



Key Quotes

Kosovo's parliament rejects establishment of war crimes special court. ***"The establishment of the Special Court undermines and violates the sovereignty of Kosovo and we must oppose any instrument that violates the sovereignty of the country,"*** MP Valdete Bajrami, from the opposition nationalist Initiative for Kosovo party, was quoted as saying before the vote. Previously, the EU Office in Kosovo has called for the creation of the special court to be made a priority in Kosovo. ***"The provision of a dispassionate environment where an independent and impartial judicial process can take place is the only way of addressing serious allegations,"*** said a statement from the EU's office (bne.eu, UK, 29/6).

<http://www.bne.eu/content/story/kosovos-parliament-rejects-establishment-war-crimes-special-court>

Summary

Gay Pride banned in Istanbul

Police in Turkey used rubber bullets, tear gas, and water canon to disperse a Gay Pride march in Istanbul on Sunday. Istanbul's Governor's Office banned the march at the last minute because it is also the Muslim holy month of Ramadan (euobserver.com, BE, 29/6). Police sprayed jets of water from trucks at crowds of hundreds who had gathered - many in colourful clothing and waving rainbow flags - near the central Taksim Square neighbourhood, one of Istanbul's busiest shopping and tourist areas. As the crowds fell back, men who appeared to be plain clothes police officers detained several demonstrators, according to footage from a Reuters cameraman at the scene. While homosexuality is not a crime in Turkey, unlike many other Muslim countries, homophobia remains widespread. Critics say President Tayyip Erdoğan and the ruling AK Party he founded have shown little interest in expanding rights for minorities, gays and women and are intolerant of dissent. The parade has been held in the past and has been described as the biggest gay pride event in the Muslim world (Yahoo!, UK, 28/6).

- euobserver.com, BE, 29/6, <https://euobserver.com/tickers/129356>
- Yahoo!, UK, 28/6, <https://uk.news.yahoo.com/turkish-police-water-cannon-disperse-gay-pride-parade-152111406.html>

Only without Erdoğan is Turkey believable

De Volkskrant (NL, 29/6) reports that the Turkish opposition should form a coalition without the AKP and restore the rule of law. Erdoğan recently did a service to humanity by starting up the peace talks with the Kurdish. However, inside Turkey, Erdoğan works differently; for the elections he completely halted the peace talks to create a nationalistic vote, playing the Kurds for his own selfish goals. Now, with pro-Kurdish parties such as HDP finally in parliament, the power of AKP may be broken. With the region a hotbed of conflict such as Russia and Ukraine, a bloody civil war in Syria and 4 million refugees as well as the violent Islamic State, the world is holding its breath to see how the power struggle will play out. With Erdogan currently still in complete control, an AKP-less coalition is still far off.

- De Volkskrant, NL, 29/6, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150629/mi/item_255013784.pdf

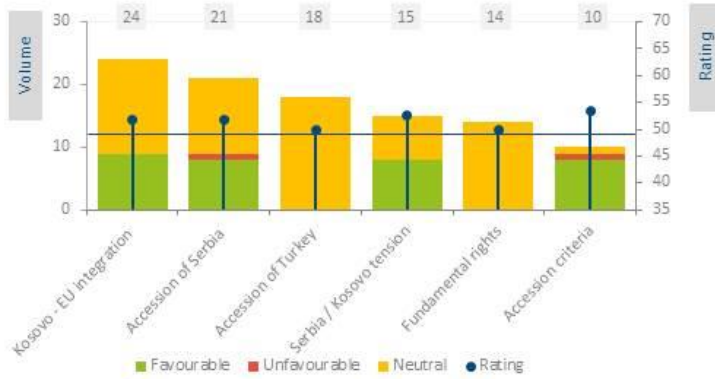
PM accuses opposition leader, Zoran Zaev of wanting agreement to fail

The Prime Minister of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, while attending the 24th annual conference of the party's youth organisation said *"I assure you he will do anything possible so that the agreement fails and there are no early elections. He is interested neither in amendments to the election law nor in foreign observers nor in "cleaning" electoral rolls. This is all of secondary importance for him"* (focus-news.net, BG, 29/6).

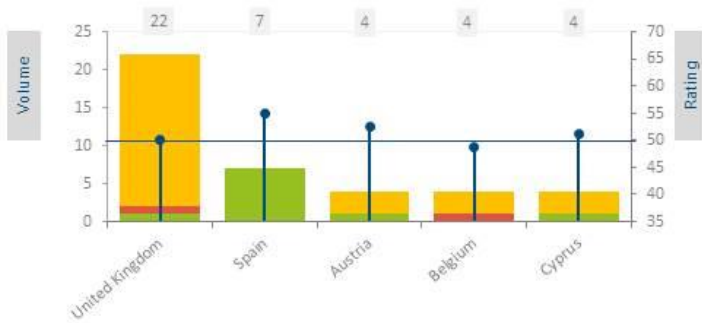
- focus-news.net, BG, 29/6, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/06/29/376702/vecer-macedonia-zoran-zaev-does-anything-possible-so-that-there-are-no-early-elections-claims-gruevski.html>

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Neutral %	74.6%

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