

Albania's education and science minister, mathematician Lindita Nikolla, has resigned amid nationwide protests by thousands of students. The government says that it would meet many of the students' requests for cheaper and better-quality higher education, but it has stopped short of repealing a controversial 2015 law that protesters say is the source of many of the problems plaguing Albanian academia. The law aimed to improve education by allowing more private money and spreading funding around, but critics say that it has ultimately undermined quality by treating universities as businesses. (Fonte: Nature Briefing 17-01-19)