

## Key Quotes

United Nations intermediary for the solution of the name dispute, Matthew Nimetz, declared that in the round of talks held in New York, there has been no progress as far as the harmonization of the positioning of the two negotiating parties is concerned. ***“There have been no concrete results from the meeting. There have been sincere and dynamic talks. Both parties have agreed on intensifying talks. The parties are happy with this format of negotiations and a new meeting has been scheduled to take place in the end of May, after which I will visit the region”***, said Mr. Nimetz following the meeting with former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia intermediary Zoran Jolevski and the Greek one, Adamantios Vassilakis (balkaneu.com, GR, 26/3).

<http://www.balkaneu.com/nimetz-parties-progress-dispute/>

## Summary

### Ban on Twitter temporarily rescinded

An Ankara court has temporarily suspended a Turkish government agency's decision to block access to Twitter. The Ankara court's stay of execution comes as a result of a legal challenge by the Turkish Bar Association. The legality of blocking all Twitter instead of the few accounts for which court orders existed, had been widely contested in Turkey according to Zeynep Tufekci, assistant professor at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and expert on social media (ibtimes.co.uk, UK, 26/3). Lawyers and the opposition party had asked the courts to overturn the Twitter ban, arguing it was illegal and unconstitutional. It was not clear when or if the telecommunications authority would follow Wednesday's court order (neurope.eu, BE, 26/3).

- ibtimes.co.uk, UK, 26/3, <http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/turkey-ankara-court-lifts-twitter-government-ban-1441872>
- neurope.eu, BE, 26/3, <http://www.neurope.eu/article/court-orders-temporary-halt-turkeys-twitter-ban>

### Serbia's allegiances

Serbia's delicate path between the European Union and traditional partner Russia is being tested, as relations between Moscow and the West fray over the crisis in Ukraine's Crimea. With a new Serbian government being formed under a prime minister who has pledged to move closer to Brussels, Moscow is scrambling to assure its continued influence in Belgrade. The outgoing Serbian Prime Minister, Ivica Dačić, who also serves as Interior Minister, is widely seen as the Kremlin's closest ally in Belgrade and Moscow. He is reportedly lobbying to assure that he remains in the cabinet. Aleksandar Vučić made what was described as a private trip to Moscow last week and, according to some reports, he was accompanied by Dačić. Reports of the trip fuelled a round of speculation about what Russia was up to (rferl.org, CZ, 25/3).

- rferl.org, CZ, 25/3, <http://www.rferl.org/content/crimea-serbia-eu-russia/25309241.html>

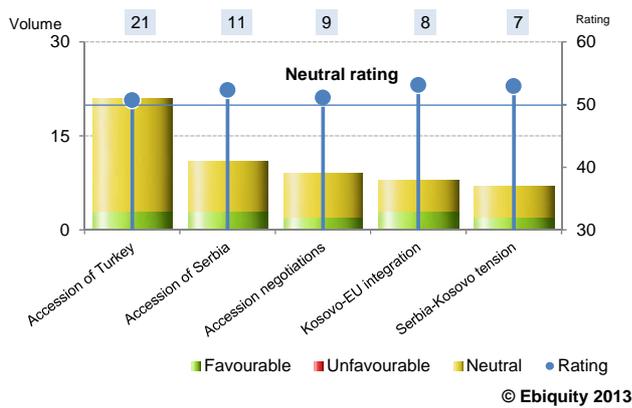
### Name dispute

Current President of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Gjorge Ivanov speaking before the crowd of supporters remarked that the country was heading towards European integration. In his words, the country was conducting a policy of a good neighbourly relations and did not pose risks to anyone. He then went on to say *“as a President I will not allow changes to the Constitution that cover a change of the name and I will not accept ideas that threaten the Macedonian identity”*, Ivanov remarked, adding that no one has the right to decide the country's future but its citizens (focus-fen.net, BG, 26/3).

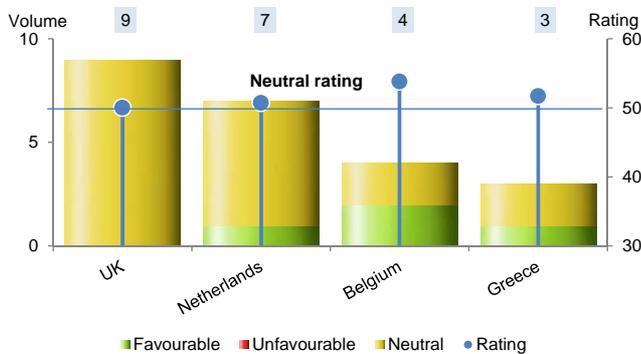
- focus-fen.net, BG, 26/3, <http://focus-fen.net/news/2014/03/26/331057/vecer-no-one-else-but-citizens-have-the-right-to-decide-macedonias-future-says-president.html>

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