



Key Quotes

Turkish President-elect Tayyip Erdoğan has named Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu as his future Prime Minister and said a power struggle with a U.S.-based cleric, a Kurdish peace process and a new constitution would be his top priorities. Erdoğan said the ruling AK Party's executive board had agreed to nominate Davutoğlu as its next leader and, by default, his future Premier. The decision must now be endorsed in a party vote, but is unlikely to be opposed. **"The new constitution is Turkey's primary concern. I know that Mr Davutoğlu has high sensitivity in this respect,"** Erdoğan said after the AK board meeting. **"Davutoğlu is not going to be a puppet, he's going to have his own personality,"** said Galip Dalay, a political researcher at the Ankara-based think-tank SETA. **"But I cannot remember a single time when he and Erdogan have had a serious policy disagreement. Their vision for Turkey is very close"** (Reuters.co.uk, 21/8).

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/08/21/uk-turkey-government-idUKKBN0GL1O120140821>

Summary

Media accreditation denied

Turkish daily Today's Zaman newspaper reported that some independent and critical media outlets in Turkey - including Zaman, the country's highest-circulation newspaper, and Cihan, the country's largest private news agency, were denied accreditation to cover the ruling Justice and Development Party's (AK Party) extraordinary congress scheduled for August 27. *"The practice of denying media access to a public event represents the latest in a series of restrictions imposed on independent media in Turkey by an increasingly authoritarian government headed by Prime Minister Erdoğan "*, Today's Zaman underlined. The European Union criticised the Turkish ruling party's refusal to award accreditation to some newspapers to cover the party's fourth ordinary congress held in 2012, saying that such a practice has no place in a democratic society. *"The right to freedom of expression also includes the right to receive and impart information, and selective accreditation of established media should not have a place in a transparent, democratic society,"* said Peter Stano, spokesman for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy Commissioner, Stefan Füle. Erdoğan defended the ban and his refusal to issue press badges for a number of newspapers, all of which are critical of the party, saying that he was not obliged to do so (hri.org, 20/8).

- hri.org, BG, 20/8, <http://www.hri.org/news/cyprus/tcpr/2014/14-08-20.tcpr.html>

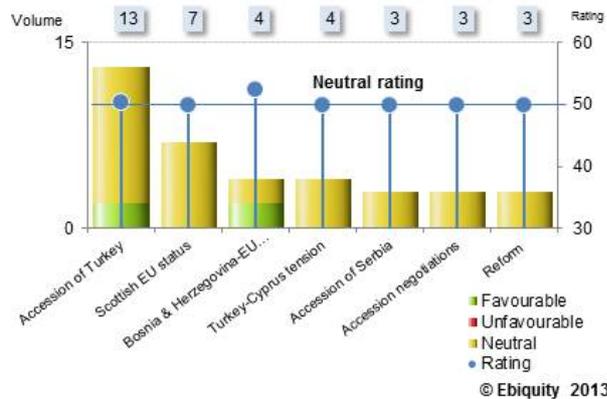
EU gives home to 14,000 flood victims in Bosnia (Duma-Daily, BG, 21/8)

The European Union is planning to give Bosnia and Herzegovina secure roofs over some 14,000 heads, hit by the floods, by beginning of the winter, officials said. Work is already being done on reconstruction of many schools, healthcare institutions, roads and water pipes. Renzo Daviddi, a representative of the EU Delegation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, said that all 85 million Euros, which are at his office's disposal will be spent so concrete progress is felt. *"Some 43 million Euros is already being implemented and the remaining 42 million Euros have to go through the Presidency of BiH, which takes time"* he said (Capital-Daily, BG, 21/8).

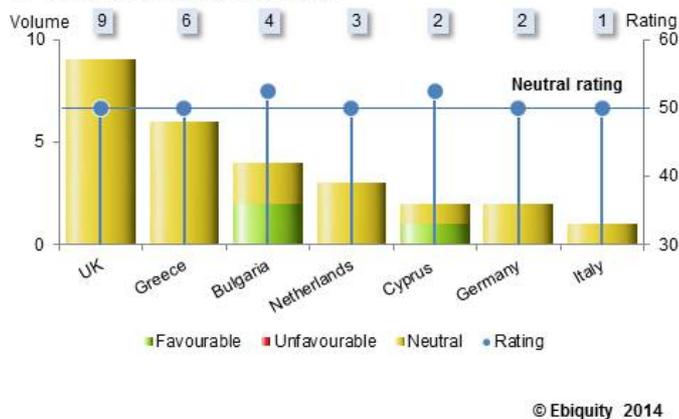
- Duma-Daily, BG, 21/8, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140821/mi/item_210840592.pdf
- Capital-Daily, BG, 21/8, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20140821/mi/item_210840576.pdf

Charts

ELARG: **Leading Daily Issues**
by volume, favourability & rating



ELARG: **Leading Daily Countries**
by volume, favourability & rating



ELARG: **Highlights**
by volume, favourability & rating

Volume	27 items
Rating	50.6
Favourable %	11.1%
Unfavourable %	0%
Neutral %	88.9%

© Ebiquity 2014

ELARG: **Key Stakeholders & Sources**
by volume, favourability & rating

ELARG: Stakeholders & Sources	Number of mentions
Alex Salmond (First Minister, Scotland)	7
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (President, Turkey)	4
Frans Timmermans (Foreign Minister, Netherlands)	3
Ahmet Davutoğlu (Foreign Minister, Turkey)	2
Ivica Dačić (Foreign Minister, Serbia)	2
Espen Barth Eide (Former Foreign Minister, Norway)	2
Zlatko Lagumdžija (Foreign Minister, Bosnia)	2
Renzo Daviddi (Deputy Head of the Delegation to Bosnia, EU)	2

© Ebiquity 2014

Disclaimer: The access to this press report is restricted to European Commission staff. It should not be forwarded or circulated.