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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Is democracy being threatened in Ukraine? Local media recently circulated reports of sensational negotiations between once-sworn enemies Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko and Party of Regions opposition leader Viktor Yanukovitch, suggesting a potential coalition. This was alleged to be coupled with plans for a constitutional reform to transform Ukraine into a full-fledged parliamentary republic, with a president elected by the Verkhovna Rada, and exotic two-stage parliamentary elections that would secure a majority for the winning party.

President Viktor Yushchenko publicly stated that the planned constitutional amendments amounted to a plot against him -- a coup d'état.

Then suddenly it was over: Yanukovitch stated that the president of Ukraine should be elected by the Ukrainian people, not Parliament, and that his party would not support the proposed constitutional changes. His comments marked the end of negotiations between the PR and the BYuT. Tymoshenko promptly followed up with her own statement, blaming the failure of the negotiations on her opponent.

In this report, we include an analysis and forecast of the political situation, as Ukrainian presidential elections approach>>>

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