



## Key Quotes

Anti-government protests in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The International High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Valentin Inzko, has even raised the possibility of **the deployment of European Union troops if disturbances continue**. But Tomislav Bajkusa, 81, has seen plenty in his 80-plus years, and he was far from impressed by Mr Inzko's attitude. **"He keeps calling for democracy,"** he said. **"We've tried that for years but nothing is happening. This is the only way to sort things out. I'm against violence, but these protests must continue"** (BBC Online, UK, 10/2).

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-26113510>

## Summary

### Erdoğan clamps down on internet before polls

Turkey's Government faced accusations that it was trying to suppress corruption allegations and silence dissent yesterday after forcing new internet censorship laws through parliament. With Turkey gearing up for key mayoral elections next month, the law is widely viewed as an attempt to suppress allegations of corruption at the heart of the Government. *"There are attempts to bring freedoms which are indispensable parts of democracy under the control of the State and the Government,"* said Celal Adan, the deputy leader of the opposition Nationalist Movement Party. The EU Enlargement Commissioner, Štefan Füle, wrote: *"The public needs more transparency and information, not restrictions"*. Turkey's main journalists' union and Reporters Without Borders urged President Gul not to sign the Bill into law, describing it as *"disastrous"* (Times, UK, 7/2). Gunnar Jonsson wrote that Erdoğan does not qualify for the EU in a signed editorial in Dagens Nyheter (SE, 7/2), adding that the Internet has never been a favourite of Turkey's Prime Minister. This man will do anything to strangle the legal system and hinder press freedom. Such a country - ruled by Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's whims - cannot join the EU. Let us just hope that this nation's citizens will be able to stop the *"Putinisation"* of Turkey (Dagens-Nyheter, SE, 7/2).

- Times, UK, 7/2 [link not available]
- Dagens-Nyheter, SE, 7/2, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140207/mi/item\\_186441658.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140207/mi/item_186441658.pdf)

### The EP calls date for accession negotiations for former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

With 486 votes in favour, 55 against and 29 abstentions, European Parliament passed a resolution on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, proposed by British MEP, Richard Howitt. This resolution calls on the European Council to confirm a date for the start of negotiations for the accession of former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in the EU. The resolution states that bilateral problems must not be an obstacle for the start of talks, although they must be solved before the accession process (balkaneu.com, UK, 6/2). During the debate the Greek Foreign Minister tried to convince MEPs to give up on the stereotype that the name issue is the only question distancing the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia from the EU. *"Even if we imagine that the name issue is solved tomorrow, this will not mean that all problems concerning membership have been suddenly solved"* Evangelos Venizelos said (focus-fen.net, BG, 7/2).

- balkaneu.com, UK, 6/2, <http://www.balkaneu.com/european-parliament-passes-resolution-fyr-macedonia/>
- focus-fen.net, BG, 7/2, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2014/02/07/326550/utrinski-vesnik-name-issue-is-not-the-major-obstacle-before-macedonias-eu-accession-says-greece.html>

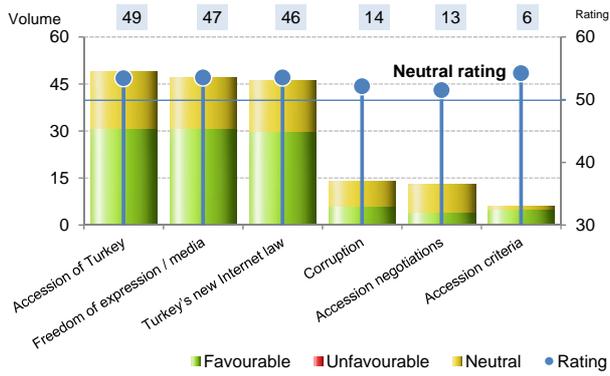
### Italian support for Serbia

On a visit following the 21 January launch of Serbia's EU accession negotiations, the Italian Foreign Ministry's Secretary General Michele Valensise held meetings in Belgrade in confirmation of Italy's support for Serbia's EU membership and to promote economic cooperation aimed at fostering the growth of Italian businesses there (esteri.it, IT, 6/2).

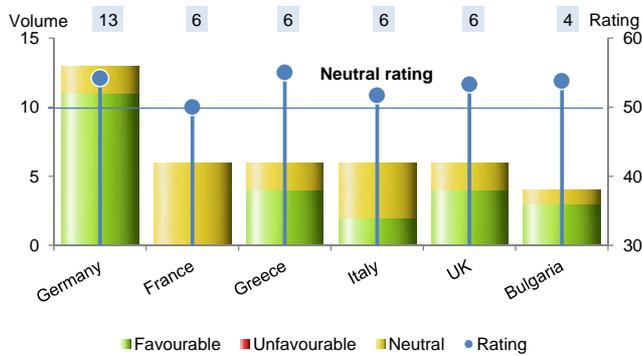
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