



Key Quotes

Minister for Returns and Communities, Dalibor Jevtic declared that the Serb List will reconsider its participation in the government of Kosovo, if the agreement for the creation of the Association of Serb Communes is not respected. **“One of the points of the coalition agreement was the creation of the Association and we have nothing more to ask from our partners who do not respect what they have signed”**, Jevtic said. Jevtic added that it's not only the Association, but **“the loss of trust which we are trying to build, not only through the Brussels' dialogue, but also with our participation in the institutions of Kosovo”**. **“This trust will be built only if what we agreed in Brussels and Pristina, will be respected”**, Jevtic said (balkaneu.com, GR, 16/11).

<http://www.balkaneu.com/serb-list-planning-leave-government-kosovo/#sthash.SqPnmObT.dpuf>

Summary

Ankara treads path of 'precious loneliness'

David Gardner, writing in the Financial Times (UK, 16/11), says that as this year's president of the G20, Turkey might expect to be basking in global admiration — and not so long ago that would have been true. But for a NATO ally and EU candidate member, Turkey's loss of regional influence and international reputation has been significant. Mr Erdoğan's hitherto expansive regional policy and permissive Syria policy — allowing Turkey to be used as pipeline for Sunni jihadi volunteers and arms into Syria to fight the regime of Bashar al-Assad — has boiled down to a single issue: how to stop Syrian Kurdish militia tied to Turkish Kurd insurgents from conquering more territory below Turkey's border in northern Syria. Now it looks as though the US wants to use its Syrian Kurdish allies to spearhead a drive against the Isis stronghold of Raqqa, south of Turkey's border. If the stateless Kurds were to inflict such a defeat on the jihadis, their international legitimacy would be almost unassailable. Whatever its allegiance to NATO, Ankara is threatening to intervene if the Syrian Kurds make further territorial gains. Whether or not Turkey is slipping its western moorings, its traditional anchors may no longer hold fast.

- Financial Times, UK, 16/11, [Link not available]

Serbia Kosovo tension

Opposition parties in Kosovo have issued a press release, following the decision of the Constitutional Court, reaffirming the will to continue their disruptive activities until the agreements with Serbia and Montenegro are annulled. The Director of the Office of Serbia for Kosovo, Marko Đurić said that Serbia expects Brussels to exert pressure on Pristina in order to uphold the agreements concluded with Belgrade. Serbia, said Đurić will continue to work on the Statute of the Autonomous Community of Serb-majority municipalities in Kosovo despite the decision taken unilaterally by Pristina to suspend approval of the measure (Agenzianova.com, IT, 16/11).

- Agenzianova.com, IT, 16/11, <http://www.agenzianova.com/a/0/1247690/2015-11-16/kosovo-ministro-per-i-rimpatri-jevtic-lista-serba-potrebbe-lasciare-coalizione-di-governo-6>

Montenegrin contempt for EU

The publication of the European Commission's 2015 Progress Report on Montenegro serves as a timely reminder of the contempt with which Montenegro treats the European institutions. The Progress Report states as a positive example of economic developments that *“the final instalment for the sale of KAP's aluminium smelter was made in August 2015”*. This is untrue: payment was never made to the bankruptcy administrator. Despite repeated calls by the EU institutions, the government of Montenegro has rejected all calls for dialogue and has progressed with the illegal expropriation and sale of KAP without consideration for CEAC's legitimate interests and in contravention of legal decisions by EU courts (New Europe, BE, 15/11).

- New Europe, BE, 15/11, <http://neurope.eu/article/montenegro-misleads-commission/>

Charts

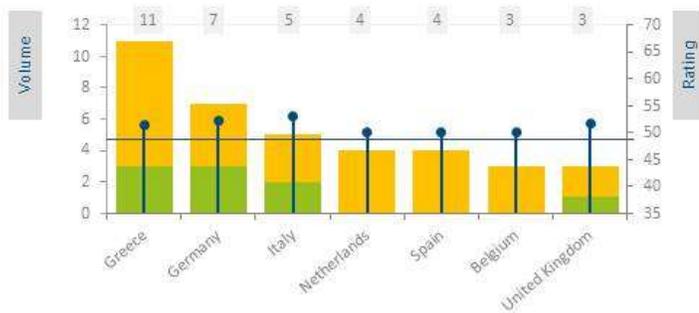
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