



Key Quotes

Turkey's top judge warned that the country's judiciary could become an **"instrument of revenge"** in the hands of political authorities, after government backed candidates strengthened their grip on key courts. Constitutional court chairman Haşim Kılıç said he was quitting a month before his term expires in March, warning that EU-candidate Turkey faced serious problems of judicial independence. **"Everybody knows the political views of the judges and prosecutors in the remotest villages of the country. We cannot continue with such a judiciary,"** he told a news conference, complaining about the way judiciary elections are held (dailymail.co.uk, UK, 10/2).

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/reuters/article-2947497/Top-Turkish-judge-warns-judiciary-instrument-revenge.html>

Summary

Serbia and Kosovo reach some agreement

Serbia and Kosovo reached an agreement that paves the way for a war crimes court in Kosovo as they held EU-brokered talks aimed at normalising their relations, EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini said Tuesday. The agreement on the judicial system in Kosovo closed a sharply contested chapter in the talks between Serbia and Kosovo, its former province with a mostly Albanian population. The war crimes court will deal with atrocities from the 1999 conflict, which led to the secession of the province from Serbia. Belgrade and Pristina reached a deal in 2013 but its implementation remains sluggish, requiring additional talks (Europeonline-magazine, UK, 10/2). The EU foreign policy chief announced that technical working groups will resume work to bring forward the implementation of the agreement. Prime Minister Vučić and Mustafa had an exchange of opinions on future steps and have confirmed their commitment to making progress in the normalization of relations. Mogherini concluded by saying that the two premiers *"have agreed to work together to confront current concerns of a regional nature, including the serious problem of illegal immigration from Kosovo"* (ansamed.it, IT, 10/2).

- Europeonline-magazine, UK, 10/2, http://en.europeonline-magazine.eu/serbia-kosovo-reach-judicial-deal-as-they-seek-to-normalize-ties_376724.html
- ansamed.it, IT, 10/2, http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/en/news/sections/politics/2015/02/10/kosovo-eu-pristina-belgrade-agreement-on-judiciary_41b8e6f1-8d6f-47bf-8470-2df4d8d33a16.html

Poor Kosovars stream to Hungary

A route through Serbia has been opened recently, the destination being a country in the European Union and now Hungary is facing a dramatic influx of Kosovar refugees (De Volkskrant, NL, 10/2). The Serbian Interior Minister Nebojša Stefanović held talks with leaders of the Hungarian and German police and confirmed that Serbia will strengthen border security at the Serbian-Hungarian borderline. Austrian experts will help the work of the Serbian and Hungarian border guards (Magyar Hirlap, HU, 10/2).

- De Volkskrant, NL, 10/2, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150210/mi/item_234571196.pdf
- Magyar Hirlap, HU, 10/2, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150210/mi/item_234573743.pdf

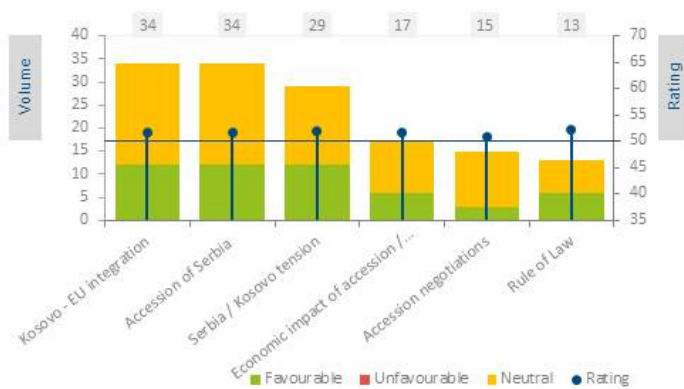
Illegal wire-tapping in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia has been accused of operating an illegal wire-tapping programme targeting 20,000 people, including opposition politicians. Zoran Zaev, head of the opposition Social Democrats, said Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski had also spied on journalists and religious leaders. Mr Gruevski has accused Mr Zaev of trying to blackmail him. Macedonia is a candidate for EU and NATO membership. It went to the brink of civil war in 2001. The violence was halted by a power-sharing agreement between the government and ethnic Albanian rebels. The deal saw many of the rebels enter a governing coalition. The landlocked Balkan country is home to some two million people, about a quarter of whom are ethnic Albanians (BBC, UK, 10/2).

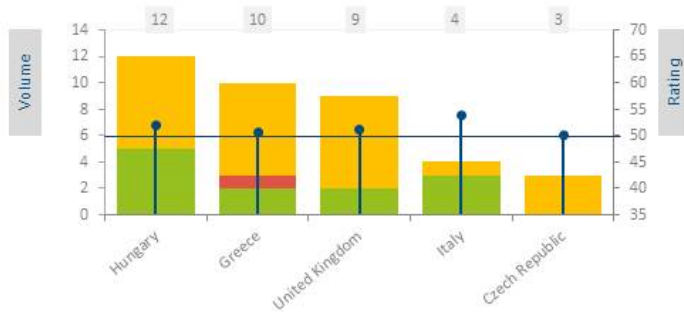
- BBC, UK, 10/2, <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-31332530>

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