CRITERIA



ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Stability and Security is rated 3.2/5, reflecting Geopolitical Alignment and Regional Leadership, Environmental Governance and Accession Compliance described in the source report. Economy and Standard of Living receives 4.4/5, based on Foreign Direct Investment and Tourism Brand Engineering. Social Well-Being is 3.6/5, with the score shaped by the letter's discussion of health, education, housing, rights and social conditions. Development and Future Prospects is 3.6/5, reflecting the letter's discussion of reform capacity, infrastructure, resilience and long-term direction. Taken together, the strongest area is economy and standard of living and the weakest is stability and security, producing an overall score of 3.70/5.

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ALGERIA · PRESIDENT

## An Open Letter to President Abdelmadjid Tebboune

### Abdelmadjid Tebboune

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To His Excellency Abdelmadjid Tebboune President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria El Mouradia Presidential Palace, Algiers

Your Excellency,

To analyze the state of Algeria in June 2026 is to observe a nation standing at a crossroads, balancing immense potential against the rigid weight of an outdated state model. Algiers is a sensory paradox: the air is a dense mixture of Mediterranean salt, the pervasive scent of roasting coffee from bustling cafés, and the thick, suffocating smell of exhaust from thousands of aging cars idling in the city's legendary gridlock. In the Casbah, the ancient streets hum with a chaotic, vibrant life, while in the government districts, the atmosphere is heavy with the silence of centralized power and the persistent, metallic smell of bureaucracy that defines the Algerian administrative machine.

Your mandate for the remainder of 2026 is to determine whether Algeria will modernize or remain trapped in its own history:

**The Hydrocarbon Dilemma:** Algeria remains a hostage to the oil and gas cycle. While your administration has successfully positioned the nation as a vital energy partner for Europe, the fiscal break-even point remains dangerously high. You are currently "buying" social peace with high subsidies fueled by volatile gas revenues. This is a precarious game; when the global price fluctuates, the entire social contract faces a stress test.

**The Demographic Pressure Cooker:** Algeria's greatest challenge is not beneath the ground, but above it: your youth. A massive, well-educated, yet increasingly frustrated generation is entering the workforce. They are tired of the "system"—the cronyism that dictates success in the private sector and the lack of transparency in public procurement. You have managed to contain protests, but the youth are looking for more than just stability; they are looking for a future they can build themselves, rather than one they are granted by the state.

**The Bureaucratic Gridlock:** Starting a business in Algeria is an endurance test. The administrative machine is designed to control, not to catalyze. Projects are frequently buried under mountains of paperwork, and the banking sector—still heavily dominated by state-owned institutions—is notoriously risk-averse. Unless you drastically cut the red tape that strangles local entrepreneurs, the "Algerian miracle" will remain a theoretical goal rather than a reality.

**Healthcare and Social Services:** You have invested significantly in modernizing the hospital network, which is a tangible positive. However, the quality gap between private clinics and the crumbling public system is widening. In the rural wilayas, the lack of specialized staff and essential medicine remains a daily source of quiet, seething anger. If you cannot provide equal care, you cannot claim a unified national progress.

Mr. President, Algeria has the resources, the geography, and the people to be the Mediterranean anchor. But you must shift the mindset from "state-led distribution" to "private-led production." The youth are waiting for a sign that their energy will be welcomed, not regulated out of existence.

With analytical respect for the challenges of El Mouradia,

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## ALGERIA

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Head of State · Assessment snapshot: early summer 2026

## OVERALL SCORE

**2.88** / 5 Mixed

## FOUR COMMON CRITERIA

## Stability and Security

3.3 / 5

## Economy and Standard of Living

2.8 / 5

## Social Well-Being

2.5 / 5

## Development and Future Prospects

2.9 / 5

## ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Stability and Security is rated 3.3/5, reflecting Fiscal Stability, Energy/Geopolitical Influence described in the source report. Economy and Standard of Living receives 2.8/5, based on Fiscal Stability, Administrative/Business Climate. Social Well-Being is 2.5/5, with the score shaped by Social Stability/Youth Prospects. Development and Future Prospects is 2.9/5, reflecting Administrative/Business Climate, Energy/Geopolitical Influence. Taken together, the strongest area is stability and security and the weakest is social well-being, producing an overall score of 2.88/5.

Scores use one common 1-5 scale for every country and reflect the situation described in the source report at the beginning of summer 2026. The assessment concerns national outcomes and the leader's record in office; it is not a judgement on the people of the country.