

# *The European Union, not united after all*

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Following tense days of negotiations, the leaders of the European Union were forced to make hard concessions to the United Kingdom that will ease the way for it to remain in the continental block, whose unity is each day more precarious due, among other reasons, to the economic crisis and the avalanche of refugee migrants that keeps the Union's borders in extreme tension.

British Prime Minister David Cameron was able to negotiate a pact that will give a different treatment to those European migrants that seek work in his country and significantly reduce the humanitarian aid to those who arrive from other areas in the world.

European Union residents who after six months in the United Kingdom have not managed to get a job will be "invited" to leave the country, something unheard of in the rest of the Union.

As to the citizens of Africa, the Middle East and Asia that in droves attempt to cross the English Channel, if they are successful will only receive subsidies equal to those paid in their countries of origin and not in the European scale.

Following the agreement, Prime Minister Cameron warned that harsh restrictions will be in store for the migrants and vowed to never resort to the euro as the official money nor Britain will take part in any financial rescue operation of a member nation of the European Union that declares itself in bankruptcy,

and likewise vowed to repeal any other ruling issued by Brussels, where the European Union has its official headquarters.

With this declaration of independence, it is no longer certain whether London will remain as a member of the Union. Such decision will be taken by the U K after the results of next June's referendum, which will allow the British citizens to say the last word on this matter.

Tensions between London and the European Union rose following the global financial crisis that began in 2008, which forced harsh adjustment measures in almost all nations, most of which bothered the United Kingdom because they sparked a crisis in its powerful financial market known as The City.

The Common Market stability was also attacked by the economic turbulence in some of the Union member nations, such as Greece, Spain, Italy, Ireland and Portugal, which demanded multibillion financial bailouts to save their banks while the population, mostly the working class, sunk into poverty.

Former Greek Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis asserted that Europe as a Union is disintegrating and dying, and said the Brussels authorities were highly incompetent in the manner that they have managed the crisis.

They were incapable of preventing the financial explosion and when it happened they became panicky and unloaded the major weight of the compensating measures on the weaker nations, the Greek financial expert charged.

One other difficult situation that was also mishandled, according to this expert, is the massive arrival of immigrants to the European Mediterranean coast and to the Eastern European borders, a problem that has become a major humanitarian crisis as yet unresolved.

Independently of the solution that will be given to these problems, nothing will be the same again in the European Union.

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