



Key Quotes

European Council President Donald Tusk warned Turkey that it will only win concessions from the EU, such as easier travel visas, if it successfully reduces the flow of refugees reaching Europe. In a letter to EU leaders setting the agenda for a summit he will chair in Brussels on Thursday, Tusk noted the start this month of negotiations on the migrant crisis with Turkey, which EU officials say wants more visa waivers, more EU funding and progress on its longstanding application to join the bloc. **"An agreement with Turkey makes sense if it effectively reduces the inflow of refugees,"** Tusk wrote on the eve of a visit by senior European Commission officials to Ankara. **"Concessions will only be justified when this goal is achieved."** (yahoo!, UK, 13/10).

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/eus-tusk-warns-turkey-cut-refugee-flow-wants-222155890.html>

Summary

Protests in Kosovo

Protesters and police fought running battles in Kosovo on Monday after the arrest of a prominent opposition politician behind a campaign to overturn a landmark deal with Serbia. Clouds of teargas filled streets in central Pristina as police drove back several hundred protesters lobbing stones and concrete at the main police station to demand the release of Albin Kurti, a member of parliament and founder of the opposition's Self-Determination party. Kurti was later released. As the violence subsided, Kurti appeared outside parliament to address supporters, accusing police of being in the service of daily politics. *"I call on you not to stop until we prevent the creation of the 'community'"* he said, in reference to an association of ethnic Serb municipalities in Kosovo that will have greater control over local affairs (uk.reuters.com, UK, 13/9). As part of the accord, which was hailed landmark in normalising relations, Kosovo agreed to give more financial and legislative rights to its minority Serb community, setting up an association of Serb-run municipalities (France24.com, FR, 13/9).

- uk.reuters.com, UK, 13/9, <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/10/13/uk-kosovo-opposition-arrest-idUKKCN05624C20151013>
- France24.com, FR, 13/9, <http://www.france24.com/en/20151012-tear-gas-stone-throwing-police-question-kosovo-mp>

Suddenly an accession candidate

Peter Riesbeck writes in the Berliner Zeitung (DE, 13/10) that First EC Vice-President Frans Timmermans and European Commissioner Johannes Hahn have cancelled their planned trip to Turkey after the terrorist attack in Ankara on Saturday. They plan to reschedule the trip another time in the near future. Without Turkey there can be no solution to the refugee crisis and the European Commission has repeatedly emphasised the country's status as an accession candidate. We are holding onto Turkey's ranking as a secure state of origin a spokesperson said. However, European Commissioner Günther Oettinger said on Monday that until the elections on 1 November, Turkey will *"surely only be ready for negotiations to a limited extent"*.

- Berliner Zeitung, DE, 13/10, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20151013/mi/item_269340478.pdf

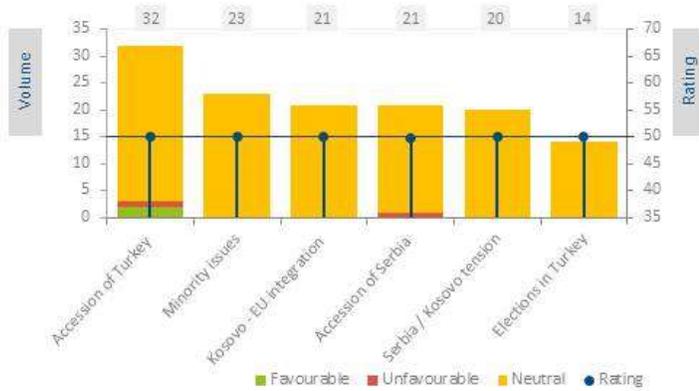
No agreement in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Negotiations between the government and the opposition have ended, it was reported. According to anonymous sources, the negotiations ended at 02:30 local time with no agreement reached. The deadline for the signing of an agreement for overcoming the political crisis in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia expired on the 6th of October. Intensive negotiations have followed since then but the political parties have not been able to agree on most of the individual clauses of the Diaspora Vote, the operation of the State Election Commission and the clean-up of the electoral register. Negotiations on the remaining clauses were postponed until a common agreement on the electoral reforms is reached (focus-news.net, BG, 13/10).

- focus-news.net, BG, 13/10, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/10/13/386142/deutsche-welle-macedonia-government-and-opposition-did-not-agree-over-electoral-reforms.html>

Charts

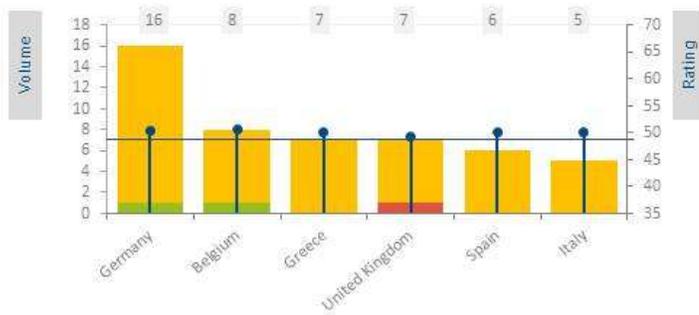
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