



Key Quotes

EU official seeks aid to keep migrants in Turkey. European Commissioner Johannes Hahn, in charge of enlargement at the EU executive, gave the rationale behind Commission plans to reallocate EU support earmarked for Turkey as part of this initiative.

"This is the reason why I proposed a few days ago to reallocate the money provided to Turkey. We are talking about up to one billion euros (\$1.13 billion)," Hahn said. The money will **"help Turkey to deal with this challenge and (give) people (a) perspective to stay in the region in order to return back to their home region, home towns, as soon as this is possible,"** he added (yahoo!, UK, 19/9).

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/eu-official-seeks-aid-keep-migrants-turkey-160840971.html#42422XF>

Summary

US support for Kosovo border with Montenegro

The issue of the border demarcation between Kosovo and Montenegro has seen an unexpected supporter. It's the US President, Barack Obama, who has backed the demarcation process in a meeting with the new ambassador of Kosovo to Washington, Vlora Çitaku. President Obama said that Kosovo's determination to address the challenges in a responsible and constructive way has led Kosovo onto a solid path of stability, security and prosperity in a free and peaceful Europe. The US President's support follows the strong reactions by the opposition in Kosovo which objected to the demarcation line with Montenegro, claiming that Kosovo is losing a significant part of its territory (balkaneu.com, GR, 18/9).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 18/9, <http://www.balkaneu.com/president-obama-backs-demarcation-montenegro/>

Serbia continues not to apply the agreements signed with Kosovo in Brussels Recently, Serb authorities have held up Kosovo businesses at the border as they do not recognize the ADR certificates (certificate for the transport of dangerous materials).

Kosovo Minister for Dialogue, Edita Tahiri, confirms that the Serb side is not willing to recognize the certificates for the transport of dangerous materials. She says that, given this, the Serb authorities are not respecting the Free Trade Agreement. Tahiri says that the talks between Kosovo and Serbia in Brussels will soon discuss the recognition of all certificates and standards between Kosovo and Serbia. Meanwhile, minister Tahiri has intervened on the case of one businessman blocked and fined but she has warned all other businesses that deal in the import of gas that the same situation awaits them in Serbia (balkaneu.com, GR, 18/9).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 18/9, <http://www.balkaneu.com/serbia-continues-block-kosovo-businesses/>

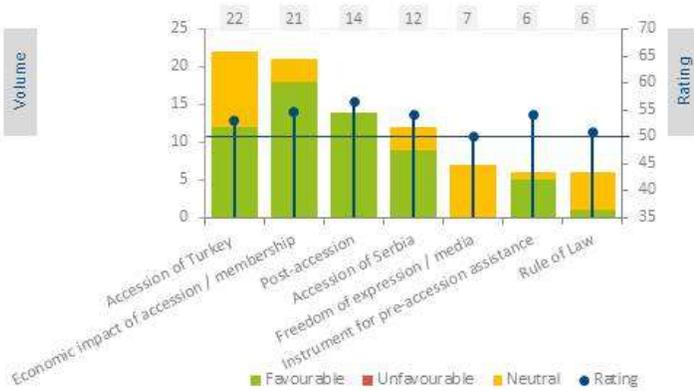
Turkish prosecutor seeks 34-year jail term for Fethullah Gülen

President Erdoğan's critics claim that the Turkish authorities have conducted raids against media, some close to Gülen, in a series of bans on freedom of expression that has been criticized by human rights groups and the European Union (Diariosigloxxi.com, ES, 18/7). A Turkish prosecutor sought a jail sentence of up to 34 years for the influential U.S.-based Muslim cleric accused by President Tayyip Erdoğan of plotting a coup, the state-run Anadolu Agency said. In a further sign of authorities stepping up their offensive against Fethullah Gülen, a second prosecutor called for the formal arrest of four businessmen detained in the central Turkish city of Kayseri as part of a police operation targeting the cleric's supporters. The charges against Gülen include forming and leading an armed organisation Anadolu says. The crackdown on Gülen's followers, who also control newspapers critical of the government, comes less than two months before a Nov 1st snap election (uk.reuters.com, UK, 17/9).

- Diariosigloxxi.com, ES, 18/7, <http://www.diariosigloxxi.com/texto-ep/mostrar/20150918043930/un-fiscal-de-turquia-reclama-34-anos-de-carcel-para-el-intelectual-islamista-fethula-gulen#.Vfj-PnF-TI>
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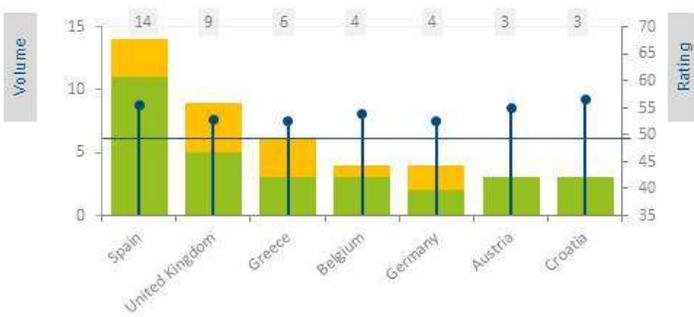
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