



Key Quotes

Turkish Cypriot leader Derviş Eroğlu came under fire from the Greek Cypriot side for what the government called his attempts to misrepresent the state of the talks to the UN. Foreign Minister of Cyprus Ioannis Kasoulides slammed Eroğlu for giving the impression that the talks were *“five minutes away from progress”* when the truth was the contrary, he said. He said Eroğlu’s statements in New York were part of the attempt by the Turkish side to create the illusion of progress where there was none. *“This is quite contrary to the positions on the table, which do not leave room for progress,”* Kasoulides said. *“Everyone knows what is being discussed at the table and what is reasonable and what is unreasonable,”* he added (cyprus-mail.com, CY, 24/4).

<http://cyprus-mail.com/2014/04/24/eroglu-rapped-for-misleading-un/>

Summary

Kosovo encouraged to create war crimes tribunal.

American Vice President Joe Biden, has sent a letter to prime minister of Kosovo, Hashim Thaçi, where he says that he encourages Kosovo to fully collaborate with the European Union for the establishment and Special Court on war crimes.

In this letter, Mr Biden praises the progress recently made by Kosovo. (Balkaneu.com, GR, 23/4). While both the EU and the United States are calling on Pristina to create the tribunal, the issue divides both the population and the country’s political leaders (Libre-Belgique, BE, and Liberation.fr, FR 23/4). The EU delegation in Pristina has stated that the tribunal would be based in Kosovo, but sensitive procedures, including the examination of witnesses, would be held outside the country (dhnet.be, BE, 23/4).

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The European Court of Human Rights condemns Turkey

The European Court of Human Rights has condemned Turkey for a case involving prisoners, who complain that they were not allowed to speak in Kurdish in telephone conversations with their families. Turkish courts had considered justifiable the restrictions imposed on the use of Kurdish prisoners. "Each of the plaintiffs was prevented by the prison authorities to make telephone conversations in Kurdish," said the ECHR. The European judges upheld the complaints because this was an "intervention" which "affects the right to respect for family life and correspondence" guaranteed by the European Convention on Human Rights (e-go.gr, GR, 22/4).

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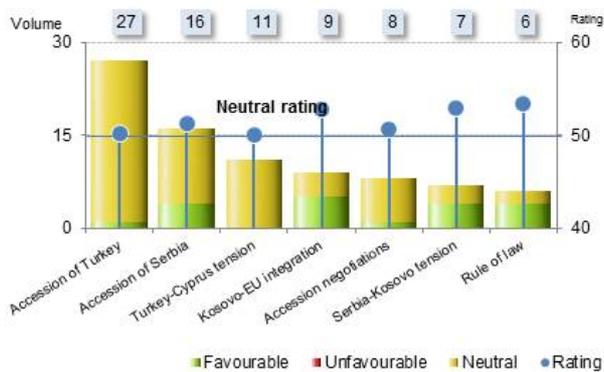
Erdoğan wants to ban May Day rally in Taksim Square

Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdoğan said on Tuesday he would not let unions stage a May Day rally in Istanbul's Taksim Square, where huge protests took place last year. In an announcement that may set the scene for fresh clashes there the government has suggested next week's traditional gathering should take place at a special venue on the outskirts of Istanbul, rather than in the city centre, but unions have rejected that idea. The authorities issued a similar ban last year, leading to thousands of anti-government protesters fighting with police as they tried to breach barricades around the huge square, which in previous years was a focal point for labour demonstrations. That violence was followed by mass protests that spread across Turkey late last May, in one of the biggest challenges to Erdoğan's rule since his AK Party came to power in 2002 (uk.news.yahoo.com, UK, 22/4). The president of the pro-Kurdish Party, Selahattin Demirtaş, said the Kurds on May 1 will celebrate in Taksim Square (balkaneu.com, GR, 22/4).

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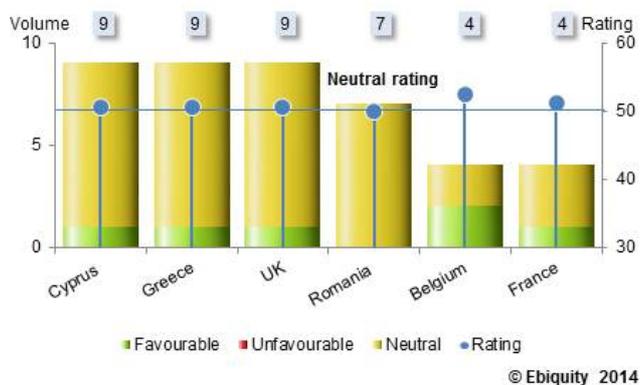
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