



## Key Quotes

Pusic: **"Unrest in Bosnia caused by bad economy, EU should be more efficient"**. Croatia's Foreign and European Affairs Minister Vesna Pusić said: **"The EU cannot come to a country and decide on its internal configuration, but it can set criteria for the functioning of the state institutions and criteria for internal integration which runs in parallel to the country's integration with the EU."** Pusic added that the EU was not a policeman and could not impose on anyone, especially not on a non-EU country, criteria for its internal organisation. **"But it can create conditions which are attractive to that country and its people and to which they aspire. That is the EU's main instrument of power"** (Dalje.com, HR, 12/2).

<http://dalje.com/en-croatia/pusic--unrest-in-bosnia-caused-by-bad-economy-eu-should-be-more-efficient/499697>

The European Parliament is in favour of granting Albania EU accession candidate status and will do so again, EP Vice President Gianni Pittella said Wednesday after talks with Albanian Premier Edi Rama. **"I sincerely hope the European Council will green-light the move to candidate status in June"**, Pittella said (Balkans.com, UK, 13/2).

<http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=188840>

## Summary

### Welcome for Cyprus reunification talks

The European Union on Tuesday welcomed the agreement announced by the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot leaders on a Joint Declaration, which it said lays a solid foundation for resumption of negotiations for a fair and viable comprehensive settlement of the long-standing Cyprus problem. This Joint Declaration should help them to swiftly address matters of substance and to achieve rapid results in the negotiations, the President of the European Commission, José Manuel Barroso, and the President of the European Council, Herman Van Rompuy said in a joint statement. As previously announced, the European Commission is keen to play its part in supporting the negotiations, conducted under UN auspices (incyprus.philenews.com, CY, 12/2). Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan said, **"We are heading toward a new process in Cyprus,"** but added that he hoped the current negotiations would take **"no backward steps"** (dw.de, DE, 11/2).

- incyprus.philenews.com, CY, 12/2, <http://incyprus.philenews.com/en-gb/Cyprus/4170/39835/eu-welcomes-start-of-talk>
- dw.de, DE, 11/2, <http://www.dw.de/rival-leaders-agree-to-seek-settlement-over-divided-cyprus/a-17425053>

### BiH - Protests and knitting of political threads

Bosnia and Herzegovina is still restless, protests are continuing and the crisis is deepening at all levels, especially at the level of cantons, as local administration keeps collapsing. Politics seems to be coming increasingly to the fore. BiH citizens have lost confidence in the EU and it is not insignificant that the EU has European military forces in BiH. Bosnia and Herzegovina does not even expect much from the anticipated visit of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton and Commissioner for Enlargement Štefan Füle (Delo, SI, 12/2).

- Delo, SI, 12/2, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140212/mj/item\\_187075330.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140212/mj/item_187075330.pdf)

### British statement on BiH

In the current social, economic and political situation, open dialogue between citizens and authorities is of the highest importance. It is now vital that the leaders and politicians of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as a first step, listen carefully to the concerns of all the citizens of this country. Therefore we look to BiH's leaders and politicians, without exception, to engage in dialogue with citizens. Such dialogue must address how to strengthen the rule of law, boost the economy and improve overall quality of life and the prospects for young people. They must then address these concerns directly with credible, concrete action. We strongly reject any and all attempts to exploit recent events to raise ethnic tensions, and we encourage the continuation of normal public life (gov.uk, UK, 11/2)

- gov.uk, UK, 11/2, <https://www.gov.uk/government/world-location-news/statement-by-the-eu-heads-of-missions-on-protests-in-bosnia-and-herzegovina>

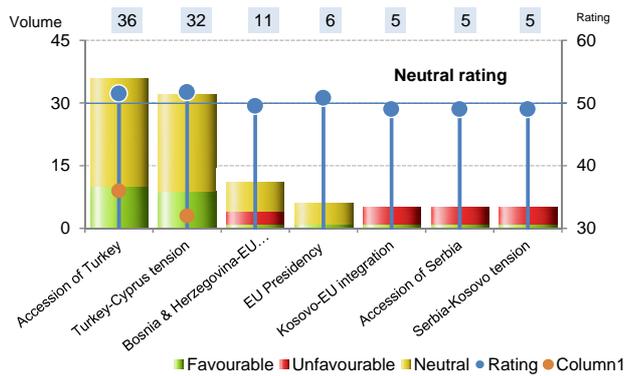
### Serbia's war crimes court jails 11

Serbia's war crimes court jailed nine former members of a Serbian paramilitary group on Tuesday for killing more than 120 ethnic Albanian civilians during the Kosovo conflict in 1999. The prison terms ranged from two to 20 years, the court said in a statement, though its acquittal of two other defendants drew criticism from the war crimes prosecution team. All 11 men were former members of a group known as the "Jackals" and had been on trial for mass killings of ethnic Albanians in four villages in Kosovo, then a province of Serbia (uk.reuters.com, UK, 11/2).

- uk.reuters.com, UK, 11/2, <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/02/11/uk-serbia-warcrimes-idUKBREA1A17820140211>

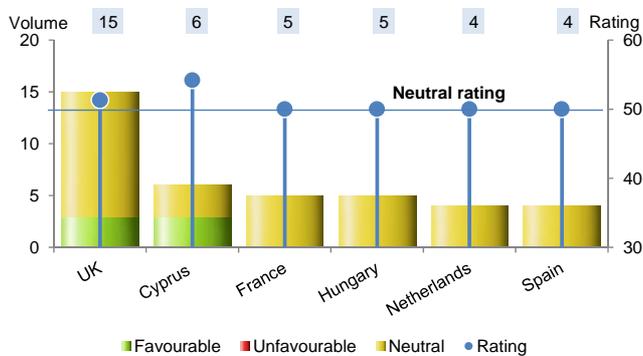
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