



Key Quotes

Croatia's Prime Minister Zoran Milanović said on Tuesday Serbia could not introduce retaliatory measures against Croatia as it would mean **"acting against the European Union"**. **"Croatia is an EU member. Serbia cannot, even if it wants, impose measures against Croatia as it has an agreement with the EU. Whatever Serbia does, or thinks to do, would be against the EU and I'm sure Serbia will not do that,"** Milanović told reporters (yahoo!, UK, 23/9)

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/croatian-pm-convicted-serbia-not-act-against-eu-205545754.html#sanxvt5>

EU gropes for ways to help Turkey keep refugees at bay. **"Today there is the tendency to wave everybody through,"** a senior EU source said. **"Turkey has to deliver"**. For its part, Turkey is frustrated at being kept out of the EU, complains about a lack of consultation on the refugee crisis and is angered by anti-Muslim and anti-Turkish rhetoric in Europe. **"This (EU support) package has not been prepared yet, this is only their idea, their statement indeed. We have not been involved in any way in this,"** a Turkish official complained (uk.reuters.com, UK, 22/9)

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/09/22/us-europe-migrants-eu-turkey-idUKKCNORM1NG20150922>

Summary

Refugee manager Hahn

European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker is dissatisfied with the work of Commissioner Avramopoulos since his actions in the refugee crisis are too late and insufficient, writes Margaretha Kopeinig in her Europa von innen column in the Kurier (AT, 22/9). Mr Juncker has more trust in Commissioner Hahn and is therefore assigning important refugee agendas to him. Mr Hahn will therefore travel to the Serbian-Croatian border since the Balkans as a transit region requires the aid of the EU. The European Commission's plan to help Turkey will also come from Mr Hahn's department.

- Kurier, AT, 22/9, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150922/mi/item_266165594.pdf

Tension between Serbia and Croatia

Serbia threatened to retaliate after neighbour Croatia halted all cargo traffic from Serbia following an influx of migrants over their joint border. More than 30,000 migrants, many of them Syrian refugees, have entered Croatia from Serbia since Hungary barred their entry to the European Union over its southern border with Serbia with a metal fence. Croatia has already closed all but one road border crossing with Serbia and early on Monday halted trucks from entering the highway between Belgrade and Zagreb, one of Serbia's two main arteries to the west. The blockage created a 12-km (7-mile) queue of trucks on the Serbian side (uk.reuters.com, UK, 22/9). Serbian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Trade Rasim Ljajić requested an urgent EU reaction from European Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, Johannes Hahn, following Croatia's decision to ban lorries, blatantly violating the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between Serbia and the EU (Balkans.com, UK, 22/9).

- uk.reuters.com, UK, 22/9, <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/09/22/uk-europe-migrants-croatia-serbia-idUKKCNORM0T520150922>
- Balkans.com, UK, 22/9, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=207233>

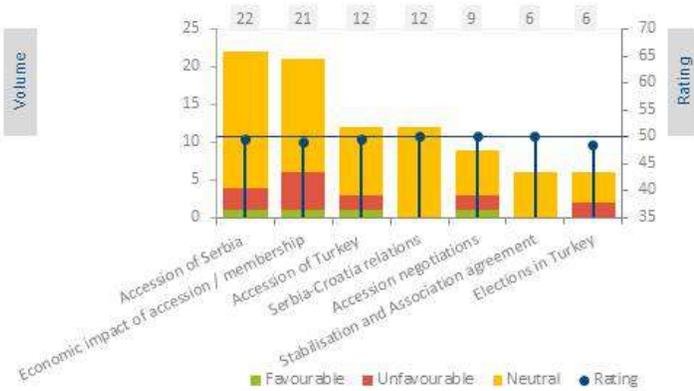
Special Tribunal on War Crimes in Kosovo given the green light

The Constitutional Court of Kosovo has decided not to accept the opposition request to quash the decision of the Parliament of Kosovo on Amendment 24 for the creation of the Special Tribunal on War Crimes. Opposition MPs have considered the procedure that led to the voting of the contested decision as non-compliant with the Constitution of Kosovo. But, in its ruling the Constitutional Court concludes that *"those who made this request failed to submit evidence to base their claims on"*. Pursuant to article 113.5 of the Constitution and other laws in force the Constitutional Court has decided to deem the request as unacceptable". The legal representative of the [Movement for] Self Determination, Armend Shkoza says that the Constitutional Court deals with political interpretation rather than its job (balkaneu.com, GR, 22/9).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 22/9, <http://www.balkaneu.com/opposition-kosovo-constitutional-court-completely-politicized/#sthash.zriGvPUK.dpuf>

Charts

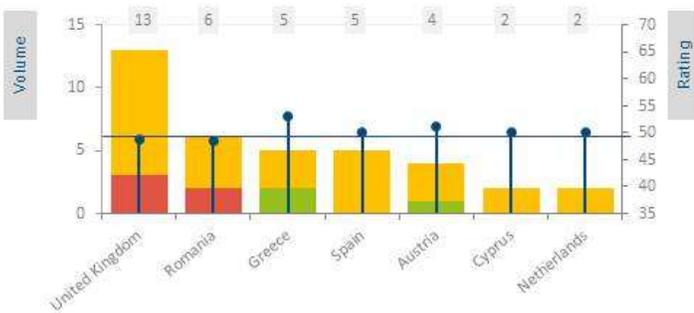
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