



Key Quotes

Turkish police raided a magazine on Monday over a mocked-up “selfie” of a smiling president, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, with the coffin of a soldier – an allusion to comments that families of soldiers killed by Kurdish rebels could be happy about their martyrdom. The council of Europe commissioner for human rights, Nils Muižnieks, expressed concern over raids against Nokta. **“Bans, raids & arrest worsen already a worrying situation re freedom of expression in Turkey. Authorities must keep the media free,”** he tweeted (theguardian.com, UK, 15/9).

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/sep/15/turkish-magazine-nokta-raided-and-copies-seized-for-mock-erdogan-selfie>

Summary

Serbia anxious to join EU

Serbia's Prime Minister, Aleksandar Vučić, commented in an interview on the fact that an eight-member family who applies for asylum in Germany receives about €900 in aid, which is three times more than the average salary in Serbia and also receives free food and has no costs. *“These people do not want to work either in Serbia or in Germany and for that they are rewarded by Germany with a lot of money. Some are returned to Serbia, but six months later they are trying again to go to Germany”*, the Prime Minister explained and said these were bogus asylum seekers. Vučić reiterated that Serbia wants to join the EU by 2020 and underlined that Serbia's future is in the EU. Vučić pointed out that Serbia's approach, which relies on financial discipline and austerity measures, yields results and the country could easily meet the Maastricht criteria and at the same time the economy is growing. When it comes to Kosovo, the Prime Minister stressed that Serbia respects its Constitution, but it also takes reality into account (Balkans.com, UK, 13/9).

- Balkans.com, UK, 13/9, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=206988>

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia close to agreement on special prosecutor

The ruling party and opposition in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia did not manage to reach an agreement on the special prosecutor after lengthy talks but succeeded in bringing their stances closer, Vecer daily reported. The diplomats expect the law on the special prosecutor to soon be voted on. The four biggest parties have come to an agreement on the team of the special prosecutor. In line with the agreement, he or she, will have a team of prosecutors working with him or her. It is expected the special prosecutor will be elected by Tuesday (focus-news.net, BG, 14/9). The EU envoy for these negotiations, Peter Van Hoyte, says that one of the big parties is not respecting the agreement, but according to him the agreement will be abided by and that the EU will not allow any diversion from the process (balkaneu.com, GR, 14/9).

- focus-news.net, BG, 14/9, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/09/14/383194/vecer-macedonia-talks-between-ruling-opposition-on-special-prosecutor-election-drawing-to-their-end.htm>
- balkaneu.com, GR, 14/9, <http://www.balkaneu.com/finalization-political-accord-fyrom-enters-final-hours/>

Serbia's Albanians want more power

Ethnic Albanian leaders in Serbia have declared a new structure on the model of an EU-brokered deal for Serbs in Kosovo. They unveiled the Association of Albanian Municipalities at a meeting on Saturday 12 September. Riza Halimi, an Albanian MP in the Serb parliament, told the press they want the same rights as the Serbs in Kosovo based on the model mediated by the EU between Belgrade and Pristina (euobserver.com, BE, 14/9).

- euobserver.com, BE, 14/9, <https://euobserver.com/foreign/130248>

Charts

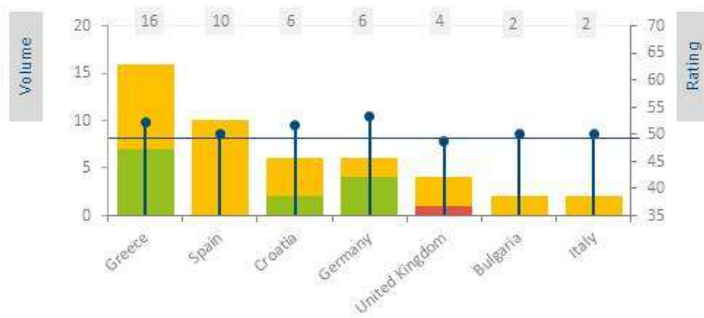
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Ivica Dačić - Serbian FM	9
Tomislav Nikolić - Serbia President	6
Pope Francis	6
Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović - President Croatia	4
Tonino Picula - MEP	3

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