



Key Quotes

Slavka Draskovic, the Director of the Serbian government's Office for Cooperation with the Diaspora and Serbs in the region, urged the Croatian authorities to take urgent measures to stop attacks on Serbs in Croatia and show that they are up for their new role as an EU member. **"There is a campaign against Serbs in Croatia, that is a kind of hysteria, which jeopardizes not only the fundamental and human rights of the Serbs, but also peace, safety and any basic way of normal coexistence,"** Draskovic said (Magyar Hirlap, HU, 6/9) <http://www.magyarthirlap.hu/belgrad-a-horvatorszagi-szerbekert-aggodik>

Summary

Gay Pride in Serbia

Western envoys urged Serbia on Wednesday to make sure a planned gay pride march this month goes ahead without violence, in a test of the Balkan country's commitment to tolerance and diversity as it eyes talks on joining the European Union. The EU has made clear it expects Serbia to do more on gay and minority rights as the bloc prepares to open accession talks with Belgrade in January. *"A peaceful and joyous Pride in Belgrade on September 28, properly secured by authorities, would be another signal of Serbia's commitment to creating a culture of tolerance and diversity and will counter ... hate speech, discrimination and violence,"* Laurent Stokvis, the Dutch ambassador to Serbia, wrote in a letter to Prime Minister Ivica Dačić (uk.reuters.com, UK, 4/9).

- uk.reuters.com, UK, 4/9, <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2013/09/04/us-serbia-gaypride-idUKBRE9830L020130904>

Turkish accusations of a smear campaign

The Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan accused the EU of a smear campaign. He said that the EU is misleading the public on developments in Turkey with false information (Telegraaf, NL, 5/9). He said the country had patiently explained the issue of arrested and convicted journalists. He also added that the use of tear gas during the Gezi protests was in line with the EU acquis (hri.org, CY, 4/9).

- Telegraaf, NL, 5/9, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20130905/mj/item_167919753.pdf
- hri.org, CY, 4/9, <http://www.hri.org/news/cyprus/tcpr/2013/13-09-04.tcpr.html>

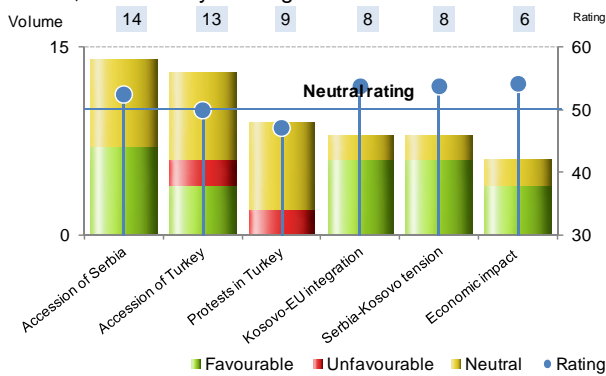
Cooperation in Skopje

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia's government and opposition are drafting a memorandum that will oblige them to cooperate on EU integration (balkans.com, CY, 5/9)

- balkans.com, CY, 5/9, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=181360>

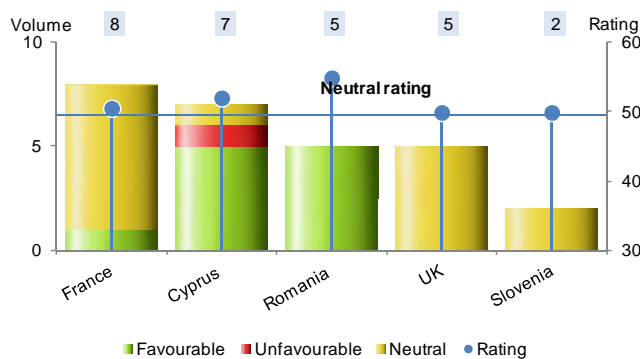
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