



Key Quotes

Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić has told a Swiss newspaper that he is confident that Serbia will be the 29th member of the European Union. Asked whether he expects that Croatia will support Serbia's EU accession process, Vučić stressed that he never criticizes neighbouring countries. **"I see Serbia's neighbour's as a side that I must face. Despite certain disagreements in recent months we need to improve our relations. I'm not worried about Zagreb's influence on our path to the EU, I'm worried about our common future,"** the prime minister said (banka.hr, HR, 10/3).

<http://www.bank.hr/regija/vucic-trazimo-alternativu-ruskom-plinu-ali-ne-okrecemo-rusiji-ledja>

Summary

The first 100 days of the new Kosovo government

The opposition and political analysts' have launched withering criticism of the first three months of Prime Minister Isa Mustafa's government. They say the governing coalition between the Democratic League of Kosovo and Kosovo Democratic Party has made no positive steps in terms of economic development, reforming of the justice system, education, gaining international recognition etc. The leader of the Alliance for the Future of Kosovo, Ramush Haradinaj, says that the Prime Minister is governing without a programme and without concrete strategies to address those issues that he highlighted during the electoral campaign. Another politician, Albin Kurti says that he fears the new government may not be after all a new government; according to him, this government has old members with old mentalities. *"It's not a government, it's only one administration that works for the Brussels' dialogue in one hand and for two enterprises on the other"* he says (balkaneu.com, GR, 10/3).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 10/3, <http://www.balkaneu.com/days-mustafas-government-failure-aspects-2/>

Kosovo's relations with Serbia

In an interview, Kosovo's Minister of European Integration, Bekim Çollaku, when asked about relations with Serbia said *"The Serbian leadership should be more European in their attitude toward Kosovo"* adding *"We would like them to stop creating problems for Kosovo through their illegal parallel institutions"*. Talking of the agreement between Serbia and Kosovo he said *"It gives an indication of how far each country has moved in normalising relations and this has been possible not only because of the political will shown by the countries themselves, but also because of the bigger picture and the bigger goal that is EU integration for both Kosovo and Serbia"* (lse.ac.uk, UK, 10/9).

- lse.ac.uk, UK, 10/9, <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lsee/2015/03/10/collaku/>

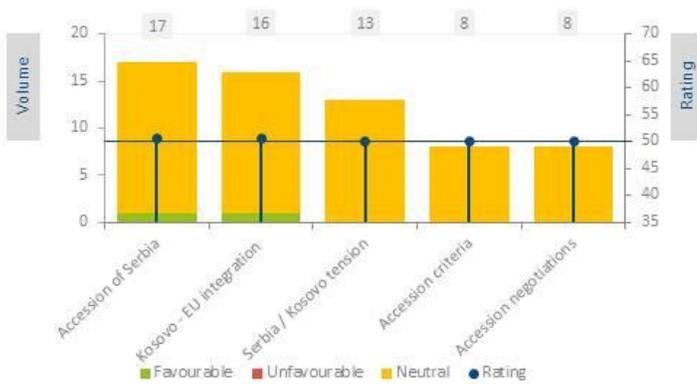
US concerned about parliamentarians with criminal records in Albania

According to the speaker of Albanian parliament, Ilir Meta, the US Embassy has sent him information which suggests there are members of the Albanian parliament which have had problems with the law or who are suspected of having problems with the law. The US embassy in Tirana recently cancelled a meeting with the Albania-USA friendship group because, according to the US embassy, the group contained several people who are considered to be unacceptable due to their problems with the law. He said this was a phenomenon which was not present 8 or 10 years ago, but which is now growing and he admitted that for a while that there have been problematic elements who only know the language of pressure, blackmail and undeserved favours gained by using the mandate of an MP (balkaneu.com, GR, 10/3).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 10/3, <http://www.balkaneu.com/usa-expresses-concern-mps-criminal-records-albania/>

Charts

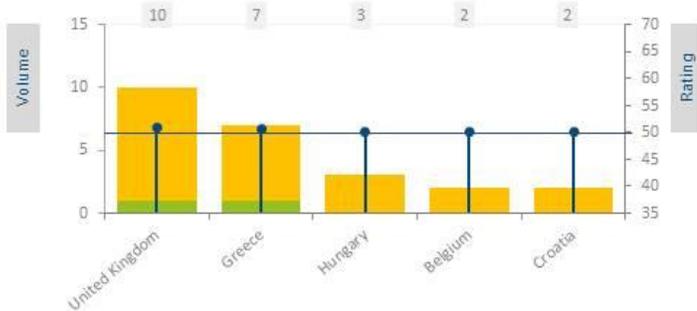
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