



## Key Quotes

Several thousand people protested in Bosnia and Herzegovina Thursday against a new labour law as a part of reforms required by the EU, arguing that it would reduce the local labour force to **"slavery"**. **"It is a road to hell, a path towards a society of slaves,"** union leader Selvedin Satorovic said. **"The labour law was not made for the employees. It was made for employers and the political elite and to transform us into their slaves,"** one of the protesters, Izet Djulic, told AFP (yahoo!, UK, 30/7).

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/bosnian-unions-protest-eu-labour-162331113.html>

## Summary

### Turkey and IS

The idea of a democratic Turkey joining the EU seems to be growing more distant, writes Jenny Sonesson in an editorial in Dagens Industri (SE, 30/7). Turkey has suspended the peace process with the Kurds and expects the EU to look the other way and there are indications that Turkish President Recep Tyyip Erdoğan is using IS as a pretext to attack the Kurds. Il Giornale (IT, 30/7) reports that Turkey's ambassador to Italy, Aydin Adnan Sezgin, has criticised disinformation regarding his government's actions against IS terrorists and Kurdish separatists. He says Turkey has been fighting IS since 2013. However, he says, Turkey may have made *"communication errors"* over these efforts adding that EU membership is a strategic priority for Turkey. However Rainer Hermann writing in Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (DE, 30/7) suggests that the new Turkish offensive against the PKK and IS is a complete change of policy. In addition to his goal of keeping Syrian Kurds from creating a corridor to Kurdish regions in Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan is pursuing his goal of new elections and forcing the Kurdish opposition party out of parliament. Mr Hermann writes that Turkey's fight against IS is only superficial; its real targets are the PKK and the Kurds.

- Dagens Industri, SE, 30/7, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150730/mi/item\\_259221720.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150730/mi/item_259221720.pdf)
- Il Giornale, IT, 30/7, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150730/mi/item\\_259228679.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150730/mi/item_259228679.pdf)
- Allgemeine Zeitung, DE, 30/7, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150730/mi/item\\_259209796.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150730/mi/item_259209796.pdf)

### Human trafficking and the Balkans

Most Balkan countries have not met minimum standards in counteracting human trafficking but have demonstrated efforts to achieve them, says the annual report of the US Department of State on human trafficking worldwide. The report says that the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is the country that has met all the needed criteria, though Bulgaria is to be monitored over a deterioration of the situation. Albania has also been mentioned given the fact the Member of Parliament, Arben Ndoka, was sentenced for crimes related to human trafficking. Serbia showed a mixed legislative approach to human trafficking (focus-news.net, BG, 30/7).

- focus-news.net, BG, 30/7, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/07/30/379178/kurir-serbia-most-balkan-countries-havent-met-minimum-standards-in-counteracting-human-trafficking-says-us-state-department-report.html>

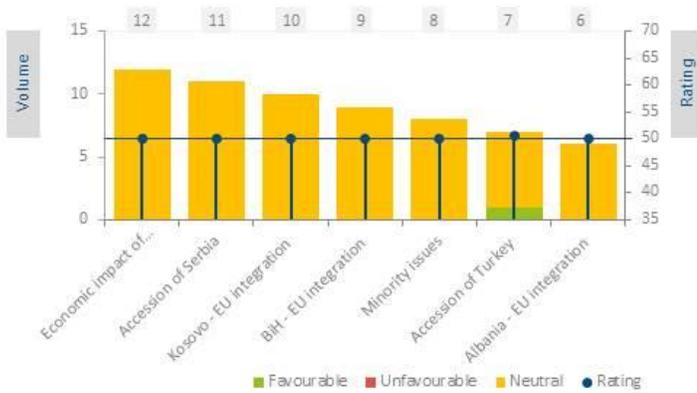
### Kosovo tribunal

Representatives of the government of Kosovo have held meetings with MPs to convince them to vote in favour of the Special Tribunal. Some of the MPs of the Democratic Party of Kosovo (PDK) are not yet persuaded about voting in favour of the creation of the Tribunal which will investigate alleged crimes of several members of the former Kosovo Liberation Army. Democratic League of Kosovo MPs have also rejected this process. The opposition is drafting a plan to block the work of the parliament of Kosovo during the voting of the tribunal (balkaneu.com, GR, 30/7).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 30/7, <http://www.balkaneu.com/foundation-special-tribunal-unknowns/>

# Charts

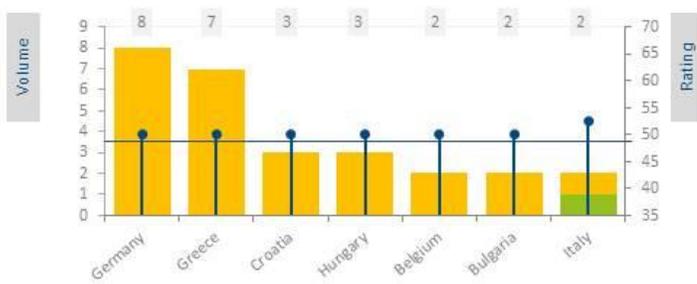
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Philip Hammond - FM UK	3

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