



Key Quotes

The High Representative/Vice President of the Commission Federica Mogherini and the Minister of Defence of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Marina Pendes, signed in Brussels a Framework Agreement on the participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in EU crisis management operations. This new framework instrument will allow the Balkan country, which aspires to join the EU, to participate "**case by case**" in EU operations underway and future mutual agreement avoiding "**unnecessary delays**" and contribute to "**strengthening the effectiveness and flexibility in response to future crises**" (telecinco.es, ES, 15/9).

http://www.telecinco.es/informativos/internacional/Bosnia-acuerdo-participar-operaciones-UE_0_2052225408.html

Summary

Special Prosecutor appointed in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Feuding leaders in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia have appointed a prosecutor to investigate widespread corruption allegations, a top parliamentary official announced. This is in keeping with a European Union-brokered deal aimed at ending a crippling political stalemate. The position will be handed to Katica Janeva from the southeast town of Gevgelija, local media reported. The appointment of the special prosecutor is part of a broad agreement the EU brokered between Skopje leaders in July in a bid to end a political crisis in the volatile country. The deal secured the return to parliament on September 1 of the Social Democratic Union opposition party after a 16-month boycott (Europeonline-magazine, UK, 15/9). The Special Prosecutor will investigate the wiretapping affair made public by the opposition. After the negotiations, which were finalized in the early hours, it was agreed to vote on the Special Prosecution bill. The new prosecutor will appoint their own team, as was proposed by the international intermediaries (balkaneu.com, GR, 15/9).

- Europeonline-magazine, UK, 15/9, http://en.europeonline-magazine.eu/macedonian-parties-appoint-special-prosecutor-before-election_412075.html
- balkaneu.com, GR, 15/9, <http://www.balkaneu.com/special-prosecutor-appointed-fyrom/>

Visit of Albanian opposition leader to European Parliament

Leader of the Albanian Democratic Party, Lulzim Basha, followed the discussions of the European Parliament Foreign Committee on Albania. During this visit, Basha was received by several MEPs and the rapporteur, Knut Fleckenstein. Basha commented "*My presence at the European Parliament relates to the discussion of an important topic. Elections are today the most important issue of Albanian democracy. The failure to organize free elections is a fatal blow for democracy. I have had meetings with MEPs, representatives of other European institutions and representatives of the European People's Party. The EU considers the situation in Albania worrying*". During his meetings with MEPs, the opposition leader has also discussed the issue of decriminalization and reform of the justice system, mentioning the case of the socialist MP Armando Prenga who was arrested for shooting at some of his constituents. Prenga's parliamentary immunity from prosecution, enjoyed by all Albanian lawmakers, has been lifted (balkaneu.com, UK, 15/9).

- balkaneu.com, UK, 15/9, <http://www.balkaneu.com/brussels-worried-situation-albania-opposition-leader/>

Press freedom in Turkey

Turkish prosecutors have launched an investigation into the Dogan Media Group for alleged terrorism propaganda, the Anadolu Agency reported on Tuesday, in a move highlighting the hazards facing media critical of government policy. Such a backlash over criticism of government policy, as well as President Tayyip Erdoğan's frequent battles with the media, have helped to drive NATO member Turkey towards the bottom of global press freedom rankings. Scores of people have been investigated on accusations of insulting Erdoğan (Dailymail.co.uk, UK, 15/9).

- Dailymail.co.uk, UK, 15/9, <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/reuters/article-3235108/Turkish-prosecutors-launch-investigation-Dogan-Media-Anadolu-Agency.html>

Charts

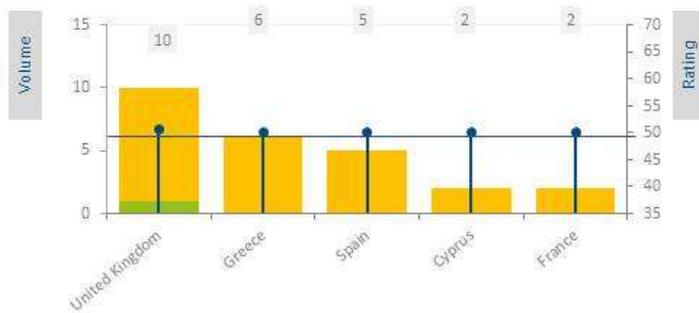
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