



Key Quotes

Violence in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ignites fears of renewed ethnic conflict. ***“The EU has got to take a stand on what’s happening in Skopje. This scandal has been going on for far too long and the government has not been transparent enough about anything,”*** said Judy Dempsey, senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. ***“The European Commission will have to meet the parties and work out a clear direction on where Macedonia needs to go”*** (ft.com, UK, 11/5) <http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/26688ba0-f7cb-11e4-9beb-00144feab7de.html#slide0>

Summary

European Commission worried about outburst of violence in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The European Commission is worried about violence in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. This weekend 22 people were killed and 37 were wounded in fights between the police and armed assailants in the city of Kumanovo, home to many ethnic Albanians. The shooting started when the heavily armed police moved in and were shot at with automatic rifles. The Ministry for Internal Affairs stated that the shooters were *‘from a neighbouring country’*. European Commissioner Johannes Hahn called on both parties to hold back. (Het Financieele Dagblad, NL, 11/5). Students have been demonstrating since Friday in the capital Skopje and demanding the resignation of Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski (Magyar Nemzet, HU, 11/5). While Serbia reinforced its troops at the border, Albania and Kosovo also appealed for calm (Aujourd'hui en France, FR, 11/5).

- Het Financieele Dagblad, NL, 11/5, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150511/mi/item_247774935.pdf
- Magyar Nemzet, HU, 11/5, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150511/mi/item_247789633.pdf
- Aujourd'hui en France, FR, 11/5, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150511/mi/item_247784871.pdf

Serbia US meeting

Serbian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ivica Dacić, met on Friday with Congressman Dana Rohrabacher, the chair of the US Congress Subcommittee for Europe and Asia who is on a visit to Serbia as part of a tour of the region. At the meeting they exchanged opinions on regional issues, as well as current bilateral and international issues. Dacić noted an improvement in the foreign policy position of Serbia as a result of recognizing its commitment to the dialog with Pristina and the constructive attitude toward the neighbouring countries. Rohrabacher has said that the United States appreciated and supported the efforts of Serbia in this direction (Balkans.com, UK, 11/5).

- Balkans.com, UK, 11/5, <http://www.balkans.com/open-news.php?uniquenumber=203480>

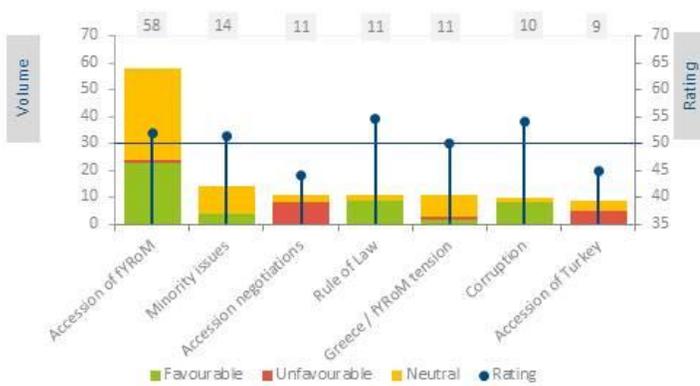
Disguised election campaigning

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan went to Karlsruhe, Germany, to campaign in front of Turkish German citizens. However, many Kurds and Alevi demonstrated against Mr Erdoğan, calling him a militarist and a dictator *“who does nothing to stop “the genocide” against them by IS”*. At the end of Mr Erdoğan's speech he called for *“one nation, one flag, one motherland, one state”* – a slogan that was only missing the part *“one leader”* Josef Kelnberger, concludes in the *Suddeutsche Zeitung* (DE, 11/5). His slogan does not only go against the integration of the Turkish people in Germany it also stigmatises them as a *“fifth column”* outside of Turkey. Those thinking that Turkey is a suitable candidate for becoming a member of the EU are beyond help commentator Alexander Weber concludes in the *Munchner Merkur* (DE, 11/5).

- *Suddeutsche Zeitung*, DE, 11/5, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150511/mi/item_247784361.pdf
- *Munchner Merkur*, DE, 11/5, http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150511/mi/item_247784266.pdf

Charts

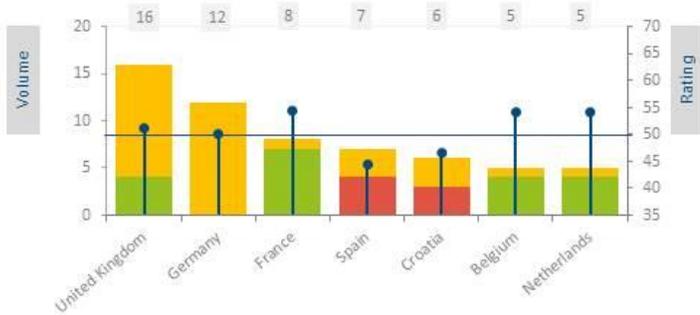
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