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Key Quotes

Cyprus leaders resume peace talks. The White House hailed the leaders' "courage and vision" on forging the declaration and echoed EU chiefs who said it laid "a solid foundation" for achieving peace. Turkish prime minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, whose country's troubled EU membership bid is further hobbled by the Cyprus dispute, expressed hope the talks would take "no backward steps" (msn.com, UK, 12/2). http://news.uk.msn.com/world/cyprus-leaders-resume-peace-talks

Summary

Unrest in BiH

EU High Foreign Affairs Commissioner Catherine Ashton said on Monday that demonstrations, now entering their fourth day in Bosnia and Herzegovina, are a chance for the country's leadership to address protesters' demands. The protests are an opportunity "to solve economic as well as political problems", Ashton said before attending the EU Foreign Affairs Council. Sending more EU troops "remains a hypothetical situation for now. The important thing is for the Bosnian leadership to take the population's very real concerns into account", adding "Bosnia and Herzegovina has many leaders, and it is time for them to show leadership" (ansamed.info, IT, 10/2). British Foreign Minister William Hague in Brussels on Monday said the economic unrest in Bosnia and Herzegovina last week is a "wake-up call for the European Union" adding "We need to focus more effort on this country's path toward EU and NATO membership so that the stagnation in Bosnian politics can end" (euobserver.com, UK, 10/2). Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the EU discussed Bosnian conflict in Brussels. Although initially not on the agenda, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the EU were discussing the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina at the request of Slovenia and Croatia. Many say it is time to worry and believe the EU should act (Jutarnji-list, HR, 11/2).

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Turkish support for Cyprus talks

The European Commission on Monday hailed Turkey's support for the latest talks on a Cyprus settlement and welcomed its progress as a candidate member country in meeting EU standards. The two sides "agreed how important a comprehensive settlement to the Cyprus issue is for all our interests" EU Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle said after he met Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu. "I expressed how much we appreciate Turkey's support in recent weeks to help re-launch talks between the two sides" in Cyprus. At the meeting, also attended by EU foreign affairs head Catherine Ashton, Füle said that he had recognised "progress was indeed achieved last year in Turkey." The opening of a new chapter in EU membership talks along with Turkey's adoption of judicial reform and democratisation packages, plus talks on visa liberalisation, "all gave fresh momentum to our cooperation and proved [the] strong desire of both sides to advance further," Füle said (eubusiness.com, UK, 10/2).

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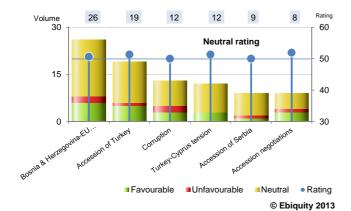
Serbian elections

Most of Serbia's minority Albanian parties said Monday that they plan to boycott the March 16 early elections to protest against the government's failure to meet their demands. Among these unmet demands are autonomous tribunals in the Albanian Muslim municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja, located near the Kosovo border (ansamed.info, IT, 10/2).

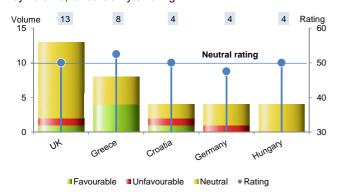
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ELARG: **Key Stakeholders & Sources** by volume, favourability & rating

William Hague (Foreign Secretary, UK)

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Dervis Eroğlu (Turkish Cypriot leader)	12
Štefan Füle (Enlargement Commissioner, EC)	11
Baroness Catherine Ashton, (High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, EU)	11
Nicos Anastasiades (President, Cyprus)	10
Ahmet Davutoğlu (Foreign Minister, Turkey)	8

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