



## Key Quotes

U.S. ambassador says Serbs are **"a bit schizophrenic"**. **"Vučić is trying to lead you forward towards the European Union, but the Serbs are a bit schizophrenic. Their heart pulls them towards the East, while at the same time, the head directs them to the West,"** said U.S. Ambassador Michael Kirby (hotnews.ro, RO, 6/4).

<http://www.hotnews.ro/stiri-international-19851132-ambasadorul-sua-belgrad-sarbii-sunt-putin-schizofrenici-inima-lor-trage-catre-est-timp-capul-indreapta-catre-vest.htm>

**"Bosnia doesn't need new problems concerning border with Montenegro"**. **"At this moment, Montenegro is definitely the leader of European integration processes in the region and Bosnia needs to have friendly relations and not enter conflicts with it,"** Slovenian politician and former MEP Jelko Kacin said, commenting on attempts by some politicians and NGOs in Bosnia to raise the issue of the status of the Sutorina region which spreads between Herceg Novi and Prevlaka (dalje.com, HR, 6/4).

<http://dalje.com/en-world/kacin--bosnia-doesnt-need-new-problems-concerning-border-with-montenegro/541085>

## Summary

### Greek visit to Serbia

Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras will visit Belgrade early May following Serbian Prime Minister, Alexander Vučić's invitation, according to a government source. Tsipras visited Serbia when Syriza was main opposition on December 6 2014 and had a meeting with Foreign Minister Ivica Dačić. The meeting's agenda will focus on the further development of the bilateral relations and Athens' support in Serbia's European prospect along with the condition in the Balkans (Enikos.gr, GR, 6/4).

- Enikos.gr, GR, 6/4, <http://en.enikos.gr/politics/26734-Tsipras-to-visit-Belgrade-early-May.html>

### Freedom of speech in Turkey

Access to Twitter and video-sharing website YouTube were blocked in Turkey on Monday following a court decision based on complaints from individuals, a source in Turkey's telecoms industry said. Turkey temporarily blocked Twitter and You Tube in the run-up to local elections in March 2014, after audio recordings purportedly showing corruption in then-Prime Minister Tayyip Erdoğan's inner circle were leaked on their sites (uk.reuters.com, UK, 6/4). A journalist from a local daily in south eastern Turkey has received a suspended prison sentence for *"liking"* a remark criticising President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Facebook, which the court deemed as an *"insult"*. The crime of insult is normally punished by three months in prison according to Turkish law. However, if the complainant is a public servant the prison term is extended to one year. More than 70 people in Turkey have been prosecuted for *"insulting"* Erdoğan since he was elected president in August 2014. There were hundreds of similar cases during his term as Turkey's Prime Minister (Enikos.gr, GR, 6/4).

- uk.reuters.com, UK, 6/4, <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/04/06/uk-turkey-twitter-idUKKBN0MX0JO20150406>
- Enikos.gr, GR, 6/4, <http://en.enikos.gr/international/26767-Journalist-sentenced-to-jail-for-liking-Erdogan-insult.html>

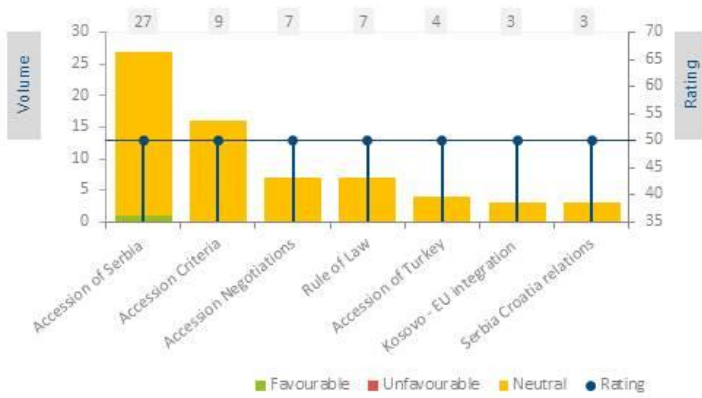
### Possible visit of the President of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to Russia

It is still not clear if President Gjorge Ivanov of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia will attend the parade in Moscow on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the victory over fascism. Western European leaders have declined to be present at the event, citing President Putin's policy towards Ukraine. Analysts comment that the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia should follow the example of its European partners. According to former foreign minister Denko Maleski, the country is a candidate for EU and NATO membership and therefore besides the rights it enjoys in terms of security it also has obligations (focus-news.net, BG, 6/4).

- focus-news.net, BG, 6/4, <http://www.focus-fen.net/news/2015/04/06/368710/radio-free-europe-will-macedonia-president-go-to-parade-in-moscow.html>

# Charts

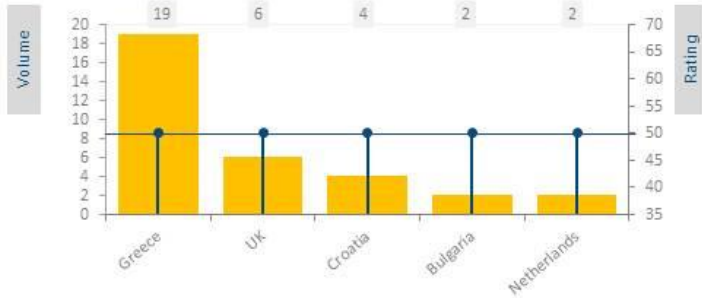
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Aleksandar Vučić - Prime Minister, Serbia	18
Ivica Dačić – Foreign Minister, Serbia	17
Tomislav Nikolić - President, Serbia	5
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan - President, Turkey	4

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