



## Key Quotes

Turkish European Union Affairs Minister Volkan Bozkir has sent letters to senior European Parliament figures, urging them to consider proposals to amend an upcoming report on Turkey. He stressed that any mention in the report regarding the European Parliament's April 15 Resolution, recognising the 1915 mass killing of Ottoman Armenians as genocide, or any call to exclude the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) from the EU's list of terrorist organisations, would **"not be acceptable"** for Turkey, diplomatic sources said. He added that any call to block opening new negotiation chapters for Turkey, or to lift financial assistance to Turkey, would make the report **"unacceptable"** for Ankara. (hri.org, CZ, 4/6)

<http://www.hri.org/news/cyprus/tcpr/2015/15-06-03.tcpr.html#05>

## Summary

### Hope for peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Bosnia and Herzegovina is finalising preparations for the visit of Pope Francis to the capital, Sarajevo, on June 6 and 7. About 60,000 people are expected to attend a Sunday Mass at the Sarajevo stadium and thousands more are expected to flood the city during his visit. Hopes are high that Pope Francis will inspire a sense of unity in a country that is still recovering from a three-year ethnic war that ended two decades ago. A large wooden cross bearing bullet and shrapnel damage will be at the centre of the altar during the Mass. The cross was damaged in 1993 when Bosnian Muslim troops overran the small Croat Catholic village of Dezevice in central Bosnia. The Bosnian war officially ended in 1995, but ethnic tensions among local Serbs, Croats and Muslims continue to simmer (sofiaglobe.com, BG, 4/6).

- sofiaglobe.com, BG, 4/6, <http://sofiaglobe.com/2015/06/04/bosnia-herzegovina-prepares-for-popes-visit/>

### Relief for citizens of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The decision to hold early elections will prevent further escalation of the crisis in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and is a great relief for the country's population. In late April 2016, the country will go to the polls for a new government exactly two years after they selected the current government. Johannes Hahn spoke with the Prime Minister, the opposition leader Zoran Zaev and two ethnic Albanian party leaders (Trouw, NL, 4/6). The President, Georgi Ivanov, welcomed the readiness shown by political leaders to address the political crisis in the country. (ElZoni.gr, GR, 4/6).

- Trouw, NL, 4/6, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150604/mi/item\\_251414105.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20150604/mi/item_251414105.pdf)
- ElZoni.gr, GR, 4/6, <http://www.elzoni.gr/html/ent/971/ent.54971.asp>

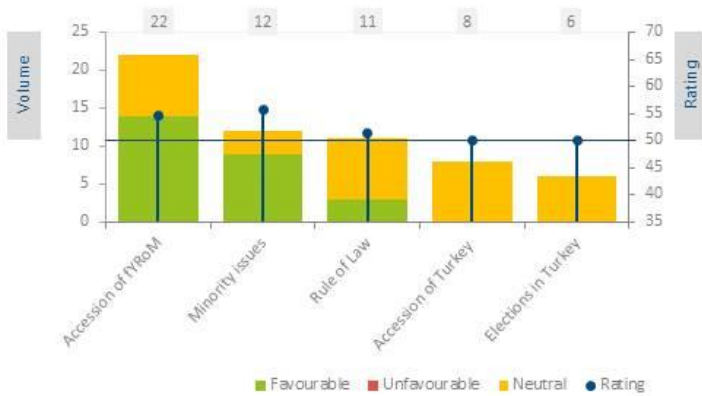
### Kosovo urged to agree special tribunal

The ambassador to Pristina, Tracy Ann Jacobson has called upon leaders in Kosovo to create a Special Tribunal. Otherwise, she says, the USA and other strategic partners of Kosovo will not block the United Nations instigating the process. US ambassador to the UN, Samantha Power, called on MPs in Kosovo to vote in favour of the Special Tribunal. The American diplomat said that addressing the past is the key to move forward in the Euro Atlantic integration. Meanwhile, parliament has postponed voting for the creation of the Special Tribunal as some MPs are still not convinced about voting in favour of the creation of this institution, which would try the former leaders of KLA on allegations of war crimes committed in 1999 and 2000 (balkaneu.com, GR, 4/6).

- balkaneu.com, GR, 4/6, <http://www.balkaneu.com/usa-mounts-pressure-creation-special-tribunal/>

# Charts

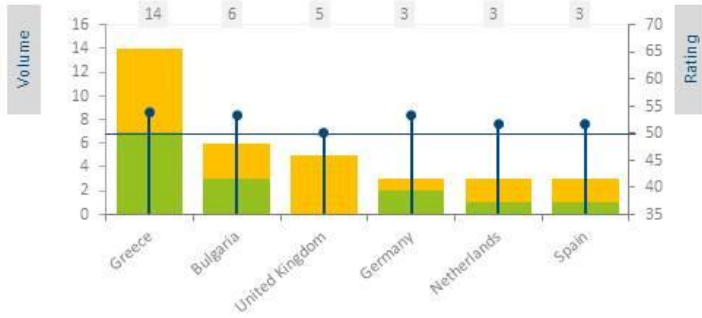
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Nikola Gruevski - PM former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	8
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Maja Kocijancic (spokesperson HR Foreign Affairs)	3
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