



Key Quotes

As Kosovo and Serbia resume EU-mediated talks on normalizing relations on Monday, the demonstrations in Pristina, the most significant unrest since the former province of Serbia declared independence in 2008, indicate that Kosovars' growing impatience may present a new hurdle to the dialogue. **"Kosovo's red line now shows to be very thin. It will be very difficult to push Kosovo to make major new concessions, if at all,"** said Leon Malozogu, director of the Pristina-based think tank Democracy for Development. Prime Minister Isa Mustafa **"will have to be very careful that for each compromise he makes, to make sure it comes with significant rewards, or he may face new protests,"** said Malozogu. (dw.de, DE, 8/2)

<http://www.dw.de/a-thin-red-line-between-serbs-and-albanians-in-kosovo/a-18243372>

Summary

New Kosovo Serbia talks

The leaders of Kosovo and Serbia are due to meet in Brussels next week to resume the dialogue which produced an agreement on normalising relations in 2013. In an interview Sir Robert Cooper, one of the lead EU negotiators in the process, discusses the logic behind the talks, his surprise at the 2013 agreement and the prospects for reaching true normalisation between both parties. He said there was and still is an unsolved problem around Kosovo and in particular in relations between Kosovo and Serbia. At the start of the talks Serbia's application to join the European Union was being blocked by two or three member states who said they wanted to see a more forthcoming, positive attitude from Serbia on the question of Kosovo. He said the talks originally hoped they could get the two presidents to make a joint statement, or something like that, but none of those things worked, so came down to proposing a resolution which was in the end adopted by consensus, calling for dialogue facilitated by the EU (lse.ac.uk, UK, 6/2).

- lse.ac.uk, UK, 6/2, <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/euoppblog/2015/02/06/five-minutes-with-sir-robert-cooper-the-brussels-agreement-between-serbia-and-kosovo-was-based-on-conversation-not-eu-pressure/>

Name dispute discussed in the EU

The feud between two southern European countries is as gripping and complex as any "Game of Thrones" episode. It weaves thousands of years of history, geopolitics and a long-dead warrior. Greece refuses to recognize its neighbour's name, the Republic of Macedonia. In November 2004, the U.S. recognized the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia's constitutional name and supported the country's efforts to join NATO and the European Union, much to Greece's chagrin. Now, political and popular support for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia's future in the EU is waning in the country, Fatmir Besimi the country's Minister for European affairs, said at a small gathering at Johns Hopkins University. Besimi laid out his plans to make the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia the 29th EU member state. To do this, the international community needs to be more involved, Besimi said. But it won't be easy (Balkans.com, UK, 6/2).

- balkans.com, UK, 6/2, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=200989>

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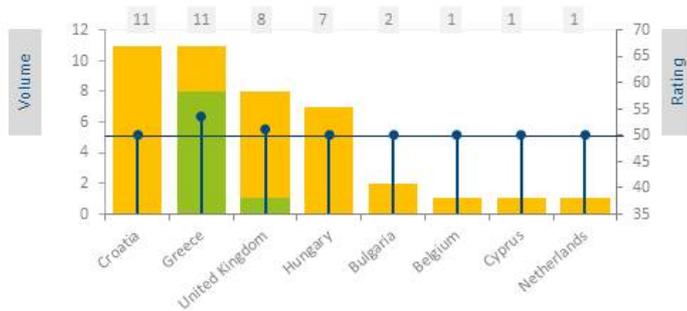
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Sir Robert Cooper - Special Advisor EC	1

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