



## Key Quotes

Ivica Dačić (Foreign Minister Serbia): **"There are no deeper disagreements between Serbia and the EU"**. Dačić said that his reaction to the latest release by Maja Kocijančič, a spokesperson for EU Commissioner for European Neighborhood and Enlargement Negotiations Johannes Hahn, is not a sign of misunderstanding. In the release, Kocijančič expressed concern over **"recent claims from some quarters in Serbia that in carrying out his duty under the law the Ombudsman (Sasa Jankovic) is jeopardizing national security."** In relation to that, Dačić said that Serbia is uncomfortable with the way the EU is communicating with it, through a spokesperson. (agerpres.ro, RO, 2/2)

<http://www.agerpres.ro/externe/2015/02/02/ivica-dacic-nu-exista-neintelegeri-majore-intre-serbia-si-ue-15-53-34>

## Summary

### Coup allegations in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Zoran Zaev, an opposition leader in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is one of four persons accused of spying, attempting to overthrow constitutional order and seizing power through non democratic ways. The main suspect is the former head of secret services, Zoran Verusevski, while the other two suspects are the wife of the latter and a collaborator of Zaev. The accusations suggest that Zaev during a telephone conversation with the Prime Minister, Nikola Gruevski had threatened him with publishing incriminating materials referring to him and the current government and asking for a technical government to be appointed with an announcement of early elections. The source of all materials that Zaev possessed came from the former head of secret services, Verusevski. In a public appearance, PM Nikola Gruevski accused Zaev of blackmailing and threatening behaviour in the four meetings held last year (balkaneu.com, GR, 2/2). The European Commission asked the authorities in Skopje to observe the principle of presumption of innocence in the case of the so-called Coup Operation in which Zoran Zaev was accused of espionage and an attempt to violate the constitutional order in the country (focus-news.net, BG, 2/2).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 2/2, <http://www.balkaneu.com/macedonian-opposition-leader-accused-spying-unlawful-attempt-seize-power/>
- focus-news.net, BG, 2/2, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/02/02/362014/brief-macedonia-ec-calls-for-observation-of-the-principle-of-presumption-of-innocence-in-coup-operation.html>

### Bosnia and Herzegovina Bulgaria Meeting

The Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina Mladen Ivanić spoke with the Ambassador of Bulgaria Angel Angelov. It was pointed out that the relations between Bulgaria and Bosnia and Herzegovina are very good and friendly. The signing of several bilateral agreements which should improve the economic relations between the two countries is to be scheduled soon. Ambassador Angelov congratulated the Chairman and the members of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina on their new duties. Mladen Ivanić informed the ambassador of updates relating to the constitution of authority in Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as on results achieved so far in the matter of European initiative for Bosnia and Herzegovina (Balkans.com, UK, 2/2).

- Balkans.com, UK, 2/2, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=200890>

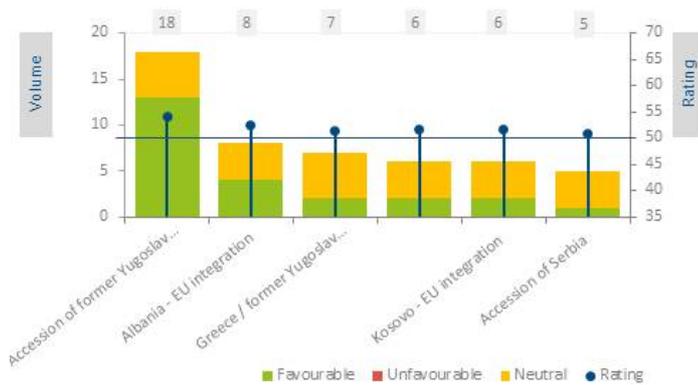
### We can only integrate Kosovo into the EU if we are united

The new Prime Minister of Kosovo, Isa Mustafa, says that the citizens of the country must be united in their efforts to integrate the country into the European Union and NATO. In an editorial issued today for the media, Mr. Mustafa talks about the challenges with the north of Kosovo, why must there be cooperation between all communities and why the majority and opposition must work together (balkaneu.com, GR, 2/2).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 2/2, <http://www.balkaneu.com/opedwe-integrate-country-united/>

# Charts

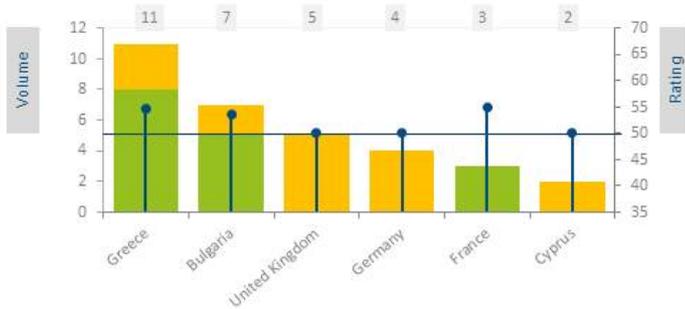
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Zoran Zaev - Opposition leader former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	16
Nikola Gruevski - PM former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	10
Federica Mogherini	8
Rosen Plevneliev - Bulgarian President	5
Maja Kocijancic (EEAS spokesperson)	3
Bujar Nishani - President Albania	3
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan - Turkey President	2

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