



Key Quotes

Serbian Labour, Employment and Social Welfare Minister Aleksandar Vulin, responded to the statement by Croatian Interior Minister Ranko Ostojić, who said that Serbia could prove its European path by enabling a trial of the killers of 12 Croatian police officers in Borovo, eastern Croatia in 1991. **"Before demanding of Serbia to prove its European orientation, the Croatian minister should first prove his own European orientation by ensuring compliance with the law and making it possible for the Serbs in Vukovar to read Cyrillic signs on public buildings without fear of violence,"** Vulin said, stressing that **"Europe means respect for the law and equal rights regardless of ethnic origin."** (dalje.com, HR, 3/5)

<http://dalje.com/en-world/serbs-croatia-should-look-into-its-own-back-yard-rather-than-lecture-serbia/543096>

Summary

May Day protests in Turkey

Thousands of police officers were deployed in Istanbul to deal with possible disturbances by anti-government protesters on May Day. Turkish media said some 10,000 police officers were deployed at the city's central Taksim Square where police used tear gas and water cannon to disperse protesters last year. Organizers say this year's rallies once again target the government. In 1977, 34 people were killed in clashes on May 1 in Taksim and the area was banned for use by labour movements until 2010. The ban was reinstated in 2013 and May Day activists that year clashed with police. A month later mass anti-government protests that had started in Taksim and the nearby Gezi Park spread to other cities (Europeonline-magazine, UK, 1/5) It was reported that several hundred people turned out in the Besiktas district on the Bosphorus. They were shouting "Long Live May 1!" and "shoulder to shoulder against Fascism!" as they gathered to march to Taksim Square (dw.de, DE, 1/5).

- Europeonline-magazine, UK, 1/5, <http://en.europeonline-magazine.eu/turkey-beefs-up-security-ahead-of-may-day-protests-389932.html>
- dw.de, DE, 1/5, <http://www.dw.de/turkey-braced-for-may-day-protests-on-taksim-square/a-18423046>

German visit to Croatia

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said in Zagreb that Germany was happy to have Croatia as a partner when dealing with burning global and regional problems. *"We are partners who can rely on each other in the EU, especially on issues relating to the Western Balkans"* Steinmeier said. Foreign Minister Vesna Pusić also spoke of the intensive cooperation between Croatia and Germany within the EU, in areas of industry and energy. She said that they had also discussed free movement of labour in the EU, energy security and Croatia's entry into the Schengen area (Dalje.com, HR, 1/5).

- Dalje.com, HR, 1/5, <http://dalje.com/en-croatia/steinmeier-says-germany-is-happy-to-have-croatia-as-partner/542956>

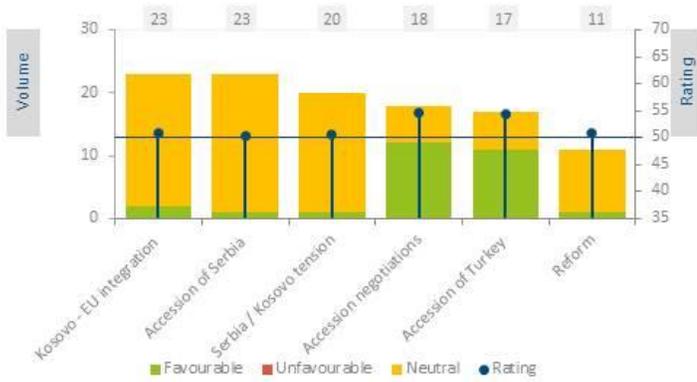
Opposition leader indicted in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The state prosecutor of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia formally indicted the country's top opposition politician over his role in a surveillance scandal that challenged the nine-year rule of Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski. The stability of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia remains fragile after a 2001 ethnic Albanian insurgency that ended in a NATO-brokered peace deal that offered greater rights for the minority which accounts for 30 percent of the country's 2 million population, but occasional violence still persists. A statement published on the Skopje main court's website said that the indictment charged Zaev, with *"violence against representatives of the highest state bodies"* Four other people already in pre-trial detention were also indicted for espionage, illegal wire-tapping and violence, the statement said (UK reuters, UK, 1/5).

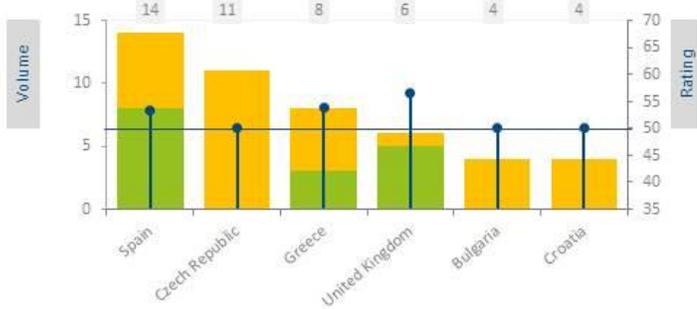
- UK reuters, UK, 1/5, <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/05/01/uk-macedonia-wiretapping-idUKKBNONM3A320150501>

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