



Key Quotes

Head of Serb church denounces gay pride march. Holding the march is seen as a test of Serbia's pledge to respect human rights as it seeks European Union membership. Patriarch Irinej said that the pride organizers "**and their mentors from Europe**" haven't learned the lesson from the past marches, adding that "**a great majority**" of Serbs are against holding the event (dailymail.co.uk, UK, 23/9).

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/ap/article-2766427/Head-Serb-church-denounces-gay-pride-march.html#ixzz3EDD2SRG9>

Summary

Headscarf ban in schools rescinded

Turkish deputy Prime Minister Bülent Arınç announced a historic decision to remove the ban on headscarves for high school students. During his briefing to the press on Monday Arınç - also the spokesman for the Justice and Development (AK) Party - said a rule in the dress code saying students had to be bareheaded while attending high school - registered at the Turkish National Education Ministry - had now been abolished. The Turkish minister stressed that students now can continue their education with their headscarves adding that the related regulation will be issued within the next two days. The AK Party government also previously removed a similar ban on headscarves in universities in early 2011 and in state institutions and the parliament in late 2013. The ban dates back almost 90 years as part of the secular Turkish republic created by its founding father Mustafa Kemal Atatürk in 1923 (ansamed.it, 23/9).

- ansamed.it, 23/9, http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/en/news/nations/turkey/2014/09/23/turkey-government-allows-headscarf-in-high-schools_5fc93954-1df3-4f7c-89ef-08c70248d688.html

Draft report on Serbia

With reservations that the report is yet to be finalized a source who has seen the draft report notes that Serbia is commended for its commitment to the normalization of relations between Belgrade and Pristina, but the Commission deems that it is lagging behind in the implementation of certain parts of the Brussels agreement. The part of the report addressing the rights of the LGBT population has not been completed yet, as the Commission is waiting to see whether a pride parade set for September 28 will actually take place in Belgrade. If the parade is cancelled again for security reasons this will be met with harsh criticism as the same situation has taken place year after year. The Commission also noted negatively on the fact that several people were taken in for questioning over their activities on social media during the May floods, stressing that such a practice constitutes a violation of the freedom of speech. (Newsbeast.gr, GR, 23/9).

- Newsbeast.gr, GR, 23/9, <http://www.newsbeast.gr/world/arthro/733395/karoto-kai-mastigio-apo-tin-komision-sto-veligradi/>

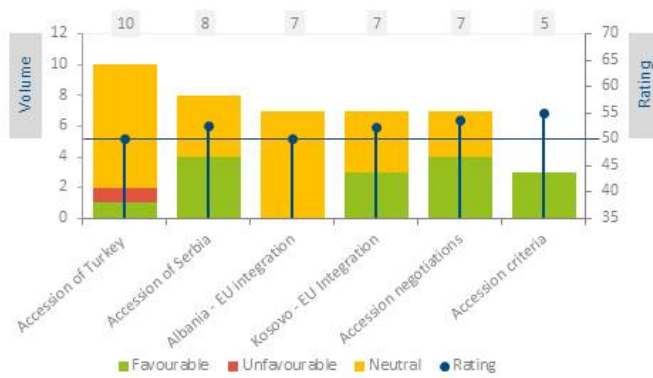
Fight against corruption in Albania

In a conference organized by the Ministry of Defence on anti-corruption, Prime Minister Edi Rama declared that a large number of conferences, seminars and meetings have been dedicated to corruption in the years of transition from dictatorship to democracy. Rama declared that the fight against corruption involves modernization and making the state offer the right service, where everything is based on merit, he underlined that more measures will be taken for modernization and more reforms will be implemented in making the state efficient in relation to corruption (balkaneu.com, GR, 23/9).

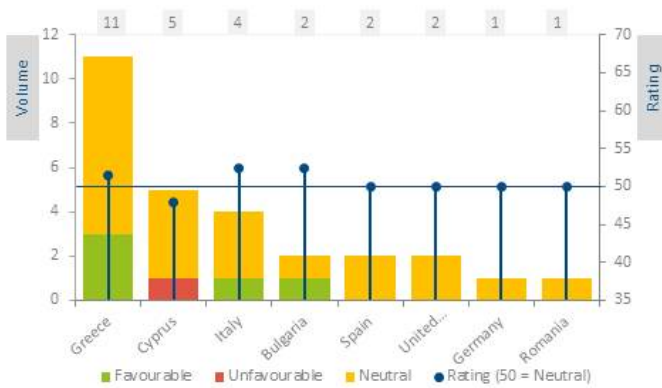
- balkaneu.com, GR, 23/9, <http://www.balkaneu.com/fight-corruption-modernization-albanian-pm/>

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