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MED NEWS HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

Politics

Joint Greek-Turkish poll: Greeks know Turkey better than Turks know Greece (Greek City Times)

The Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy's (ELIAMEP) Turkey program conducted a public opinion poll on Greek and Turkish issues. The poll ran simultaneously in Greece and Turkey. Read more here.

Syria releases hundreds of social media critics ahead of election (Reuters)

Syria has freed more than 400 civil servants, judges, lawyers and journalists detained this year in a crackdown on social media dissent, a move seen by rights activists and former detainees as intended to win over public opinion ahead of presidential elections. Read more here.

Tunisia: 307 Tunisian migrants arrive in Italy in April 2021 (AllAfrica)

The number of Tunisian migrants arriving in Italy reached 307 in April 2021, according the report of the Tunisian Social Observatory (OST) under the Tunisian Economic and Social Forum (FTDES). Read more here.

How corrupt is French politics? (Politico)

For a former French president to be sentenced to jail may be regarded as a misfortune. For the same ex-president to go on trial on different corruption charges 11 weeks later looks like a brutal commentary on the state of French politics. Read more here.

Environment

Oceana demands action by Mediterranean countries to end illegal fishing (EUReporter)

Oceana calls on the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) to provide real protection for areas where bottom trawling is forbidden. The members of the GFCM, which include 22 countries and the European Union, are meeting this week to review their actions to tackle illegal fishing, ahead of its plenary meeting in November. Read more here.

Montenegro starts offshore oil exploration, worrying environmentalists and anticorruption activists (Emerging Europe)

Montenegro is hoping that an exploration project in its territorial waters will confirm the presence of billions of euros worth of oil and gas. Environmentalists and anti-corruption campaigners are concerned. Read more here.

Turkey becomes Europe's dumping ground for illegal plastic waste (Middle East Eye) Illegal plastic waste from the UK and Germany is dumped in Turkey where it is polluting the Mediterranean, says Greenpeace. Read more here.

French demonstrators demand more action on climate change (CTVNews)

Thousands of demonstrators took to the streets of Paris and other French cities on Sunday to call for more ambitious measures in the fight against climate change. Read more here.

Syrian government calls on Turkey to release Euphrates water (Al-Monitor)

The Syrian government and Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) accuse Turkey of being behind the dramatic drop in water levels flowing into Syria, something that could spell a major economic and environmental crisis. Read more here.

Culture & Archeology

The Archaeological Museum of Delphi (Greek City Times)

Today is International Museum Day, and to celebrate we take you on a journey through the Archaeological Museum of Delphi. Taking a stroll through this museum, one will journey through centuries of history, culture, architecture, art and archeology, from Prehistory to Late Antiquity. Read more here.

Egypt's 'lost city' may be new boon for tourism (Gulf Business)

The discovery of a 3,000-year-old city may just be the impetus required for Egypt's tourism. Archaeologists in Egypt have discovered a 3,000-year-old "lost city" buried under the sands in Luxor, home to the Nile Valley's famed Valley of the Kings, the latest pharaonic-era wonder to be unearthed as the country seeks to revive its tourism industry. Read more here.

Caricature of the Week



You can find the original link here.

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