



Key Quotes

Turkey has criticised Pope Francis for using the word "**genocide**" to describe the mass killing of Armenians under Ottoman rule in World War I. "**The Pope's statement, which is far from the legal and historical reality, cannot be accepted,**" tweeted Turkey's Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu. "**Religious authorities are not the places to incite resentment and hatred with baseless allegations,**" he added. (BBC Online, 12/4)

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-32272604>

Summary

Report on the state of the Justice system in Kosovo

The author of the annual report of the monitoring of the justice system in Kosovo, published by the Balkan Investigative Research Network and Internews Kosovo, Furtuna Sheremeti, said during the presentation of the findings, that there are still technical violations in the courts of the country. "*Court sessions are still held in the judges' offices. The reasons for this are many. It's not always the fault of judges. There are different reasons such as the lack of heating sometimes*" she said. Heads of justice institutions agree with the findings. They even see the report as a guideline for their work which should be read by everyone, especially by those who are experts in the justice system. Minister of Justice, Hajredin Kuçi, besides praising the report also recommended that everyone in the field read it. He said that Kosovo has good laws but they must be seen to be functioning, "*our scope and duty is increase the confidence of the citizens in the justice system and courts and prosecution must be independent*" the Minister said (balkaneu.com, GR, 10/4).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 10/4, <http://www.balkaneu.com/justice-system-kosovo-faces-problems/>

Greeks want to gain time in name dispute

Due to the dispute over the name of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Greece is blocking the country's accession to the EU. When asked whether this problem can be resolved more easily with Greece's new government, the Foreign Minister of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Nikola Poposki, stated in an interview with Die Presse (AT, 10/4) that Athens currently is not in any position to even spend a whiff of energy on anything else than on resolving the economic crisis. The most likely thing is that the Greek government is trying to gain time.

- Die Presse, AT, 10/4, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150410/mi/item_243346137.pdf

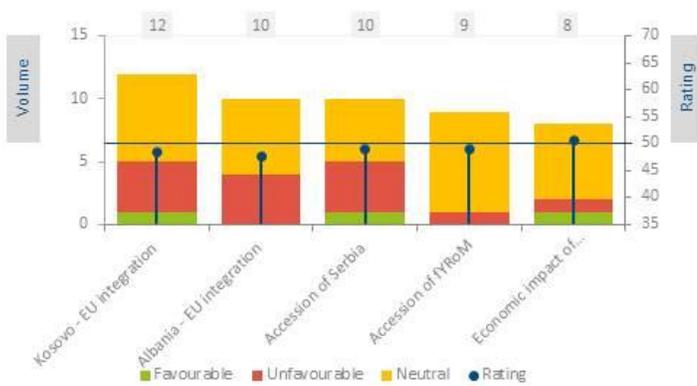
Schultz questions freedom of expression in Turkey

The President of the European Parliament, Martin Schulz, has held talks with Turkish opposition leader Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu and said he perceived the risk of an authoritarian drift in the country, the Turkish press reported. "Turkey is sliding towards authoritarianism" stated Schulz reported Zaman online. The president of the European Parliament who travelled to Ankara for a three-day visit also met Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. The EP president also said he spoke to Erdoğan about freedom of expression and freedom of the press, as well as the general climate media operate in work conditions for journalists and the contested security law approved by the Ankara parliament (ansamed.it, IT, 10/4).

- ansamed.it, IT, 10/4, http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/en/news/sections/politics/2015/04/10/turkey-media-schultz-perceives-risk-of-authoritarianism_840aeca9-1d19-411e-96d1-65ef806e5e8e.html

Charts

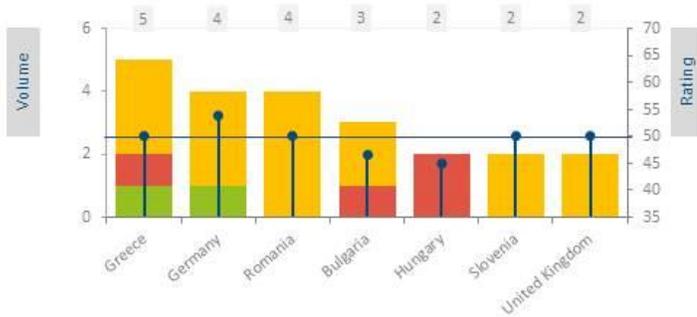
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