

Key Quotes

Albania: *"Greece could accelerate our journey towards the EU"*. Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama has commented on their relations with neighbouring Greece, by considering it as a *"strategic partner"* in the path of EU integration. Edi Rama stressed that the foreign policy of Albania is based on the principle *"zero problems with the neighbours"* (Capital, GR, 24/9).

<http://www.capital.gr/News.asp?id=1876518>

Summary

Turkish reaction to German election results

Turkey is 'unhappy' with the election victory of Angela Merkel as the German Chancellor. Angela Merkel has always opposed the accession of Turkey to the European Union (nujij.nl, 23/9). For Turkey, Angela Merkel's election victory means that Germany will not be particularly interested in a full Turkish EU membership and instead a *"privileged partnership"* will be preferred (abendblatt.de, DE, 23/9).

- nujij.nl, 23/9, <http://www.nujij.nl/politiek/turkije-ongelukkiq-met-verkiezingswinst-merkel.25135001.lynkx>
- abendblatt.de, DE, 23/9, <http://www.abendblatt.de/politik/deutschland/article120297735/Gottesanbeterin-Merkel-sucht-nach-neuen-Opfern.html>

Turkey / Cyprus tension

An array of issues including bilateral affairs, Cyprus, sea zones, the Syrian crisis and the upcoming Greek presidency of the European Union (first half of 2014) have been at the centre of discussions in New York on Monday during a meeting between a Greek and a Turkish delegation, headed by Foreign Minister Evangelos Venizelos and his Turkish counterpart Ahmet Davutoğlu, in the context of the Ministerial Week of the 68th United Nations General Assembly (ansa.it, 24/9). Greece and Turkey have agreed to hold separate meetings with the negotiators of the Cyprus' divided communities, the Cyprus News Agency (CNA) reported, citing an unnamed Greek foreign ministry source. The same source said that the Greek Foreign Minister has informed his Cypriot counterpart, Ioannis Kasoulides, of the agreement. *"We can create a new momentum in the Cyprus problem, based on the proposals made by President Nicos Anastasiades"* Venizelos told reporters. *"I also informed the Secretary-General of my strong conviction that the active participation of the European Union would not only benefit the procedure but would significantly reinforce the efforts to achieve the right solution"* Anastasiades said (cyprus-mail.com, CY, 24/9).

- ansa.it, 24/9, http://www.ansa.it/ansamed/en/news/nations/cyprus/2013/09/24/Greece-Turkey-Venizelos-meets-Davutoqglu-New-York_9349884.html
- cyprus-mail.com, CY, 24/9, <http://cyprus-mail.com/2013/09/24/greece-turkey-seek-to-boost-cyprus-talks/>

Overhaul of judiciary in Serbia

Serbia's Minister of Justice and Public Administration, Nikola Selaković, stated that Serbia is ready for the overview of the situation in the judiciary, i.e. for the explanatory screening which will start in Brussels on 25 September, as part of negotiations for Serbia's membership of the EU. Selaković announced that he will lead a delegation from Serbia which will attend the start of the explanatory screening, dedicated to chapter 23 that deals with judiciary, fight against corruption and fundamental rights (balkans.com, CY, 24/9).

- balkans.com, CY, 24/9, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=182353>

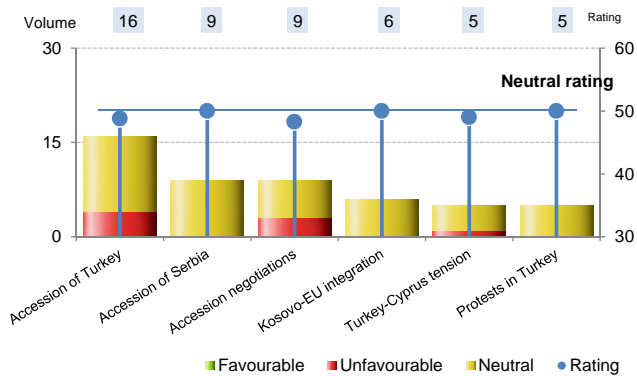
Kosovo asks Serbia to explain Kosovo killing

Kosovo's Foreign Minister, Enver Hoxhaj has declared, following the killing of the EULEX officer a few days ago, that the Serbian Government must offer explanations. According to him, Belgrade alone can shed light on this. Hoxhaj said that although there is no direct proof that links Belgrade with the killing, Belgrade's control in the northern border of Kosovo means that Serb authorities must explain whatever they know about the groups or individuals in that region, who may be involved (balkaneu.com, EL, 24/9).

- balkaneu.com, EL, 24/9, <http://www.balkaneu.com/foreign-minister-hoxhaj-serbia-explain-killing-eulex-officer/>

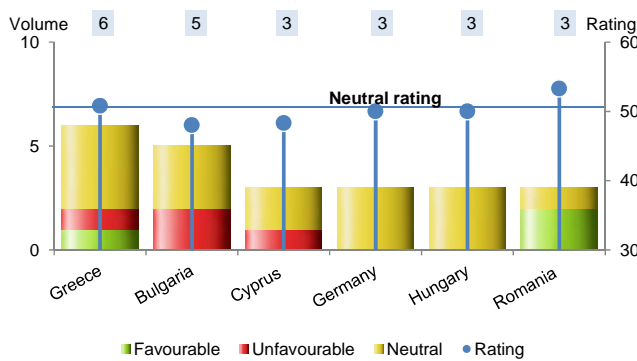
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Igor Lukšić (Foreign Minister, Montenegro)	2
Ivica Dačić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	2
Ban Ki-moon (Secretary-General, UN)	2
Jyrki Katainen (Prime Minister, Finland)	2
Victor Ponta (Prime Minister, Romania)	2

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