



Key Quotes

The EU will provide up to €3 million toward housing solutions in response to the flooding that took place in Georgia's capital last weekend... **"My thoughts are with the victims of these devastating floods. The European Union stands with the people of Georgia and is ready to help families in Tbilisi rebuild their houses and start a new life,"** said Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations. **"This contribution is an expression of our solidarity with those affected by the disaster."** (praguepost.com, CZ, 17/6)

<http://www.praguepost.com/eu-news/48385-eu-to-provide-aid-to-georgia#ixzz3dOKcJTTZ>

Summary

Greek Albanian tension

The government in Albania wants a third party to be involved in the talks with Greece concerning sea borders. This was confirmed by Mr. Rama who spoke in Himara about the relations between Albania and Greece; on the issue of the sea borders, he said that *"work doesn't seem to have started yet on the search for oil, as this would be a severe violation of a number of elements"*. The issue of sea borders is not the only matter pending between the two countries. Rama says that the Albanian government is expecting Greece to solve the immediate issues and then discuss the other problems that exist between the two countries. Rama doesn't conceal the fact that relations between the two countries have become difficult, saying that some problems were solved by negotiation with the previous Greek government in contrast to the current one, where no problems have yet been solved (balkaneu.com, GR, 17/6).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 17/6, <http://www.balkaneu.com/party-talks-albania-greece-sea-borders/>

Hungary closes border with Serbia

Hungary's Foreign Minister said the government has ordered the closure of the EU country's border with Serbia and the construction of a fence along its length to keep out migrants. Peter Szijjarto told reporters that the decision does not break any international treaty and other countries have opted for the same solution. Serbia is not yet a member of the European Union, while EU member Hungary is part of the passport-free Schengen zone. Last year Hungary received more refugees per capita than any other EU country apart from Sweden, shooting up to almost 43 000 people from just 2 000 in 2012. According to official data, 95 percent of them cross from Serbia. The announcement comes amid an anti-immigration campaign Prime Minister Orbán's government involving billboards with slogans such as *"If you come to Hungary you cannot take Hungarians' jobs"*. The cabinets of Hungary and Serbia will hold a summit early July to tackle the issue Orbán said last week (focus-news.net, BG, 17/6). This move is likely to annoy human rights groups and the European Union (Dailymail.co.uk, UK, 17/6).

- focus-news.net, BG, 17/6, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/06/17/375625/hungary-orders-serbian-border-closed-to-keep-out-migrants.html>
- Dailymail.co.uk, UK, 17/6, <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/reuters/article-3128077/Hungary-unveils-plan-fence-Serb-border-stop-migrants.html>

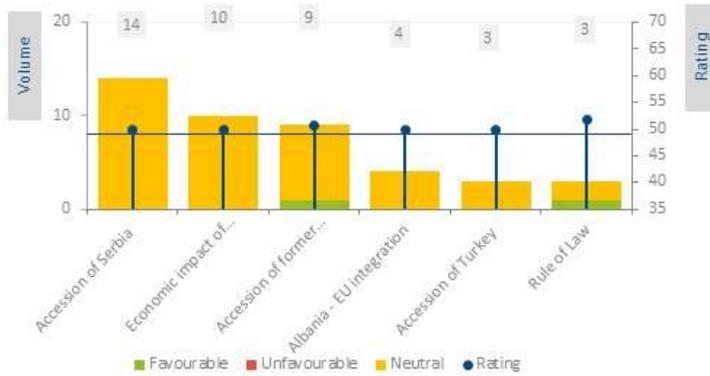
New wiretap revelations

Leader of the opposition Social Democratic Union of Macedonia (SDSM) Zoran Zaev presented new tapes of allegedly wiretapped telephone calls reportedly of members of the ruling Albanian party - Democratic Union for Integration (DUI). The conversations concerned agreements on the demolition of illegal buildings, distribution of government portfolios and business deals. *"The DUI's goal in staying in government was influence, power and money"* Zoran Zaev suggested (focus-news.net, BG, 17/6).

- focus-news.net, BG, 17/6, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/06/17/375599/deutsche-welle-macedonia-opposition-leader-presents-fresh-tapes.html>

Charts

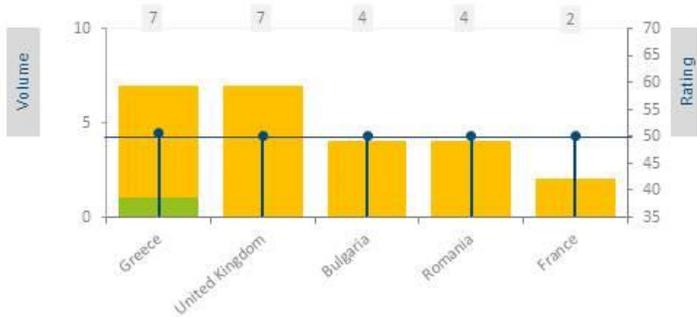
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