



Key Quotes

The United Nations Secretary-General, Ban Ki-Moon has applauded the "*successful*" parliamentary elections in Kosovo, while asking the authorities to remain committed to strengthening the democracy and protection of human rights. He also expressed his hope that Belgrade and Pristina will resume their dialogue through the mediation of the European Union (EU) once the new government is sworn. "***The UN and the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) will continue to support this important engagement,***" he claimed (EI Economista.es, ES, 11/6) <http://ecodiario.eleconomista.es/internacional/noticias/5851964/06/14/Ban-aplaude-la-exitosa-celebracion-de-las-elecciones-parlamentarias-en-Kosovo.html>

Summary

Serbian talks with Romania

Chief negotiator for Serbia's EU accession talks Tanja Mišćević has spoken with Romania's former chief negotiator Professor Vasile Puskas, about an exchange of knowledge and experiences in the process of negotiations, and about possibilities for Romania's support for Serbia during its negotiations with the EU. During the talks, it was underlined that Romania, as a neighbour and a friend, can be of great help to Serbia and its administration in the implementation of necessary reforms. Professor Puskas will also speak with representatives of working groups about Romania's experiences during negotiations. Puskas was Romania's chief negotiator during the EU accession talks and later served as Romanian minister for European affairs (balkans.com, UK, 10/6).

- balkans.com, UK, 10/6, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=194092>

The European Union External Action Office (EEAS) congratulates the citizens of Kosovo

Tens of thousands of ethnic Serbs in Kosovo turned out to vote in national elections on Sunday (8 June) in what the EU is calling a step forward for democracy. With almost all ballots counted, Kosovo's Central Election Commission says turnout in the four northern municipalities which are home to many Kosovar Serbs varied from 27 to 40 percent. Monitors from Europe's democracy watchdog, the OSCE, which sent 150 staff to the area, said all 94 polling stations were allowed to work in normal conditions. "*We were happy to witness a smooth election operation, conducted in a professional manner. There were no major incidents or irregularities reported*" the head of the mission, Jean-Claude Schlumberger, said. The EU Foreign Service added: "*These elections are a step forward in the consolidation of Kosovo's democracy*" (euobserver.com, BE, 10/6)

- neuropa.eu, BE, 10/6, <http://www.neuropa.eu/article/eu-praises-kosovo-legislative-elections>
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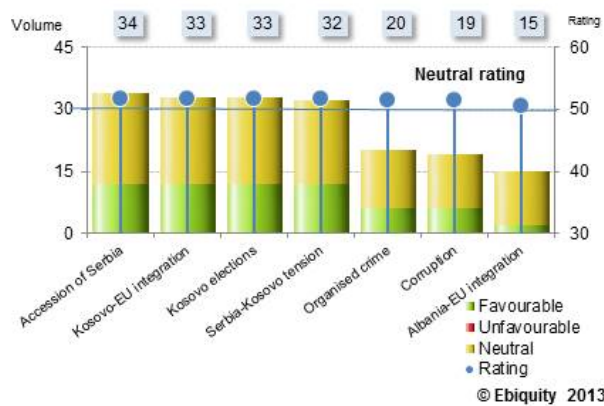
Turkish Foreign Minister meets new head of EU delegation

Turkey's EU membership bid was discussed by Turkey's foreign minister and the head of the European Union delegation to Turkey in a meeting in Ankara on Monday. This is the first time that Stefano Monservisi, the head of the EU Turkey delegation, who was appointed to Turkey in February, was received by the Foreign Minister, Ahmet Davutoğlu. The meeting was closed to press and lasted half an hour. Turkey continues to pursue its EU membership and aims to open chapters 23 and 24 that cover judiciary, justice, freedom and fundamental rights. The foreign minister and the EU delegation head also talked about the latest developments in Ukraine, where Petro Poroshenko, who scored a landslide victory in last month's presidential poll with 55.9 percent of the vote, pledged to crush the separatist insurgency in the east at his swearing-in ceremony on Saturday. (middleeastmonitor.com, UK, 10/6)

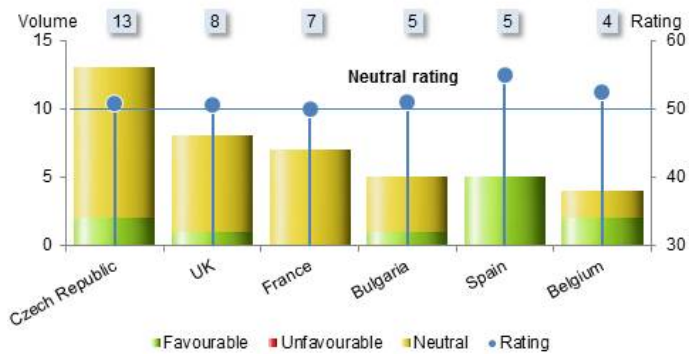
- middleeastmonitor.com, UK, 10/6, <https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/news/europe/11970-turkish-fm-meets-head-of-eu-turkey-delegation>

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