



Key Quotes

Leader of the PDK, Hashim Thaçi says that a Special Tribunal will be voted in parliament next week. Thaçi said this after the meeting of the parliamentary group of PDK. ***"I am confident that the Special Tribunal will be voted in parliament, because this is in the best interest of Kosovo and our partnership with the international community,"*** he said (balkaneu.com, GR, 29/7).

<http://www.balkaneu.com/special-tribunal-voted-week-leader-pdk/>

Summary

Opposition calls for fresh elections in Kosovo

At the start of his term in office, Kosovo's Prime Minister, Isa Mustafa, had unveiled a dynamic agenda for the development of Kosovo. The Prime Minister had promised economic development, reduction of poverty and the creation of new jobs and he said he would fight against illegal migration, fight against organized crime and corruption and other evils. Besides development priorities, Mustafa has also made international commitments; the continuation of talks with Belgrade, the implementation of agreements and the setting up of the Special Tribunal on war crimes, were some of these commitments. Representatives of the opposition and analysts say that the government led by Mustafa has failed in the implementation of the priorities unveiled at the start of the term in office. Leader of the Alliance for the Future of Kosovo, Ramush Haradinaj says that the elections are the only solution for the situation in which Kosovo finds itself. The same opinion is also shared by the leader of Self Determination, Visar Ymeri who says *"There must be fresh elections because this government is causing great damage to the country. It cannot continue with an economic system which is only impoverishing the country"* (balkaneu.com, GR, 29/7).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 29/7, <http://www.balkaneu.com/opposition-analysts-launch-critics-pm-mustafa/>

UK welcomes Bosnia and Herzegovina reforms

The UK Foreign Secretary, Philip Hammond, welcomed agreement on an ambitious package of reforms by the government of Bosnia & Herzegovina, part of an EU initiative to inject momentum into the country's EU accession path. The Reform Agenda addresses financial stability, labour market reform, social welfare as well as pension reform, public administration reform and improvements in the rule of law and good governance. The Foreign Secretary said *"the adoption of the Reform Agenda is a landmark step. The proposed reforms will help to stabilise the economy and encourage much-needed economic development, allowing Bosnia and Herzegovina to advance on its chosen path towards membership of the EU. The agreed reforms are undoubtedly challenging, but are necessary to address citizens' desire for jobs and growth"* (Gov.uk, UK, 29/7).

- Gov.uk, UK, 29/7, <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-secretary-welcomes-bih-adoption-of-reform-agenda>

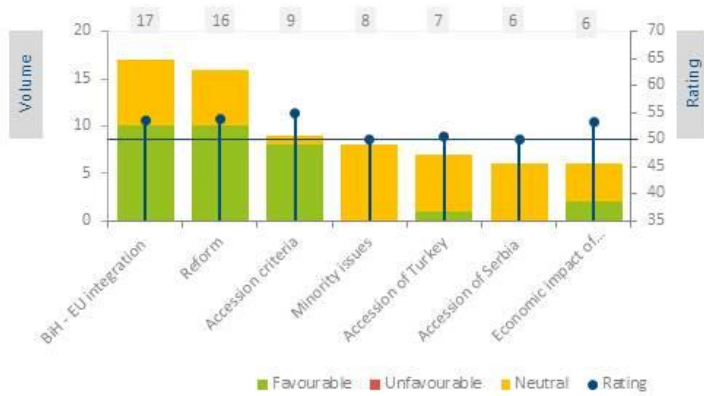
The Roma from the Western Balkans

Christian Geinitz writes in the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (DE, 29/7) that Serbia needs to improve the living conditions of the Roma minority in order to reduce the number of refugees. Germany and the EU must help and carry special responsibility. The EU accession negotiations could be used as pressure on Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro

- Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, DE, 29/7, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150729/mi/item_259068179.pdf

Charts

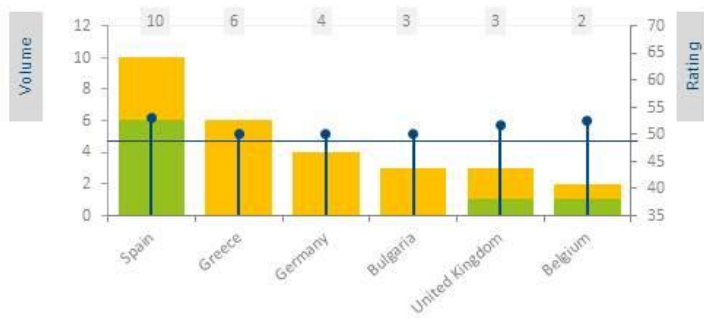
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