



Key Quotes

Turkish Deputy Prime Minister responsible for Cypriot Affairs Besir Atalay said that Turkey is ready to solve the Cyprus problem, though when this would happen was difficult to say due to the stance of the Greek Cypriot side. In an interview with Turkish Cypriot daily Havadis, Atalay said in parallel to Turkey's "**constructive**" role in the peace talks, the EU and the US could also positively contribute to the process.

"This injects the process with a little bit more hope since the international community is showing greater will towards reaching a solution," he said (Cyprus Mail, CY, 31/5)

<http://cyprus-mail.com/2014/05/31/aides-prep-for-leaders-meeting/>

Summary

Accession of Turkey to the European Union - A Long and Bumpy Road

In her column, Emma Bonino, former Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs and former European Commissioner, argued that in the 21st century Turkey is a regional power to be reckoned with but its accession to the European Union largely depends on Turkey resuming democratization (nujij.nl, NL, 30/5).

- nujij.nl, NL, 30/5, <http://www.nujij.nl/algemeen/toetreding-van-turkije-tot-de-europese-unie-eeen.28377924.lynkx>

EU hiding behind Cyprus

An honesty exam will need to be given to the EU after a solution on Cyprus is found said Turkish EU Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, noting that the EU cannot convince Cyprus to open chapter 15 in the accession negotiations between Turkey and the EU. Speaking in Ankara, Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu said that most obstacles to Turkey's accession process are political and added that the European Union should remove political obstacles "*we have only managed to open 14 chapters and no chapter has been closed for political reasons,*" he said, adding that 17 chapters are blocked for political reasons and for 14 of these funds are not open due to the Cyprus problem. "*Despite our constructive and positive stance, the Cyprus problem is still coming to the table during the accession process,*" he said (philenews.com, CY, 30/5).

- philenews.com, CY, 30/5, <http://www.philenews.com/el-gr/eidiseis-politiki/39/202075/tourkia-i-ee-kryvetai-piso-apo-tin-kypro>

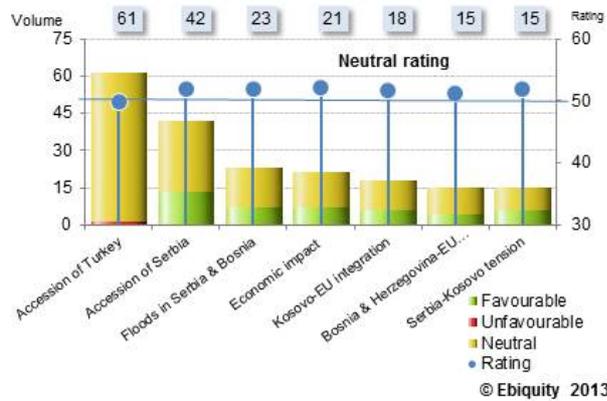
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The Prime Minister of Albania, Edi Rama, publicly declared that "*As far as candidate status is concerned, I have said it in every meeting [with European officials] : 99% of MPs in EU member countries don't have a clue what the candidate status is and what the difference is between the status and negotiations and the status and accession. I have directly told this to them and I've explained why*", said Rama (balkaneu.com, GR, 30/0).

- Balkaneu.com, GR, 30/5, <http://www.balkaneu.com/edi-rama-99-meps-dont-eu-candidate-status/>

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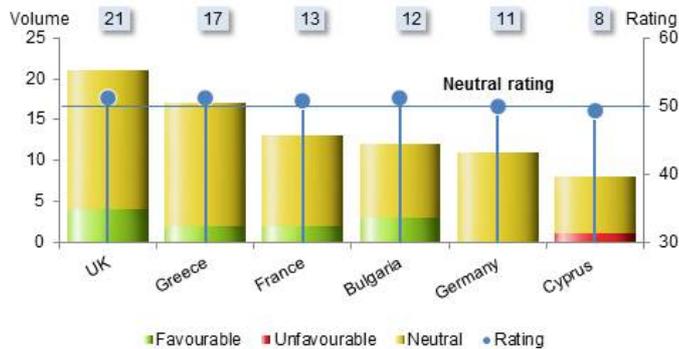
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