



Key Quotes

Serbian President Tomislav Nikolić speaking about a recent meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin, said that current and future cooperation between Serbia and Russia symbolizes unity. **"When you mention Serbia, you can put Russia next to it right away, and vice versa,"** Nikolić added (24chasa.bg, BG, 9/9).

<http://www.24chasa.bg/Article.asp?ArticleId=4971432>

Summary

Turkey in a spiral of violence

Violence in the south-eastern and primarily Kurdish parts of Turkey is intensifying. The repressive nature of the Turkish government towards the PKK now threatens to spread to Istanbul and other cities with large Kurdish minority groups. The situation is deteriorating daily. Europe seems to ignore that a possible accession country is on the brink of a civil war. If the problem is not tackled soon, the consequences could be uncontrollable (Berliner Zeitung, DE, 9/9). A mob of several thousand set fire to the offices of Turkey's main pro-Kurdish party in the wake of terror attacks in which more than 100 soldiers and police officers have died. Officials from the People's Democratic Party fled for safety across rooftops after the mob shouting nationalist slogans torched the party's headquarters in Ankara. In Istanbul about 100 people hurled stones at the main offices of Hurriyet, the secularist newspaper that has been critical of the Islamist-rooted government. In a tweet Ahmet Davutoğlu, the Prime Minister, said *"We cannot accept damage to the property of our citizens, particularly our media outlets, political party headquarters and civilians"* (ft.com, UK, 9/9).

- Berliner Zeitung, DE, 9/9, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150909/mi/item_264210603.pdf
- (ft.com, UK, 9/9, <http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/d23fa55c-56c7-11e5-a28b-50226830d644.html#axzz3lEfn8cIO>

EU 'not in a good place' Juncker says in state of union speech

The European Union suffers from a lack of unity, EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker has said in a state of the union speech. How the EU addresses today's refugees will be a defining moment for the bloc. The EU Commission will present a list of so-called safe countries to help national authorities' process refugees with a higher chance of receiving asylum. People from nations included on the "safe list" which Juncker said should include EU candidate countries in the Balkans would have to meet strict conditions for asylum to avoid deportation. *"Pushing back boats from piers, burning refugee camps or turning a blind eye to suffering people: that is not Europe"* he said (dw.de, DE, 9/9). We must distinguish between those who are in need of protection and those who leave their countries for other reasons, says Juncker (aftonbladet.se, SE, 8/9).

- dw.de, DE, 9/9, <http://www.dw.com/en/eu-not-in-a-good-place-juncker-says-in-state-of-union-speech/a-18702821>
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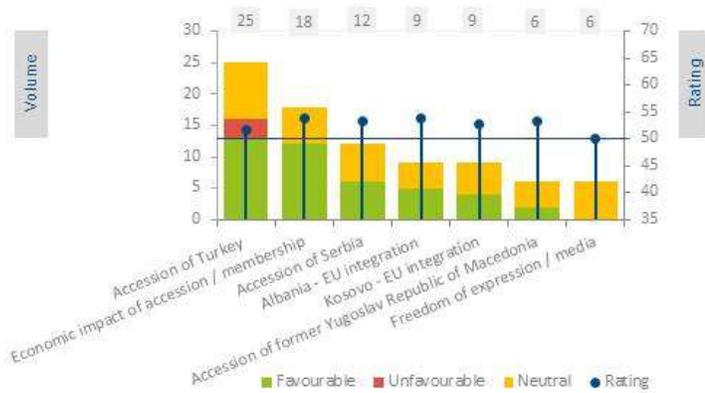
Funds for Serbian farmers

Serbian farmers could start using funds available through the EU's Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance in early 2016, Minister of Agriculture Snežana Bogosavljević Bošković said on Tuesday. *"In the agricultural sector Serbia could get EUR 175 million from the EU's pre-accession funds by 2020, but that sum could be even greater, it depends on how efficiently we will use the funds"*, the minister said (Balkans.com, UK, 9/8).

- Balkans.com, UK, 9/8, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=206866>

Charts

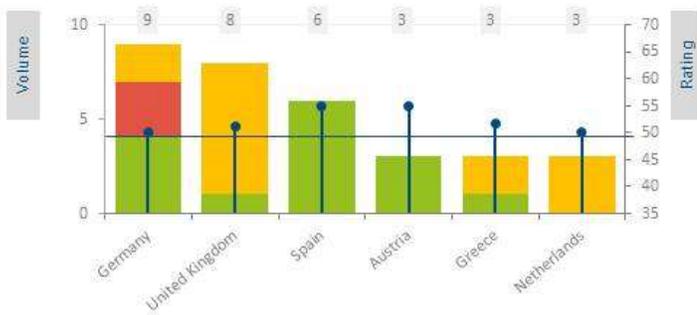
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