
ANGELA MERKEL'S RULE-OF-LAW LEGACY: A DIVIDED EUROPE

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It shall be remembered as Chancellor Angela Merkels final Christmas miracle.

As Europes mood darkened amid a worsening pandemic and stricter lockdowns this month, the German leader cajoled Hungary and Poland into accepting a compromise on rule-of-law sanctions, clearing a blockade on the EUs emergency coronavirus aid that had threatened the Continent with a winter of switches and ashes.

Yet as is true of most yuletide tales, the real story is a bit more complicated.

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