



Key Quotes

Participants in an international conference organised in Mostar by the Paneuropean Union called for accelerating Bosnia and Herzegovina's journey towards Europe and for amending the Dayton Agreement which was described as a hurdle on that journey. MEP Tonino Picula said that the Dayton peace accords that provided for the current Bosnian Constitution often pushed the country into **"a schizophrenic situation."** He believes that it is necessary to seek new solutions for Bosnia and Herzegovina regarding its EU membership bid, and that priority should be given to rearranging Bosnia's constitutional structure (dalje.com, HR, 13/9).

<http://en.dalje.com/2015/09/croatian-mep-finds-it-necessary-for-bosnia-to-amend-dayton-agreement/>

EU human rights body urges Turkey to allow access to Cizre. Nils Muižnieks, human rights commissioner for the Council of Europe, expressed concern over claims of **"disproportionate use of force"** against civilians in Cizre. **"I have ... received serious allegations of disproportionate use of force by security forces against civilians,"** said Muižnieks in a written statement. **"I urge the authorities to ensure immediate access to Cizre by independent observers ... in order to dispel the rumours of human rights violations"** (theguardian.com, UK, 12/9).

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/sep/12/eu-human-rights-body-urges-turkey-to-allow-access-to-cizre>

Summary

Albanians asking for more power in Serbia

Albanians living in southern Serbia are raising the issue of their administrative autonomy along the lines of the solution offered to Serbians living in the Kosovo region. Albanians are expected to make their demands public during the constituent assembly of the Union of the Albanian Municipalities to take place Saturday. The Union of Albanian Municipalities is also asking for a right to exercise executive power, a permanent national assembly as well as the right to set up public organizations. The Albanian representatives said they had the support of Tirana and Pristina and they plan to involve the EU and the US in the near future. The Serbian Foreign Minister, Ivica Dačić warned the Albanians that they were *'playing with fire'* by making such demands and comparing them with those of the Serbs in Kosovo (Protothema.gr, GR, 11/9). Bujanovac municipality President, Nagip Arifi, told the Pristina-based KTV *"the meeting will discuss the formation of an association of municipalities with Albanian majority based on a political platform that was adopted in 2006 by Albanian councillors from these municipalities"* he said (activenews.ro, RO, 11/9).

- Protothema.gr, GR, 11/9, <http://en.protothema.gr/ethnic-albanians-in-southern-serbia-want-autonomy/>
- activenews.ro, RO, 11/9, <http://www.activenews.ro/externe/Serbia-pedepsita-pentru-pozitiile-pro-rusesti-Albanezii-din-sudul-Serbiei-au-anuntat-ca-vor-sa-se-conduca-singuri-124652>

Kosovo aiming for more efficient energy

Energy in Kosovo is expensive, inefficient and polluting. This was said by the minister of Economy, Blerand Stavileci, who announced the approval of the bill on the creation of the Fund for Efficiency in Kosovo. Professor of European Law, Llokman Mirtezani said that Kosovo must work harder in order to reach European standards as far as the creation of new energy capacities and growth of efficiency in the consumption of energy and protection of environment are concerned. *"We must stress that such projects are being implemented in other countries of the European Union too. Policies of cohesion or EU structural funds are helping in the improvement of policies for energy efficient solutions. The implementation of these projects in Kosovo will be a great achievement"* Mirtezani said (balkaneu.com, 11/9).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 11/9, <http://www.balkaneu.com/kosovo-planning-investments-efficient-energy/>

Turkey should not be a safe country of origin

EU interior ministers would likely agree to the EU Commission's proposal to classify all six countries of the Western Balkans as safe countries of origin, said a senior EU diplomat, however, the conflict with the Kurds in the Southeast and little progress in the freedom of the press in Turkey still concerns the EU (reuters.de, DE, 11/9). Social tension in Turkey is rising as the escalation of violence between the Turkish army and the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) infiltrates in Turkish society (Balkans.com, UK, 11/9).

- reuters.de, DE, 11/9, <http://de.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idDEKCN0RB13P20150911>
- Balkans.com, UK, 11/9, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=206916>

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