



Key Quotes

Turkey's EU Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu has emphasized the notion of "**independence**" in response to EU Commissioner Stefan Füle who this week stressed the need for Turkey as a candidate for EU membership to consult with the European Commission on all laws related to both negotiation process and the political criteria. "**If we attempted to ask for an opinion on every law, none of these reforms would be completed,**" Çavuşoğlu said. He also called European responsible representatives to share their views on laws they are sensitive to with Turkish officials before making "**hasty**" public statements (Dnevnik.bg, BG, 13/2).

http://www.dnevnik.bg/evropa/razshiriavane/2014/02/13/2240491_es_da_spodelia_predi_da_pravi_priburzani_izjavleniia/?ref=rss

Summary

Situation in BiH

Regional power Turkey called on Wednesday for urgent political and economic reforms in Bosnia and Herzegovina after the worst bout of social unrest in the impoverished Balkan country since its 1992-95 war. Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu made his appeal during a visit to Sarajevo as hundreds of demonstrators took to the streets for a second week over unemployment, corruption and political inertia in the former Yugoslav republic. Some members of the European Union, Bosnia and Herzegovina's chief sponsor, have said the protests are a wake-up call after years of political stagnation rooted in a labyrinthine power-sharing system created under a 1995 peace deal. EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton is expected to visit Sarajevo next week amid calls from some in the 28-nation bloc to accelerate Bosnia and Herzegovina's integration. "*Today is the day to act in Bosnia and we must not wait any longer,*" Davutoğlu said adding "*Bosnia urgently needs international aid in the form of a new package of political and economic reforms*" (uk.reuters.com, UK, 12/2). Deutsche Welle (dw.de, DE, 12/2) reports that most of the protests seen have been in the Bosniak-Croat federation, not in the largely Serbian part, the Republika Srpska, despite its even worse economic state and asks whether these protests could turn into a pan-Bosnian insurgency?

- uk.reuters.com, UK, 12/2, <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/02/12/uk-bosnia-protests-turkey-idUKBREA1B1JM20140212>
- dw.de, DE, 12/2, <http://www.dw.de/german-parliamentarian-rolf-m%C3%BCtzenich-protests-in-bosnia-legitimate/a-17427196>

Spanish visit to Turkey

Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy began a visit to Turkey on Tuesday. Rajoy, who travelled with the Spanish defence, interior and public works ministers, as well as the secretaries of state for commerce and foreign affairs, will seek to highlight the effects of the economic reforms in his country while also looking for new business opportunities for Spanish companies. Rajoy hopes he can help Spain continue the positive trend of increased investment in Turkey. Spain has seen an important increase in commerce with Turkey in recent years with the volume of trade rising by 18% between 2010 and 2012 and by 9% in the first nine months of 2013. Turkey is the 10th biggest importer of Spanish products and the third highest outside of the European Union after Morocco and the United States. Spanish exports increased by 35.56% between 2011 and 2012, with the service, information technology and transport sectors all benefiting (ansamed.info, IT, 12/2).

- ansamed.info, IT, 12/2, http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/en/news/nations/turkey/2014/02/12/Cooperation-Spanish-PM-Rajoy-visits-Turkey-boost-trade_10058587.html

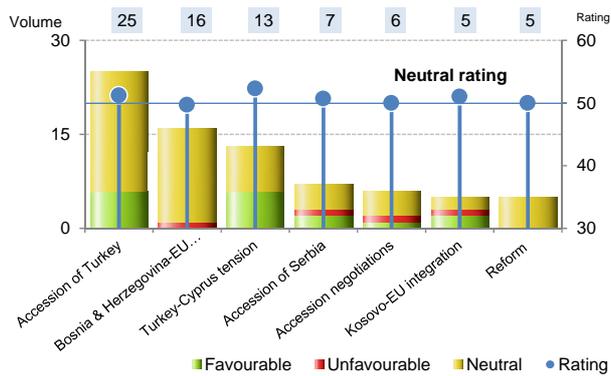
Press freedom in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe's (OSCE) representative on freedom of the media, Dunja Mijatović, has hailed the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia's recently adopted media laws. Talking to journalists in Skopje on February 12, Mijatović welcomed the country's attention to the OSCE's recommendations but urged the government to implement the adopted laws to see real results. Mijatović said she discussed with the Prime Minister, Nikola Gruevski, the issue of defamation. According to Mijatović, the fines proposed by the law are too high and would likely affect media pluralism (rferl.org, CZ, 12/2).

- rferl.org, CZ, 12/2, <http://www.rferl.org/content/macedonia-osce-media-reforms/25261721.html>

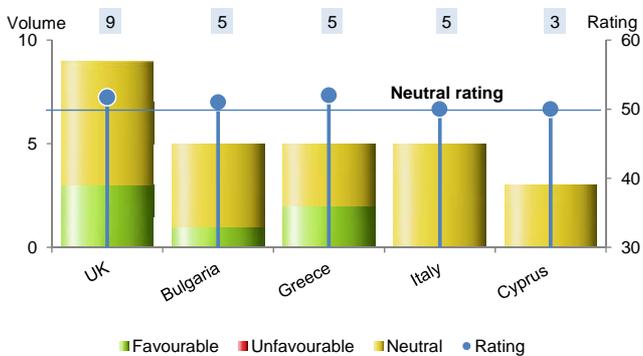
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Dervis Eroğlu (Turkish Cypriot leader)	11
Ban Ki-moon (UN Secretary General)	9
Ahmet Davutoğlu (Foreign Minister, Turkey)	8
Baroness Catherine Ashton (High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, EU)	7
Nicos Anastasiades (President, Cyprus)	7
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey)	6
William Hague (Foreign Secretary, UK)	5

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