



Key Quotes

"The European Union is not yet sure what to do with itself, or what it would do with us". "This means that the EU is still not even sure what to do either with itself, nor with us. And when this is considered, we must bear in mind all the things the EU is facing today. The crisis, Greece, Ukraine, the Middle East with its reflections on Europe, then the relationship between the big and the small (countries) in the EU itself... when you look at that, you understand why the EU, in some way, runs away from everything that seems to be a potential problem," Serbia's Foreign Minister Ivica Dacic said. (24sata.hr, HR, 13/4)

<http://www.24sata.hr/svijet/dacic-eu-jos-ne-zna-ni-sto-ce-sa-sobom-ni-sto-bi-s-nama-414522>

Summary

Risk of chill now over plans for Turkey in Europe

Turkey summoned the papal nuncio and recalled its ambassador to the Vatican, after the Pope's use of the word genocide to describe the mass killing of Armenians. In a commentary for *Il Messaggero* (IT, 13/4) Marco Guidi notes that the Pope's words "complicate" dialogue with Turkey over EU membership. He says it is not clear whether the Pope fully realises the hornets' nest he has stirred up. However, it is true that many Turks involved in deporting Armenians later joined Kemal Ataturk's partisans. This continues to be a "cause for embarrassment" for the Turkish state. Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu said the pope's remarks "are wrong and encourage racism in Europe". Official commemorations of the massacres are to take place on April 24th in Armenia. Memorial events are also scheduled in Istanbul, where more than 200 Armenian community leaders were rounded up by police to be deported (Europeonline-magazine, UK, 13/4).

- *Il Messaggero*, IT, 13/4, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150413/mi/item_243713335.pdf
- Europeonline-magazine, UK, 13/4, http://en.europeonline-magazine.eu/turkey-premier-pope-genocide-comments-fuel-rising-racism-in-europe_387034.html

Serbian reaction to Albanian declaration

Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama caused a serious outcry in Serbia by suggesting unification with Kosovo. The Serbian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has handed a letter of protest to the Albanian ambassador in Belgrade which stresses that the position of Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama is unacceptable to Serbia. Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić said that "Kosovo and Albania will never be united" and asked Albanian leaders "to stop causing further instability in the region". The EU, in the eyes of Serbian officials, was late with its reaction, which also wasn't strong enough. Serbian Foreign Minister Ivica Dačić said that Serbia wanted good relations with Albania and that it had taken a lot of time to build them and just a small time to "tear the whole thing down" (euractiv.fr, FR, 13/4). The Albanian Foreign Minister Ditmir Bushati said "Politicians in Belgrade are free to interpret the statements coming from Albania as they want. It is not normal that they are misinterpreted but I am not worried either by the manner of this interpretation or by the abuse of these statements." (Balkans.com, UK, 13/4).

- euractiv.fr, FR, 13/4, <http://www.euractiv.fr/sections/elargissement/polemique-sur-les-intentions-dunification-de-lalbanie-et-du-kosovo-313691>
- Balkans.com, UK, 13/4, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=202700>

Interview with Kosovo's Foreign Minister Hashim Thaci

In an interview for Reporter (SI, 13/4) the Foreign Minister of Kosovo Hashim Thaçi said "I believe that in Kosovo the EU will get a young country which has close ties with the U.S." adding "EULEX in Kosovo functions well and our institutions are gradually assuming its responsibilities".

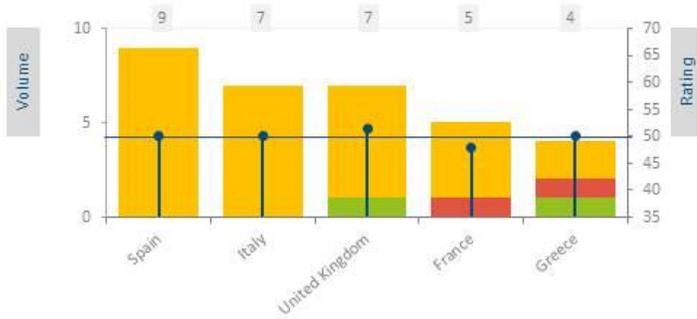
- Reporter, SI, 13/4, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150413/mi/item_243712608.pdf

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