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# MED NEWS HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

### **Politics**

Trump Hails 'Dawn of New Middle East' with UAE-Bahrain-Israel Deals (BBC News)
US President Donald Trump has hailed the "dawn of a new Middle East", amid Israel's landmark deals with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Bahrain. Read more <a href="here">here</a>.

### Turkey: Release Osman Kavala. Authorities Should Comply with Council of Europe Order to Free Human Rights Defender (Human Rights Watch)

Turkish authorities should immediately release human rights defender Osman Kavala, in compliance with the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers' decision of September 3, 2020, the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), Human Rights Watch, and the Turkey Human Rights Litigation Support Project said today. Read more here.

#### Moria migrants: Greek ships to help shelter 13,000 after fire (BBC News)

Greece is sending three ships to help house thousands of migrants sleeping rough on the island of Lesbos after fire destroyed their overcrowded camp. Read more here.

### Is Spain Heading for a Crisis Even Worse Than the Last One? (The Local)

With house prices only creeping up and unemployment rising, is Spain heading for an economic crisis even worst than the last one? Graham Keeley looks ahead. Read more <u>here</u>.

#### **Environment**

# Egypt's Prime Minister Follows up on Construction of Tanzanian Mega-dam (Ahram Online)

The hydro-power dam is being built by a consortium of Egyptian companies, the Arab Contractors and Elsewedy Electric. Read more <u>here</u>.

## World Bank Cancels Loan for Lebanon's Controversial Bisri Dam Project (Middle East Eye)

Cancellation is a victory for activists who have for years fought against the project, denouncing its environmental impact. Read more <u>here</u>.

#### **Climate Change Adds to Plight of Endangered Sea Turtles in Cyprus (Reuteurs)**

Hatched baby sea turtles on the island of Cyprus struggling to crawl to the sea now face the added threat of climate change as they dig their way out of nests in the sand, scientists say. Read more here.

### Spain to Offer \$215 Million in Renewable Energy Subsidies (Reuters)

Spain will inject 181 million euros (\$215 million) of state funds into renewable energy projects in seven regions, aiming to boost employment and cut carbon emissions, its Energy and Environment Ministry said on Thursday. Read more <a href="here">here</a>.

### Culture & Archeology

### Restoration of Michelangelo's Pietà Resumes, Colors Emerge (ANSAmed)

Visits to Florence Duomo Museum open on September 21. The restoration of Michelangelo's Pietà, known as Pietà Bandini, which started last November at the Museo dell'Opera del Duomo in Florence, resumed after a break due to Covid-19. It is one of the three executed by Buonarroti and unfinished by the great artist who portrayed himself as Nicodemo but also tried to destroy it. Read more <a href="here">here</a>.

### Caricature of the Week



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