



## Key Quotes

The EU Commissioner Johannes Hahn will be visiting the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on Tuesday to try to help the country's leaders resolve a months-long political crisis. Meanwhile, the US Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, Victoria Nuland, on Monday urged the country's political leaders to move fast to implement the agreement brokered by Hahn. **"Now it's time to bring this crisis to an end,"** Nuland said (novinite.com, BG, 13/7).

<http://www.novinite.com/articles/169852/EU%E2%80%99s+Hahn+to+Try+to+Broker+Definitive+Political+Deal+in+Macedonia>

Analysis of the Justice System in Albania-2015. Stephen Hickling, charge d'affaires a.i. of the British Embassy, stressed that the steps towards Albania's EU membership depend on this reform. Hickling said that reforms should not happen for the good of the European Union, the international community, embassies or the Venice Commission: **"You don't have to do it for our benefit; Albania needs to undertake this reform for itself regardless of other factors"** (gov.uk, UK, 13/7).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/world-location-news/analysis-of-the-justice-system-in-albania-2015>

## Summary

### Apology for attack on Serbian Prime Minister

Serbia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs sent a note to the Foreign Ministry of Bosnia-Herzegovina to protest over the attack on Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić which occurred at the ceremony mourning the Muslim victims of Srebrenica. *"By attending the commemoration, Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić showed readiness to pay homage to the Srebrenica victims and make a step forward in the relations within the region, which is something we expect from other countries as well"* the diplomatic note reads. Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia-Herzegovina Igor Crnadak, strongly condemned the attack on the Prime Minister of Serbia. (Balkans.com, UK, 13/7). The United Nations and the European Union condemned the attack against Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić during the ceremony commemorating the 20th anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica (Morgenpost.de, DE, 13/7). The Croatian Foreign and European Affairs Minister Vesna Pusić also condemned the attack and described Vučić's attendance at the event as a positive and necessary step (Dalje.com, HR, 13/7).

- Balkans.com, UK, 13/7, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=205249>
- Morgenpost.de, DE, 13/7, <http://www.morgenpost.de/politik/article205468021/Srebrenica-Gedenken-UN-verurteilen-Angriff-auf-Vucic.html>
- Dalje.com, HR, 13/7, <http://dalje.com/en-croatia/pusic-condemns-attack-on-vucic/549997>

### US pressure on Kosovo

Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, Victoria Nuland, on a visit to Pristina, demanded from the president of Kosovo the voting of the Special Tribunal and the continuation of talks for the normalization of relations with Serbia. *"The State of Kosovo and its political leadership must show maturity and decisiveness in addressing integration and development challenges for the country, such as the process of dialogue with Serbia and Special Tribunal. It's necessary for Kosovo to close this chapter in order for the country to move forward"* Nuland recommended to the Kosovo leadership. Commenting on the process of talks with the Republic of Serbia, President Atifete Jahjaga said that Kosovo is committed to this process and demands a concrete implementation of all the agreements that have been reached (balkaneu.com, GR, 13/7).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 13/7, <http://www.balkaneu.com/nuland-talks-serbia-special-tribunal-priorities-kosovo/>

### EU reinvention

Miguel Valverde writes in an *Expansión* (ES, 13/7) comment piece that Europe needs to respond to the Greek crisis with more Europe. He says we must draw a line and those who are not willing to fully commit to the construction of a single space should remain outside. He also suggests the European Union should put its house in order first and set its integration goals, before embarking on the task of a new enlargement processes. He also recommends that the European bloc should not underestimate the importance of the space of *"international peace"* that it represents.

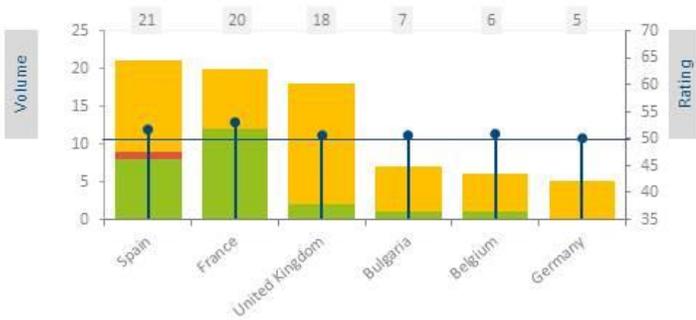
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