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**Level 5 – 6th July 2026**

## 'Flamingo Revolution' protestors clash with police

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260706-flamingo-revolution-5.html>

Protestors in Albania have clashed with police over a planned luxury resort on a nature reserve. Police responded with tear gas and water cannon. The proposed resort is backed by Donald Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner. The daily protests are being dubbed the 'flamingo revolution'. This is because the planned hotel complex is in a wildlife area that is home to thousands of flamingos. Demonstrators say construction would destroy habitat used by migratory birds. Many protestors are calling for Prime Minister Edi Rama to resign. They want him to stop the resort going ahead.

The resort could be built on the coast of Albania's Adriatic Sea. However, there is no planning permission and an environmental impact assessment has not been conducted. Despite this, many bulldozers are on the site and large areas have been fenced off. Woodland has been cut down and sand dunes have been cleared. A 7 km-long road has also been constructed. Albania's government said the resort was necessary to transform the country's economy. However, the European Union has warned construction could cause problems for Albania's EU membership.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2026/jul/01/albania-warned-eu-accession-at-risk-jared-kushner-resort-plans>  
<https://news.sky.com/story/violent-protests-in-albania-over-luxury-resort-linked-to-donald-trump-s-son-in-law-jared-kushner-13559893>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Protestors in Albania have clashed | a. of flamingos   |
| 2. a planned luxury resort on a       | b. tear gas       |
| 3. Police responded with              | c. going ahead    |
| 4. daily                              | d. nature reserve |
| 5. in a wildlife                      | e. protests       |
| 6. home to thousands                  | f. with police    |
| 7. destroy habitat used by migratory  | g. area           |
| 8. They want him to stop the resort   | h. birds          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. The resort could be built | a. been cleared |
| 2. there is no planning      | b. assessment   |
| 3. an environmental impact   | c. fenced off   |
| 4. many bulldozers are on    | d. problems     |
| 5. large areas have been     | e. on the coast |
| 6. sand dunes have           | f. economy      |
| 7. transform the country's   | g. permission   |
| 8. construction could cause  | h. the site     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Protestors in Albania (1) \_\_\_\_\_ police over a planned luxury resort on a nature reserve. Police responded with tear gas (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The proposed resort is backed by Donald Trump's (3) \_\_\_\_\_, Jared Kushner. The daily protests are (4) \_\_\_\_\_ 'flamingo revolution'. This is because the planned hotel complex is in a wildlife area that is home to thousands of flamingos. Demonstrators say construction would (5) \_\_\_\_\_ by migratory birds. Many protestors are calling for Prime Minister Edi Rama to resign. They want him to stop the (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The resort could be built on (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Albania's Adriatic Sea. However, there is (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and an environmental impact assessment has not been conducted. Despite this, many (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the site and large areas have (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Woodland has been cut down and sand dunes have been cleared. A 7 km-long road has also been constructed. Albania's government said the resort was (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the country's economy. However, the European Union has warned construction could cause problems for (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FLAMINGOS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260706-flamingo-revolution-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about flamingos in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

