

Key Quotes

Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia agreed a set of measures to build trust between the two countries, in a bid to solve a 20-year long name dispute that has blocked the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia's EU and NATO membership. **"We agreed on 11 measures aimed at restoring confidence between our countries and to create a more favourable climate to seek solution for the dispute,"** Greek foreign minister Kotzias said. **"There are differences concerning the name, but there is a solution for any problem,"** he added. **"I am convinced we can solve the name row in the future within the frame of international law and in the spirit of good neighbourliness."** (yahoo! UK, 24/6)

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/greece-macedonia-solve-name-row-154408467.html#7VN2MPE>

Summary

Serbia Croatia tension

Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić defended in Brussels on Tuesday Labour Minister Aleksandar Vulin's statement about Croatian Roman Catholic cardinal Alojzije Stepinac, saying that Serbia will not buy the propaganda that Stepinac was a saint and that it would be hard to find anyone to believe it. Asked to comment on Vulin's statement, made at Jadovno, Croatia, a few days ago, that Stepinac was "an Ustasha vicar" Vučić said: *"We usually refrain from commenting on statements made by Croatian officials and I would prefer not to comment. I am very careful in light of what happened to my family that I may not be acting in the best interest of our good relations, which I truly wish for. But if you think that Alojzije Stepinac can be acknowledged as a saint in Serbia or among Serbs, it won't happen"* He agreed that Vulin might not have chosen the best time and place to talk about it (Dalje.com, HR, 24/6).

- Dalje.com, HR, 24/6, <http://dalje.com/en-world/serbian-pm-says-stepinacs-sainthood-propaganda-nobody-believes-in/548098>

Serbia Kosovo talks

No accord was reached on Tuesday evening in the high level talks for the normalization of relations between Pristina and Belgrade. Kosovo's Prime Minister, Isa Mustafa, said that both sides are committed to solve problems. Serbia's Prime Minister, Aleksandar Vučić said *"We have marked lots of progress and above all, with the most difficult issue, that of the Association of Serb Communes. I hope that in the coming days, we will be able to finalize that agreement, but we are also working hard on other topics too"*. Meanwhile, the head of European diplomacy, Federica Mogherini, said that although a deal was not struck, progress has been made on all topics discussed, focussing on the implementation of matters relating to energy, telecoms, the establishment of the Association of Serb Communes in Kosovo and the freedom of movement on the Mitrovica Bridge (balkaneu.com, GR, 24/6).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 24/6, <http://www.balkaneu.com/talks-kosovo-serbia-accord/>

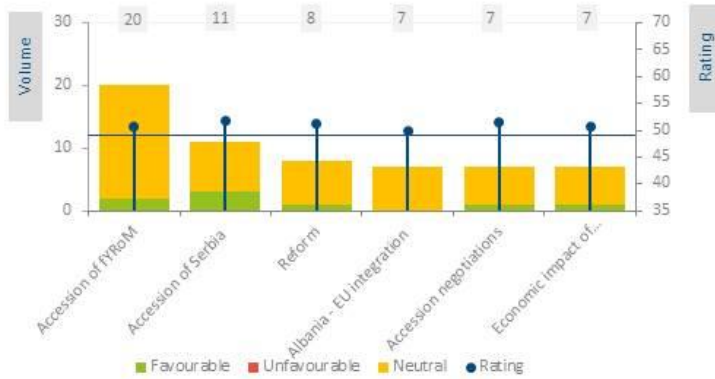
Foreign Ministers discuss former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

EU Foreign Ministers called the ruling power and the opposition in Macedonia to reach a final agreement on overcoming the political crisis that has seized the country, by June 29th. At a meeting the ministers expressed their positions on the situation of Macedonia – some openly criticised the government of Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski, while others only called for tackling the situation (focus-news.net, BG, 24/6). If the country does not fulfil the necessary reforms by October, it will lose the recommendation to start negotiations with the EU, says Skopje newspaper (bta.bg, BG, 24/6).

- focus-news.net, BG, 24/6, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/06/24/376261/telma-eu-calls-macedonia-ruling-opposition-to-solve-political-crisis-by-june-29.html>
- bta.bg, BG, 24/6, <http://www.bta.bg/bg/c/BA/id/1107186>

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