



## **MED NEWS**

### **HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN**

#### **Politics**

**Greece, Europe Welcome Ukraine's Refugees When they Shun Others (Greek Reporter)**  
Throughout Europe, including Greece, governments are welcoming millions of refugees from Ukraine when for years they have been erecting barriers to stop refugees from other parts of the world. It is not a surprise that many commentators talk of hypocrisy and double standards. Read more [here](#).

**Blinken Invites Çavuşoğlu to Washington to Discuss New Mechanism (Daily Sabah)**  
U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken has extended an invitation to visit Washington on May 18 to discuss the recently launched strategic mechanism between Turkey and the U.S., Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu said Thursday. Read more [here](#).

**26 Egyptian Researchers in Nuclear Sciences Receive Practical Training at Russia (Egypt Today)**  
The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research released Wednesday a press statement on the practical training program that was delivered by the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research located at Russia's Dubna to 26 young Egyptian researchers in nuclear sciences. Read more [here](#).

**France election: When is it? How Does it Work? Who's Running? Who's Leading the Race? (Euro News)**

There are two elections in France this year. The first one is to choose the country's president for the next five years. The first round of voting takes place on Sunday, 10 April. Unless someone gets more than 50% of the vote share, there will be a second round on Sunday, 24 April. Then, in June, there will be an election to choose France's next parliament. Read more [here](#).

## Environment

### **Fresh Snow Coats Northern Spain (NT News)**

Snow over Spain's northern provinces covered roads and complicated travel on April 1, video shows. Footage shared by the San Sebastian City Council Department of the Environment shows snow falling on a road to Artikutza, they said. Read more [here](#).

### **Turkey, EU in Contact to Reduce Global Travel of Waste (Daily Sabah)**

The European Union and Turkey are in contact to tackle the problem of waste traffic around the world, Ambassador Nikolaus Meyer-Landrut, the head of the European Union Delegation to Turkey, said Thursday. Read more [here](#).

### **Who Says 99% of World's Population Breathes Poor-Quality Air (Ap News)**

Governments Fail to Pay Millions in Maintenance Costs Experts Say WHO said 99% of the global population breathes air that exceeds its air-quality limits and is often rife with particles that can penetrate deep into the lungs, enter the veins and arteries and cause disease. Air quality is poorest in WHO's eastern Mediterranean and Southeast Asia regions, followed by Africa, it said. Read more [here](#).

### **Greece Accelerates Gas Exploration in the Ionian Sea and Crete (Greek Reporter)**

Greece is expected to announce initiatives to accelerate natural gas exploration in the Ionian Sea and in Crete after Russia threatened to cut off supplies to Europe. Read more [here](#).

## Culture & Archeology

### **How Do Viewers React to Reconstruction of Pompeii Home? (Archaeology)**

According to a statement released by Lund University, researcher Giacomo Landeschi and his colleagues created a 3-D virtual replica of Pompeii's House of Greek Epigrams for a museum display, and then used eye-tracking technology to record what features of the house drew the attention of the viewers. Read more [here](#).

### **Mother Goddess Stele on Display in İzmir (Hurriyet Daily News)**

As part of the "12 Months, 12 Exhibitions" project, carried out by the İzmir Archaeology Museum Directorate, the artifacts that have been registered in the museum inventory and have not been exhibited before are now open to visitors. Read more [here](#).

### **Greece Loans Statue to Italy in Goodwill Gesture After Return of Parthenon Foot (Euro News)**

An ancient Greek statue has been leant to an Italian museum in the latest round of 'statue diplomacy'. The statue of the goddess Athena will be displayed in a Sicilian museum for four years in return for Italy's long-term loan to Athens of a fragment of the celebrated Parthenon Sculptures. Read more [here](#).

### **Rome Villa with Caravaggio's Only Ceiling Fresco Fails to Sell Again (The Guardian)**

For the second time in three months, a historic Rome villa that contains the only ceiling fresco ever painted by the Renaissance master and famed scoundrel Caravaggio has failed to attract a bidder. Read more [here](#).

## **Caricature of the Week**



Flower Power  
Stop War!  
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