



## Key Quotes

The U.S. ambassador to Kosovo has told RFE/RL that the proposed establishment of a special tribunal to deal with allegations of organ trafficking by former Kosovo Albanian rebels would help Kosovo build up its **"international credibility."** Ambassador Tracey Ann Jacobson, in an interview with RFE/RL's Balkan Service on April 8, said Pristina's failure to approve such a court **"would be potentially very damaging for Kosovo's credibility and it would give a tool to those who want to question the legitimacy of Kosovo's independence"** ([rferl.org](http://www.rferl.org/content/us-ambassador-says-special-tribunal-would-boost-kosovos-credibility/25326113.html), CZ, 8/4).  
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## Summary

### Google takes legal action against Turkish government (nu.nl, NL, 8/4)

YouTube on Monday filed a complaint to Turkey's Constitutional Court regarding the continued blocking of the site. Last Friday, a court in Ankara decided to lift the block on the website, but the public prosecutor's office appealed on the grounds that YouTube had not removed weblinks hosting allegedly illegal content. After its evaluation of the appeal, the court annulled its earlier decision and ruled that until the legally questionable content is removed from the website the block will continue (ansamed.info, IT, 7/4).

- nu.nl, NL, 8/4, <http://www.nu.nl/tech/3746376/google-neemt-juridische-stappen-turkse-overheid.html>
- ansamed.info, IT, 7/4, [http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/en/news/nations/turkey/2014/04/07/turkey-youtube-files-complaint-against-re-ban-by-court\\_7dff0b50-3c68-491a-a53e-fa2c746c6276.html](http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/en/news/nations/turkey/2014/04/07/turkey-youtube-files-complaint-against-re-ban-by-court_7dff0b50-3c68-491a-a53e-fa2c746c6276.html)

### Erdoğan's problems far from over

A number of major political developments in Turkey have brought the country to a critical juncture. Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's Justice and Development Party (A.K.P.) government has been hit by a series of major blows during its third term. Although the Gezi Park protests, sparked by plans for urban development in central Istanbul in May 2013, have been suppressed, the backlash against the government that started with Gezi has continued. In December, allegations of corruption brought Prime Minister Erdoğan's cabinet and his acquaintances under suspicion. The corruption scandal has shaken the A.K.P. at a time of increasing domestic unrest, deadlock in the EU integration process, growing criticisms of foreign policy, and diminishing international legitimacy (cyprus-mail.com, CY, 8/4). According to Senem Aydin, a political scientist at Istanbul Bilgi University, the EU currently doesn't enjoy great popularity in Turkey. This is partly due to the vague promises made by the EU and the unusually long accession process, said Aydin. *"The people no longer believe that the EU is seriously considering Turkey's membership, especially because Turkey is a mostly Muslim country. They believe that Turkey can fulfil all the criteria but still won't become a member"* (dw.de, DE 7/4).

- cyprus-mail.com, CY, 8/4, <http://cyprus-mail.com/2014/04/08/erdogans-problems-far-from-over/>
- dw.de, DE, 7/4, <http://www.dw.de/turkey-losing-faith-in-the-european-dream/a-17547346>

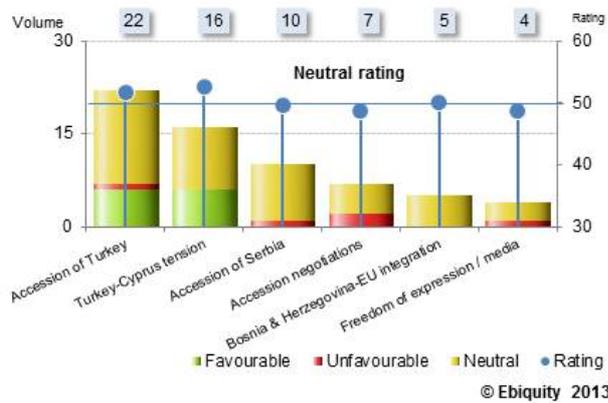
### Planning Montenegro's future

Montenegro's Prime Minister Milo Đukanović held a meeting with prominent intellectuals for the exchange of opinions on Montenegro's future strategic development, with a special emphasis on national, economic, and cultural identity. *"We wish to have a dialogue which would help stimulate us towards creating better policies and solving problems of the Montenegrin society"*, Prime Minister Đukanović said, noting the importance of institutional development, rule of law, and adopting European standards with the view to achieving Montenegro's European and Euro-Atlantic ambitions. (balkans.com, UK,7/4).

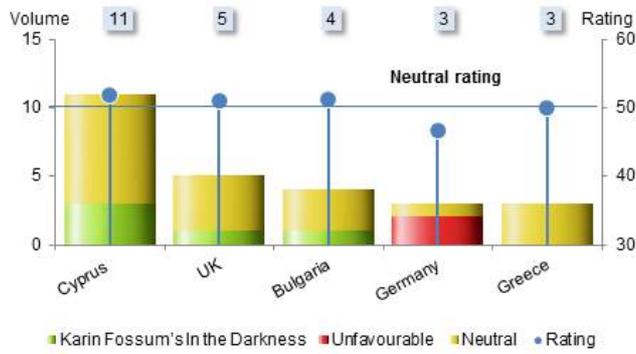
- balkans.com, UK, 7/4, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=191571>

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