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Albania: Regions in which the Democratic Party of Albania is in the majority or in control (July 2006)

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For election purposes, Albania is divided into 100 zones, each representing approximately the same number of voters (Legislationline 6 May 2006). Each zone elects one member to the unicameral People's Assembly (Kuvendi Popullor), the seat of legislative power (ibid.; OSCE/ODIHR 7 Nov. 2005, 4; *Europa 2006* 2006, 485). The Electoral Code of the Republic of Albania of 19 June 2003 specifies that the candidate who wins the largest number of votes in each zone is elected deputy of the People's Assembly (Art. 66). As the People's Assembly consists of 140 deputies, an additional 40 members are elected by proportional representation in accordance with the national distribution of votes among political parties (Albania 19 June 2003, Art. 67; OSCE/ODIHR 7 Nov. 2005, 4; *Europa 2006* 2006, 484).

The Democratic Party of Albania (DPA) (Partia Demokratike e Shqiperise - PDSH), is a "centre-right, pro-democracy, pro-market" political party founded in 1990 and led by Sali Berisha (ibid., 485). In the 3 July 2005 general elections, 56 of the 100 electoral zones elected a deputy from the DPA, allowing the party to win the elections (ibid.; Albania 2005a). The Prime Minister of Albania, Sali Berisha, and the Deputy Prime Minister as well as the majority of cabinet ministers are members of the DPA (*Europa 2006* 2006, 485).

The Web site of the Albanian Central Election Commission (CEC) provides a map of the country's 100 electoral zones (Albania 2005c). According to the CEC, the DPA won seats in the following 56 zones:

002	003	004	005	006	008	009	010
011	012	013	014	015	016	017	019
020	021	023	024	025	026	027	028
029	030	031	032	033	034	038	039
040	041	043	044	045	047	048	049
050	051	054	062	063	064	071	074
081	083	084	086	087	090	094	096