



Key Quotes

Political leaders from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia failed to reach a final agreement to resolve the country's political crisis after marathon talks in Brussels on Wednesday, the European Union said. **"The talks were open and detailed, but did not lead to a final agreement yet,"** the EU said in a statement. **"The European Union urges all parties - in the interest of their country and its citizens - to find a lasting political compromise without any delay and come forward with concrete proposals to this end, building on the agreement already reached in Skopje on June 2nd"** it said (yahoo! UK, 11/6).

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/macedonian-leaders-fail-reach-final-deal-end-crisis-001943125.html>

Bosnian Serbs refuse reform programme demanded by EU. EU Enlargement Commissioner Johannes Hahn urged the government of the autonomous Serb Republic to follow in steps of the central government and the government of the Bosniak-Croat Federation, which signed the agenda. **"The country faces serious socio-economic challenges which require swift and bold decisions and actions putting the interest, stability and prosperity of the country and its citizens beyond party interests,"** Hahn said in a statement (uk.reuters.com, UK, 10/6).

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/06/10/uk-bosnia-eu-reform-idUKKBN0OQ2FS20150610>

Summary

The crisis in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia cannot be resolved in Brussels

Jutarnji list (HR, 10/6) comments that it is good that the EU got active in finding a resolution to the problems in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, but that it is sad it did it too late and after escalation. However, it says, the EU is known to only react only when things have already escalated, because the EU is a mechanism that is hard to put in motion. The EU's second problem is that it has nothing to offer the country which has no chance of starting EU accession negotiations due to the dispute with Greece. Balkaneu.com (GR, 10/6) notes that Macedonian opposition led by Zaev said that their demand is for an interim government without Prime Minister Gruevski, but the party in power says that the will of the people must be respected and that Gruevski is a legitimate Prime Minister who has the trust of voters and that he must lead a government which will also include the opposition. These are two contradictory positions between the two biggest political forces.

- Jutarnji list, HR, 10/6, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150610/mi/item_252286159.pdf
- balkaneu.com, GR, 10/6, <http://www.balkaneu.com/meeting-leaders-brussels-optimism-solution/>

Serbian relations with its neighbours

There is no pressure on Serbia in order to allow United Nations membership for Kosovo, Foreign Minister Ivica Dačić says. Dačić also denied claims which suggest that Germany and other Western countries are demanding Belgrade give up its special links with Republika Srpska. Diplomatic sources claim that during her visit to the Balkans, German Chancellor Angela Merkel will underline that European Union has not forgotten this part of Europe, despite the problems it is faced with (balkaneu.com, GR, 10/6).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 10/6, <http://www.balkaneu.com/serbia-dictated-germany/>

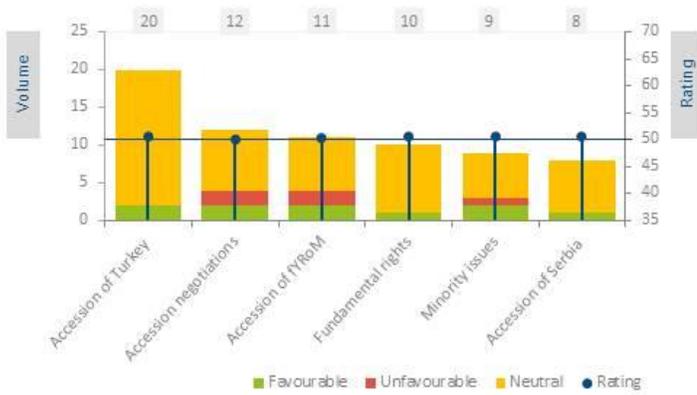
A more diverse Turkish parliament

A record number of women, together with Christians, ethnic Kurds and Armenians are set to enter Turkey's parliament after Sunday's election, a huge shift for a country that has long viewed demands for diversity as a threat to national unity. Emblematic of the change sweeping parliament is the arrival of Dilek Öcalan, niece of Kurdish rebel chief Abdullah Öcalan. Now 27, Dilek was 11 when her uncle was seized in Kenya by Turkish commandos, spirited back to Turkey and sentenced to hang, later to be spared the noose and banished to an island prison. For many Turks that may seem now like another world. *"First of all I see myself as a representative of women and youth"* she told local media (uk.reuters.com, UK, 9/6).

- uk.reuters.com, UK, 9/6, <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/06/09/uk-turkey-politics-diversity-idUKKBN0OP1ZE20150609>

Charts

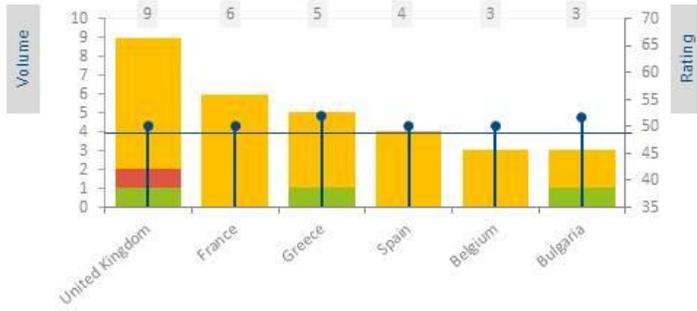
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Ahmet Davutoğlu - Turkey PM	5
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