



Key Quotes

Germany has spied on Turkey since 1976 - Focus magazine. Conservative lawmaker Hans-Peter Uhl told Focus there were "**good reasons**" for the BND to bug Turkey. He cited human trafficking, drugs and terrorism as issues of concern and his comments chime with the views of many German politicians. "**We need to know what is coming to us from EU-applicant Turkey,**" Focus quoted him as saying (yahoo!, UK, 24/8).

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/germany-spied-turkey-since-1976-focus-magazine-105812615.html#puHrvia>

Summary

Serbia's foreign policy dilemma

Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić today will respond to the EU's warning to Belgrade not to increase exports to Russia, writes Serbian newspaper Blic. According to the newspaper the request is for Serbia not to use state resources to boost exports. The Swiss newspaper Neue Zuercher Zeitung writes that European countries have warned applicant countries not to jump into the empty holes in the Russian market, created after the embargo against Moscow on goods from the EU. According to the Swiss paper if Russia increases the price of gas, it could drive Serbia into bankruptcy. On the other hand the Russian embargo gives a chance for the Serbian economy to grow (focus-fen.net, BG, 22/8). A nice summing-up of Serbia's foreign-policy dilemmas was shown in a recent drawing by Corax, the country's leading political cartoonist. Aleksandar Vučić, Serbia's prime minister, is shown playing two pianos at once, with Angela Merkel, Germany's chancellor, conducting on one side, and Vladimir Putin, Russia's president, conducting on the other. The Serbian government is finding the Ukraine crisis is only adding to the political cacophony (economist.com, UK, 22/8).

- focus-fen.net, BG, 22/8, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2014/08/22/346345/blic-serbia-eu-wants-belgrade-to-not-take-advantage-of-the-russian-embargo-on-european-goods.html>
- economist.com, UK, 22/8, <http://www.economist.com/news/europe/21613291-serbia-torn-between-its-old-ally-russia-and-european-union-divided-loyalties>

Dilemma for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The EU message that applicant countries should refrain from profiting at the expense of sanctions against Russia is not an economic, but a political temptation for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, writes Macedonian Utrinski Vesnik. In a situation where it is among the countries that contributes the most troops to NATO missions per capita of population, while failing to become a member and must now give up the dream of South Stream gas pipeline and yet cannot initiate negotiations for EU membership, it is logical to put the question - is it worth that sacrifice and where are the country's interests at the moment? (focus-fen.net, BG, 21/8).

- focus-fen.net, BG, 21/8, <http://focus-fen.net/news/2014/08/22/346326/untrinski-vesnik-eu-does-business-with-macedonia-and-talks-policy-with-russia.html>

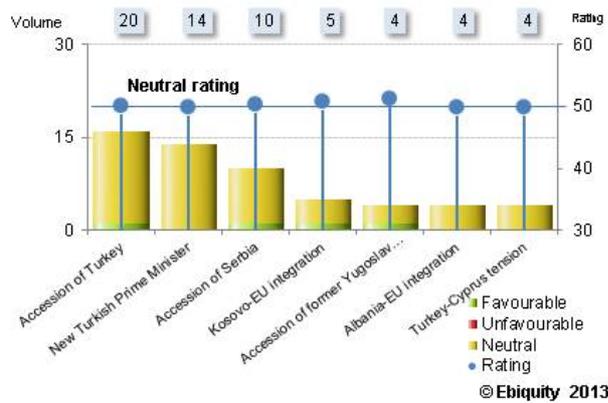
German visit to Albania

Albanian Foreign Minister Ditmir Bushati said on Thursday that Albania appreciated Germany's support in its efforts to join the European Union, vowing to continue cooperation between the two countries. During his meeting with the visiting Deputy Chairman of German Parliament Johannes Singhammer, Bushati expressed gratitude for the support Germany has granted Albania (neurope.eu, BE, 22/8).

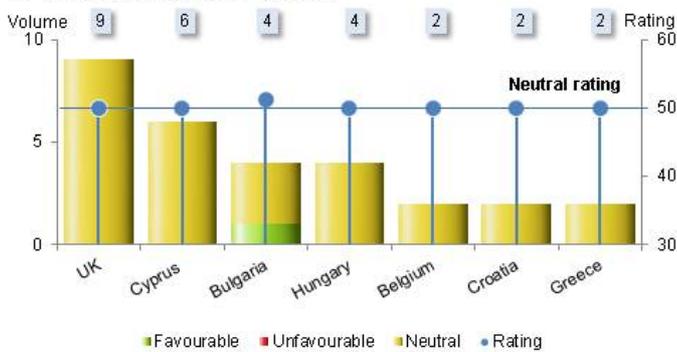
- neurope.eu, BE, 22/8, <http://www.neurope.eu/news/wire/albania-germany-enhance-cooperation>

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