



Press Mood of the Day | Dec 12, 2018

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BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

BH Gas wants to hike gas prices by 31% ([Dnevni Avaz](#))

BiH presidency Chairman Dodik: I am ready for session if FBiH flag is removed ([Nezavisne Novine](#))

Dodik: Political leadership of RS will strengthen position on entity's military neutrality ([Glas Srpske](#))

Is adoption of law on Constitutional Court possible? ([Glas Srpske](#))

Dodik cancels consultations over government formation because of RS flag ([Oslobodjenje](#))

CIK still without solution for FBiH House of Peoples ([Oslobodjenje](#))

NDP leader Dragan Cavic returns to RS government ([Oslobodjenje](#))

BULGARIA

TPP Maritsa Iztok 2 sells again only part of its expensive electricity ([Capital Daily](#))

Prosecution accuses [former deputy mayor of capital Sofia] Evgeni Krusev of changing [illegally] contract for repair [of main commercial street] Graf Ignatiev ([Capital Daily](#))

[Ruling] GERB guarantees uncontrolled arbitrariness of hundreds of state administration institutions [via drastic increase in fees for administrative court cases] ([Sega](#))

[Bulgarian] transport sector to go on protest [in front of European Parliament building] in Brussels [against EU Mobility Package] ([24 Chasa](#))

Construction sector goes for peaceful protest [in capital Sofia] [against attempts for discrediting of local construction companies regarding EU funds] ([Trud](#))

CROATIA

Advisors of successful debt settlement [of ailing food and retail conglomerate Agrokor] awarded EUR 19mn ([Vecernji List](#))

[State health insurance agency] HZZO reduces the prices of pharmaceuticals, but will patients also feel it? ([Vecernji List](#))

For the success of the [Agrokor] debt settlement, advisors got HRK 140mn worth of awards ([Poslovni Dnevnik](#))

[Oil company INA: USD 300mn rollover] Loan is not a matter of necessity but of a good timing ([Poslovni Dnevnik](#))

[British American Tobacco] BAT in Croatia has more than 1,700 workers ([Poslovni Dnevnik](#))

[PM Andrej Plenkovic: We will get] Israeli F-16 [jet fighters in condition that we agreed] or nothing ([Jutarnji List](#))

[Intraparty] Elections in the SDP [in Bjelovar-Bilogora] under criminal investigation! Zagreb police have also heard [SDP president Davor] Bernardic's right hand over alleged election fraud ([Jutarnji List](#))

Parliament on Wednesday on the Declaration on the Position of Croats in BiH ([Jutarnji List](#))

Plenkovic on jet fighters: Either we buy what the Israelites offered us, or the tender will be cancelled! Defence ministry: We insist on fully respecting the contract ([Slobodna Dalmacija](#))

Opposition: Government reducing number of agencies too easily ([Novi List](#))

CZECH REPUBLIC

1.4mn vehicles to set off from Czech conveyor belts [on vehicle production in 2018] ([Hospodarske Noviny](#))

ANO wants to prevent Hungarians being removed [regarding top embassy status of Czech embassy in Hungary] ([Lidove Noviny](#))

StB? Babis failed in Strasbourg [to clear his name from Slovak security service registry] ([Lidove Noviny](#))

Mortgage sales are falling ([E15](#))

[British PM] May desperately tours around Europe. In vain ([Mlada Fronta Dnes](#))

Prague opposition wants more seats in [district] councils ([E15](#))

Retired military seek work ([Pravo](#))

Big roundabouts finally coming to an end [on completion of major road works] ([Mlada Fronta Dnes](#))

Vaclav Havel airport [in Prague] is near its limit ([Hospodarske Noviny](#))

A white Christmas to be seen only in mountains ([Pravo](#))

HUNGARY

Sport has not become national strategy by accident ([Magyar Idok](#))

Only opposition parties trigger tension by intentional misinterpretation of working overtime proposal ([Magyar Idok](#))

[Finance minister] Mihaly Varga: Good cooperation between government and banking sector ([Magyar Idok](#))

Hungarian companies must have own, new products on domestic and global markets [according to innovation minister Palkovics] ([Vilaggazdasag](#))

Demand for Danube freight transport increases ([Vilaggazdasag](#))

Some government measures are positive but Hungarian government is still illiberal [Hungarian Helsinki Committee co-chair Marta Pardavi says] ([Heti Vilaggazdasag](#))

Government commissioner: Hungarians go to work in Austria because they cannot work overtime [at home] ([Heti Vilaggazdasag](#))

POLAND

PiS to present path for 2019 [at Dec 15 convention; said likely to be vision rather than policies, which are to be presented next year] ([Rzeczpospolita](#))

Poll view of govt: rather a failing grade ([Rzeczpospolita](#))

KNF affair: some of ex-KNF officials recently detained were relieved from duty due to bad state of SKOKs ([Gazeta Wyborcza](#))

SKOKs were safe under PiS govt [despite horrible metrics, looming bankruptcies] ([Gazeta Wyborcza](#))

PO: We will submit motion about potential failure to act for SKOK Krajowy ([Gazeta Wyborcza](#))

Poland still faces Article 7 ([Gazeta Wyborcza](#))

Jankowski's honor [priest facing charges for improper behaviour still to be honored by Gdansk] ([Gazeta Wyborcza](#))

The cost of black coal [rising power costs said to imperil economy] ([Rzeczpospolita](#))

At least PLN 70 for pension indexation ([Rzeczpospolita](#))

The most expensive and best CEOs on the Polish market ([Rzeczpospolita](#))

Fiat's Tychy factory on the sidelines [of Fiat's interest] ([Gazeta Wyborcza](#))

Pekao's forecast: economic slowdown awaits us ([Gazeta Wyborcza](#))

ROMANIA

Romania has potential to double GDP in ten years ([Ziarul Financiar](#))

Christmas is early for NBR: Inflation slows faster than expected to 3.4% in November ([Ziarul Financiar](#))

All employers must increase minimum wage as of January 2019 or risk fines ([Adevarul](#))

North-east mayors want to join western alliance ([Adevarul](#))

Justice minister: Bill changing criminal codes is sometimes legal, sometimes illegal ([Adevarul](#))

Romania at 100 years anniversary: GDP increases more than western Europe or China as annual average ([Gandul](#))

Defence Council's meeting is suspended due to disagreements on next year budget ([Bursa](#))

ALDE's Tariceanu says he knows nothing about bill on changing criminal codes ([Bursa](#))

Former CCR president says bill on changing criminal codes may be illegal ([Curierul National](#))

Former labour minister Vasilescu agrees with amnesty and pardon bill ([Romania Libera](#))

USR wants president Iohannis to lead cabinet's meeting by end of 2018 ([Evenimentul Zilei](#))

UDMR decides again on majority in parliament ([Evenimentul Zilei](#))

RUSSIA

Governors go to elections as independent candidates [to avoid association with Unified Russia] ([Vedomosti](#))

Economists expect CBR to keep rate on hold [survey shows 23 analysts expect hold, 15 hike] ([Vedomosti](#))

Novatek launches third line of Yamal LNG plant ahead of schedule ([Vedomosti](#))

FinMin will borrow in hopes of higher inflation [on intention to offer more inflation-linked bonds] ([Vedomosti](#))

Naftogaz relies on Texas law [in conflict with Gazprom] ([Kommersant](#))

PM Medvedev bets on the strong hand of the judiciary ([Kommersant](#))

Russia and Israel will argue about Iran ([Kommersant](#))

Russia and Kazakhstan gain from mutual deliveries of steel pipes ([Kommersant](#))

SERBIA

Kosovo institutions do not announce new measures against Serbs, Kosovo PM Haradinaj attacks EU's Mogherini ([Vecernje Novosti](#))

Finance ministry and Chamber of Commerce present economic reform programme for 2019-21 ([Vecernje Novosti](#))

Ahead of new protest of opposition: Authorities need to guarantee conditions for fair elections ([Danas](#))

Pristina not to introduce new measures against Belgrade ([Politika](#))

Serbia calls to prevent formation of Kosovo army ([Politika](#))

Kosovo PM Haradinaj postpones new measures ([Blic](#))

Employees in education sector hold protest, demand 14.67% hike of wages ([Blic](#))

TURKEY

[President] Erdogan's stance inspires us - Turkish-German citizen ([Sabah](#))

Current account posts record high USD 2.77bn surplus [in October] ([Sabah](#))

Rebalancing process continues firmly - FinMin Albayrak ([Sabah](#))

Ban on free plastic bags [at supermarkets as of 2019] to reduce waste by 50% ([Sabah](#))

Ten percent of exports made in lira - Exporters' association TIM chair Gulle ([Sabah](#))

Operation at embassy [Turkey reportedly launches inquiry into three employees of Turkish Embassy in Washington on links to Gulen] ([Hurriyet](#))

[Current minimum wage at] TRY 1,603 cannot even meet food expenses [of family of four] - Labour unions confederation Turk-Is ([Hurriyet](#))

[Main opposition party] CHP's shares in Isbank trigger quarrel during budget talks [at parliament] ([Hurriyet](#))

Ministers call EU to be supportive [of Turkey's efforts to improve ties] ([Hurriyet](#))

Erdogan, [MHP leader] Bahceli to meet today for alliance in local elections ([Milliyet](#))

Turkey determined to adapt itself to EU standards - ministers ([Milliyet](#))

[Potential Ankara mayor candidate of CHP-IYI Party] Yavas [reportedly] submits poll to CHP showing 6pps lower votes if nominated under IYI Party [than CHP] ([Milliyet](#))

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