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Key Quotes

Ruling Progressive Party 'wins majority in Serbia poll'. "It's a remarkable story of redemption for Aleksandar Vučić, who in his twenties served as information minister under the autocratic, ultra-nationalist president Slobodan Milošević", says the BBC's Guy De Launey in Belgrade. "Yet now he's being trusted by voters to steer Serbia to membership of the European Union," he adds (BBC Online, UK, 16/3). http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-26598829

"Turkey EU accession won't come cheap", says Cyprus FM. Cyprus Foreign Minister Ioannis Kasoulides said that the negotiation chapters for Turkey's EU accession will only open if the government in Nicosia feels that the reason they were closed in the first place has been lifted (Financialmirror.com, CY, 15/3).

http://www.financialmirror.com/news-details.php?nid=32168

Summary

EU mackerel deal with Norway and Faroes angers Iceland (uk.news.yahoo.com, UK, 13/3)

The European Union has reached an agreement over controversial mackerel quotas with Norway and the Faroe Islands, prompting an angry reaction from Iceland on Thursday. The deal, agreed in London on Wednesday - a week after negotiations with Iceland broke down - is aimed at ending a four-year "mackerel war" over North Atlantic mackerel quotas with Iceland and the Faroe Islands, an autonomous Danish territory. "I would have preferred that Iceland joined the agreement but an agreement between three is a big step in the right direction"

Norwegian Minister of Fisheries Elisabeth Aspaker said in a statement. Iceland's Foreign Minister Gunnar Bragi Sveinsson expressed surprise that the deal had gone ahead without his country's involvement. "What we have been wondering is what secret deals were going on while we believed we were in an honest and open discussion with the European Union and the Faroe Islands" he said (eubusiness.com, UK, 13/3).

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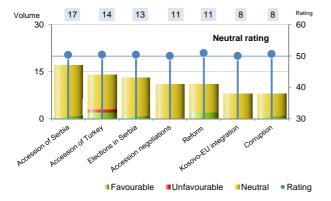
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Tensions in Turkey have exacerbated further as another two people died in nationwide protests against the Islamic-conservative government on Wednesday night. On Wednesday The European Parliament adopted the 2013 progress report on Turkey, but in a resolution, criticised the government in Ankara for the violence against peaceful demonstrators, regression in press freedom and the division of powers, internet surveillance and the insufficient investigation of corruption allegations. The Turkish government rejected this criticism (Kleine-Zeitung, DE, 14/3). The Turkish government is accused by the opposition, organizations defending human rights and the European Commission, of using disproportionate force when dealing with protesters (liberation.fr, FR, 13/3).

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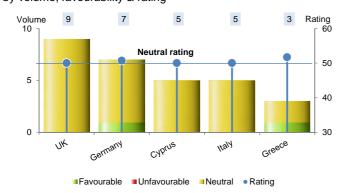
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Gunnar Bragi Sveinsson (Foreign Minister, Iceland)	2
Maria Damanaki (Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, EC)	2

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