



Key Quotes

The EU makes a statement on the adoption of Bosnia and Herzegovina's Law on Internal Affairs. The EU Delegation to BiH/EUSR Spokesperson, Andy McGuffie, said: **"The EUSR/EUD welcomes the adoption of the Federation of Bosnia Herzegovina Law on Internal Affairs last Friday by the FBiH House of Peoples. This law will further improve the professional police work at Federation level, protected from unwanted political interference. Laws on Internal Affairs play a critical role in entrenching the rule of law. They are key to minimizing the risk of undue influence over police operations and ensuring uniform standards related to appointments, organizational aspects and accountability principles. This law follows best international practice and is in line the international community's long standing efforts to develop police legislation in BiH"** (balkans.com, UK, 22/7). <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=195591>

Summary

Pressure on Serbia

With the decision by Bulgaria to suspend construction of the South Stream natural gas pipeline, there is more pressure on Serbia, which is balancing its longstanding ties with Russia against its desire to join the European Union. Jelena Milić, director of the Centre for Euro-Atlantic Studies for Belgrade, said that **"Serbia counts on income from transit to pay back its debts to Russia"** (naturalgaseurope.com, UK, 21/7).

- naturalgaseurope.com, UK, 21/7, <http://www.naturalgaseurope.com/south-stream-puts-serbia-eu>

Meeting between defence ministers of Bulgaria and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The defence ministers of Bulgaria and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia have expressed their mutual desire and will for cooperation between the armed forces of the two countries. Defence Minister Zoran Jolevski met his Bulgarian counterpart on Tuesday as part of an official visit to Bulgaria. Angel Naydenov pointed out that Bulgaria had repeatedly expressed its support for the European and Euro-Atlantic integration of the Western Balkans, adding that this was the future of the Balkan region. Bulgaria's Defence Minister said that Bulgaria expected the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to stick to the principle of good neighbour policy. He also emphasized the importance of not distorting history, adding that attempts to do this were steps backward (novinite.com, BG, 22/7).

- novinite.com, BG, 22/7, http://www.novinite.com/view_news.php?id=162166

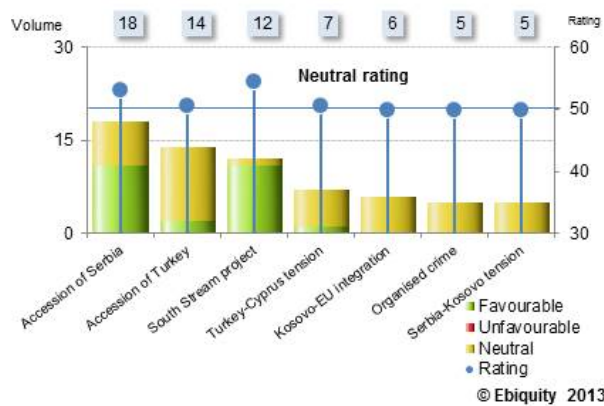
Arrests in Turkey

Turkey has detained more than 50 police officers, including former high ranking officials who were led away in handcuffs, in one of the biggest blows to date against a corruption inquiry the government depicts as an attempted coup. Those taken into custody in the early hours of Tuesday morning include former top officials in the antiterrorism and financial crimes police units, many of whom were involved in the corruption probe that shook Mr Erdogan's administration when it came to light last December. At the same time, ruling party MPs have effectively stalled a parliamentary inquiry into the four ex-ministers by repeatedly sending back the prosecutors' dossier on the four men, who deny allegations they received bribes of millions of dollars. But despite a series of changes to Turkey's legal system that outsiders – such as US and EU officials – say have brought the rule of law into doubt, the government has to date had problems maintaining control over the legal process (ft.com, UK, 22/7).

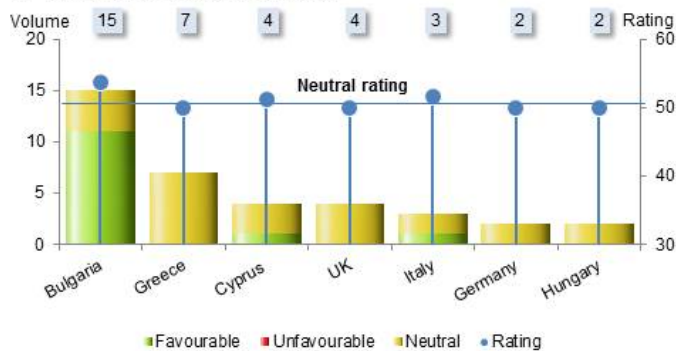
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