



Key Quotes

Financial Mirror Editorial: "The crisis in Ukraine, enflamed by Russia's ambitions over Crimea, has placed Cyprus in an extremely awkward situation. On the one hand, Cyprus has to face the hypocrisy of the U.S., the U.K. and their faithful EU High Commissioner for Foreign Affairs who are demanding that Russia "**respect international law**" while they do bugger all about Turkey's blatant lack of "**respect for international law**" over Cyprus. Ironically, Catherine Ashton said that Russia was "**undermining the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence**" of Ukraine. Too bad she doesn't have the guts to say that to Turkey, or maybe she's not allowed to" (Financial Mirror, CY, 19/3).

<http://www.financialmirror.com/blog-details.php?nid=1277>

Summary

BNE interview with Kosovo Prime Minister

Russia's annexation of Crimea and Kosovo's secession from Serbia cannot be compared "*in any circumstances*" and recent attempts to draw parallels between them are unsustainable, Kosovo's prime minister told BNE in an interview. Speaking in a wide-ranging interview, Hashim Thaçi said that he expected the Serb minority community in Kosovo to be fully integrated within seven years. He also promised further improvements to the investment environment, with the state taking a smaller role in the economy and a continued fight against widespread corruption. Critics suggest that Kosovo is economically backward and has a serious problem with organised crime and corruption. According to official figures, average wages are just over €360 a month (bne.eu, DE, 19/3).

- bne.eu, DE, 19/3, http://www.bne.eu/story5879/INTERVIEW_Kosovo_PM_rubbishes_Crimea_comparisons

Human rights in Turkey

The European Court of Human Rights says Turkey has violated the rights of the Kurdish separatist leader Abdullah Öcalan, who has been imprisoned on an isolated island jail since 1999. Until November 2009, his solitary confinement was "*inhuman*", the court said. Later his conditions improved - he has had some limited social contact. Öcalan's Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) has been waging a 30-year armed struggle for Kurdish independence. A year ago, Öcalan called for a truce. More than 40,000 people have died during the group's insurgency (bbc.com, UK, 16/3).

- bbc.com, UK, 16/3, <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-26638002>

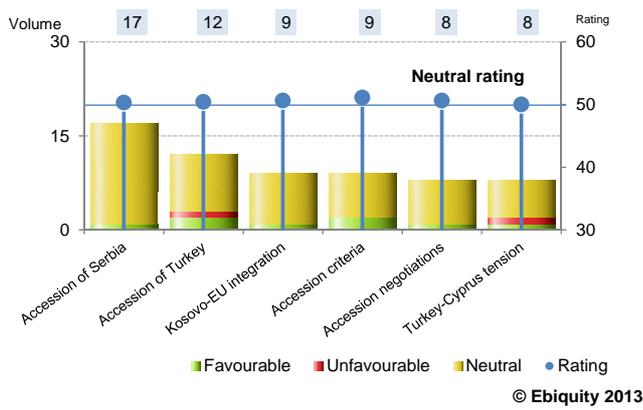
Warnings on BiH

The international community must immediately change the current passive attitude towards Bosnia and Herzegovina and engage more if it does not want the Ukrainian scenario in BiH the former High Representative of the international community in BiH, Paddy Ashdown warned on Tuesday in Sarajevo. "*Europe and the U.S. must act decisively to prevent this kind of division in Bosnia and Herzegovina*" said Ashdown, pointing to the responsibility of Brussels and Washington to use "*all means*" to protect the territorial integrity of Bosnia and Herzegovina (index.hr, HR, 18/3).

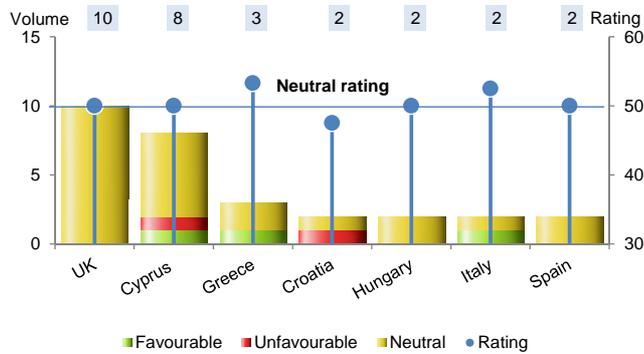
index.hr, HR, 18/3, <http://www.index.hr/vijesti/clanak/ashdown-ukrajinski-scenarij-prijeti-i-bih/734589.aspx>

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Aleksandar Vučić (First Deputy Prime Minister, Serbia)	7
Paddy Ashdown (Former BiH High Representative)	4
Ivica Dačić (Prime Minister, Serbia)	3
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