



Key Quotes

Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras announced that Greece would be **"positive"** to having chapters 23 and 24 opened for Turkey as part of its EU accession agreement. He added that opening the chapters will open an effort to fulfil the conditions that have been set out in those sections of the accession agreement (sigmalive.com, CY, 18/11).

<http://www.sigmalive.com/en/news/greece/137776/tsipras-positive-on-opening-cyprusblocked-chapters-turkey#sthash.x9GO4Cr0.dpuf>

Serbia will open the first two chapters of EU accession negotiations by the end of the year, and another two at the beginning of 2016, according to German ambassador to Serbia, Axel Dittmann. Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić said he was very satisfied with the statement issued by the representative of Angela Merkel's government, speaking of **"good news"** (ansamed.info, IT, 18/11).

http://www.ansamed.info/nuova_europa/en/news/sections/politics/2015/11/18/serbia-will-open-the-first-eu-chapters-by-end-of-year_3b604a35-4f54-4304-affa-9439995e5f53.html

Summary

Tension in Kosovo

Police in Kosovo have tried to arrest opposition MP Albin Kurti, who has led a series of protests in parliament against agreements made with Serbia. Mr Kurti was not at home when masked police entered his flat in Pristina on Wednesday, reports said. He was hurt when he pepper-sprayed fellow MPs in parliament the previous day, Kosova Press said. A grenade went off outside the constitutional court in Pristina as the raid took place. But there was no confirmation that the explosion, described by police as controlled, was connected. For weeks, Mr Kurti, a former leader of the Self-Determination party, has spearheaded opposition to a deal with Serbia, mediated by the EU in August, that hands greater autonomy to Kosovo's ethnic Serb minority (BBC, UK, 18/11).

- BBC, UK, 18/11, <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-34854678>

EU to reset relations with Turkey

EU leaders will try to reset relations with Turkey at a summit this year with President Tayyip Erdoğan, the EU's official in charge of enlargement said, barely a week after Brussels sharply criticised Ankara's human rights record. Part of a renewed drive to build a 'ring of friends' on the EU's borders, European Commissioner Johannes Hahn said the EU-Turkey summit due to take place by the end of this year was also likely to seal an accord to curb migration flows into Europe. *"There is a new momentum in the EU-Turkey relationship"* Hahn told Reuters in an interview on Wednesday, saying he would also propose opening new talks on Ankara's stalled EU accession process by the end of the year. *"It is about a fresh start in our relationship with Turkey in a very comprehensive manner and I hope this can be confirmed in this summit"* he said. Facing its biggest refugee crisis in decades, the European Union has proposed the summit with Erdoğan to satisfy a demand of the Turkish leader for higher-level EU contacts (Reuters, UK, 18/11).

- Reuters, UK, 18/11, <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/11/18/uk-europe-migrants-turkey-idUKKCN0T71BA20151118>

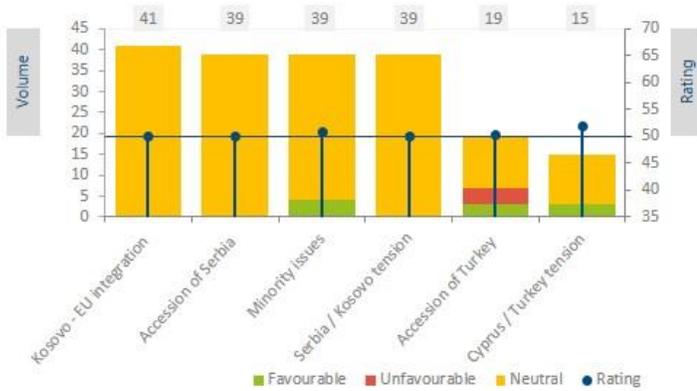
US Calls for justice reform in Albania

The US ambassador in Tirana, Donald Lu, has taken off his *"diplomat's gloves"* and has mentioned several names which are part of the underworld and which according to him, do not want reform of the justice system. Mr Lu made these declarations during a public roundtable on justice. *"This is your justice system. Have the courage to speak out and do not repeat what you were asked to say! Do not fear these unscrupulous people!"* Mr. Lu said. (balkaneu.com, GR, 18/11).

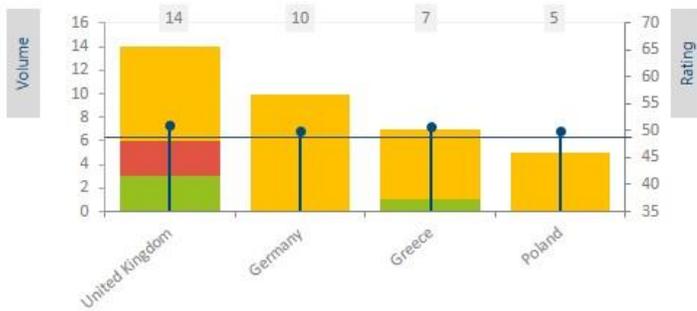
- balkaneu.com, GR, 18/11, <http://www.balkaneu.com/ambassador-tirana-denounces-problems-albanian-justice/>

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