



Key Quotes

Turkey's government says it is restoring access to Twitter, a day after a high court ruling against the ban. On Wednesday, the US Embassy in Turkey welcomed the high court's decision to lift the ban. The EU Commissioner for Enlargement Štefan Füle said on Twitter that he looked forward to the "**swift enforcement**" of the court order (Yahoo!, UK, 3/4).

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/twitter-ban-stays-despite-ruling-102702652.html?b=index&.cf3=Tech&.cf4=2&.cf5=Press+Association&.cf6=%2F#oVHVAo>

"Do not force us to become enemies of Russia," said Serbian Deputy Premier - and future government head - Aleksandar Vučić in an appeal to European partners regarding the crisis in Ukraine. **"Serbia is on the road to European integration. It wants to become a member of the EU and not of the Eurasian Union. Serbia respects its obligations, but wants to maintain good, friendly relations with Russia,"** said Vučić to the broadcaster Deutsche Welle (ansamed.ansa.it, IT, 3/4).

http://ansamed.ansa.it/ansamed/it/notizie/rubriche/politica/2014/04/03/ucraina-serbia-con-ue-ma-non-contro-russia_695e8eb7-0675-4588-b199-20ad18aadaf4.html

Summary

Barroso silent on EU-Turkey relations

Responding to a question by MEP Mario Borghezio, Commission President José Manuel Barroso avoided confirming the participation of a Turkish delegation at the 2013 Bilderberg Club meeting, and did not reveal whether Turkey's EU accession was on the agenda (Philelefttheros, CY, 3/4). Meanwhile Turkish Cypriot daily Detay newspaper (2/4) reported that Kutlay Erk, General Secretary of the Republican Turkish Party, has argued that the Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's target to join the European Union has not changed and for this reason Erdoğan allegedly wants to solve the Cyprus problem. Asked to comment on the local elections results in Turkey, Erk argued that "**we need Erdoğan's vision**" (hri.org, CY, 2/4). However, following recent authoritarian developments in Turkey under Erdoğan, it has become questionable how much Europe can rely on the country. "**Mr Erdoğan is turning his country into an authoritarian state,**" (Zeit, DE, 3/4), and thus takes his place in the group of authoritarian leaders from Azerbaijan, Russia and Egypt, according to the author of this article. The European Union should make it clear that EU accession will be unlikely under Mr Erdoğan after his recent transgressions, but should at the same time emphasise that an enlightened Turkish civil society will be welcome in better times in the future.

- Philelefttheros, CY, 3/4, (Link not available)
- hri.org, CY, 2/4, <http://www.hri.org/news/cyprus/tcpr/2014/14-04-02.tcpr.html>
- Zeit, DE, 3/4, (Link not available)

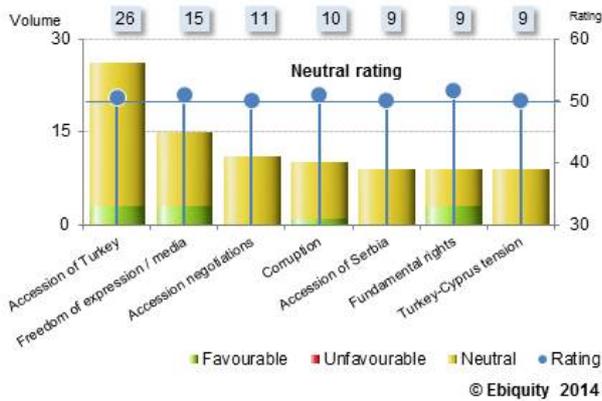
Kosovo and terrorism

Terrorism should not be underestimated, especially as it is comfortably financed from drug sales, Czech President Miloš Zeman said at the beginning of his two-day official visit to Serbia on Tuesday. At the opening of an exhibition on Czech-Serbian military cooperation in Belgrade, Zeman said Islamic fundamentalism is the most visible form of terrorism (praguemonitor.com, CZ, 2/4). He went on to say that the idea of building up an independent Kosovo armed force would lead to re-arming members of the Kosovo Liberation Army (UCK) that committed terrorist acts. The commitment to dissolve the UCK was included in the peace treaties after the end of the conflict between Serbs and Albanians, Zeman recalled (ceskenoviny.cz, CZ, 2/4).

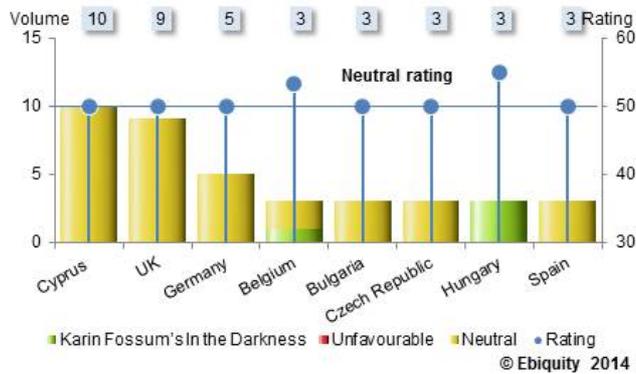
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- ceskenoviny.cz, CZ, 2/4, <http://www.ceskenoviny.cz/news/zpravy/to-form-kosovo-military-would-arm-uck-zeman/1062810>

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José Manuel Barroso (President, EC)	5
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Štefan Füle (Enlargement Commissioner, EC)	3
Ban Ki-moon (UN Secretary General)	3
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