



## Key Quotes

EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini urged Turkey on Saturday to "**stand united**" against terrorists and all threats against the country after an attack on a rally in Ankara killed at least 30 people. "**Turkish people and all political forces must stand united against terrorists and against all those who try to destabilise a country that is facing many threats,**" Mogherini said in a joint statement with European Union enlargement commissioner Johannes Hahn (eubusiness.com, UK, 10/10).

<http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/turkey-politics.14pd/>

## Summary

### Tear gas in parliament in the capital Pristina

The Kosovo opposition is angry about an EU-instigated deal between the government and Serbia (Algemeen Dagblad, NL, 9/10). Opposition lawmakers released tear gas in Kosovo's parliament Thursday. While those supporting the protest blew loudly on whistles, the chamber began to fill with smoke after gas canisters were opened, one of them by Albin Kurti who leads the opposition Self-Determination party. He then kicked it around the assembly floor. Politicians began to leave the hall and two female MPs who fainted were taken to hospital in wheelchairs. Four ambulances outside parliament offered first aid to those affected. A government statement following the chaos said the opposition's violent behaviour said it had "*exceeded all bounds of institutional and democratic behaviour*" (focus-news.net, BG, 9/10).

- Algemeen Dagblad, NL, 9/10, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20151009/mi/item\\_268806539.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20151009/mi/item_268806539.pdf)
- focus-news.net, BG, 9/10, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/10/09/385738/mps-stage-tear-gas-protest-in-kosovo-parliament.html>

### Bulgarian support for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia conditional

"Macedonia has Bulgaria's support on its way to the EU but this support is not unconditional" Bulgarian President Rosen Plevneliev said speaking at a meeting with his counterpart from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Gjorge Ivanov, in Sofia on Thursday. "*Bulgaria wants and it is prepared to be an engine of Macedonia's European integration. The progress of any of the Balkan countries will be a progress for the entire region*" the Bulgarian Head of State remarked. Mr Plevneliev however, pointed out that Bulgaria's support was not unconditional and called for speeding up the signing of the bilateral neighbourly agreement and end of the anti-Bulgarian campaign (focus-fen.net, BG, 9/10).

- focus-news.net, BG, 9/10, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/10/09/385737/faktor-bulgaria-does-not-support-macedonia-unconditionally-says-president.html>

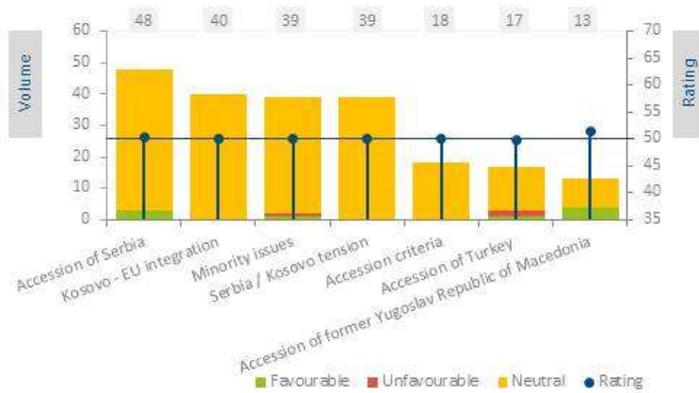
### A club that would have me as a member

Mr Erdoğan's visit to Brussels was the first by a Turkish leader in living memory not to be dominated by Turkey's EU membership bid. For years the membership talks have bred little but fatigue and distrust but today's shared problems offer a chance to rebuild relations on different foundations. If Europe's national leaders and Mr Erdoğan can find the will to strike a grand bargain, involving large-scale refugee resettlement and financial support from Europe, in exchange for tighter Turkish border controls, the two sides may achieve more together than they did during a decade of accession talks. Unfortunately, this carries the risk that the EU begins dealing with Turkey rather as NATO does: a strategic ally with shared interests, rather than a potential member in whose domestic affairs it has a legitimate interest. This is hardly the ideal time for the EU to close its eyes to Turkey's creeping authoritarianism. But it must seem awfully tempting (economist.com, UK, 9/10).

- economist.com, UK, 9/10, <http://www.economist.com/news/europe/21672338-turkeys-president-once-visited-brussels-begging-favours-tables-have-turned-best-served>

# Charts

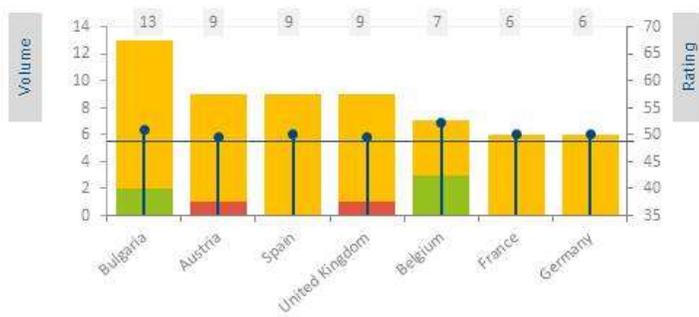
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