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HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

Politics

Macron's Government Suffers First Defeat in Parliament after Election Setback (France24)

France's government has suffered its first defeat in parliament after President Emmanuel Macron's ruling party lost its majority in elections last month. Read more [here](#).

Rising Prices Drive Increase in Cypriots to Occupied Territories (Euroactiv)

Rising prices and the fall of the Turkish lira have resulted in an increasing number of Greek Cypriots crossing into the occupied territories to buy cheap products, negatively affecting "free" Cyprus tax revenues, EURACTIV Greece has learned. Read more [here](#).

Greece Eyes TAP Pipeline, LNG to Face a Russian Gas Cut-off (Euroactiv)

The Greek government is looking at the TAP gas pipeline and liquefied natural gas (LNG) to plug the energy supply hole in case Russia decides on a reduced or complete gas cut-off to Europe, Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis said after a briefing on Thursday. Read more [here](#).

Italian PM Mario Draghi offers resignation after coalition falls apart (BBC News)

Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi has tendered his resignation after populist coalition partner Five Star withdrew its support in a confidence vote. Read more [here](#).

Environment

UK plastic waste dumped 'before Turkey's import restrictions' (MRW)

Plastic waste found on the Turkish coast, identified in a front-page newspaper story as largely originating from the UK, was exported prior to tougher shipping restrictions, according to the Recycling Association. Read more [here](#).

Greece to Use Lignite Again as Fuel Alternative Due to Energy Crisis (Greek Reporter)

Greece is planning to ramp up the use of lignite as an alternative power source to natural gas, which has become extremely expensive in the wake of the war in Ukraine. Read more [here](#).

Heatwave: More Evacuations as Mediterranean Wildfires Spread (BBC News)

France has evacuated more than 14,000 people threatened by wildfires in the south-west, as fires also spread in Spain, Croatia and Greece. Read more [here](#).

Athens Air Quality Ranks Near Bottom Among European Cities (Greek Reporter)

Athens' air quality ranks 227th of 343 European cities in a new report by the European Environment Agency. Read more [here](#).

Culture & Archeology

Cyprus launches first underwater archaeological park at ancient port (Ekathimerini)

Cyprus has opened its first underwater archaeological park, offering visitors a glimpse of history at one of the eastern Mediterranean's best preserved ancient harbors. Read more [here](#).

10 timeless objects invented by ancient Egyptians (Egypttoday)

For nearly 3,000 years, ancient Egypt flourished as the preeminent civilization in the Mediterranean world. Read more [here](#).

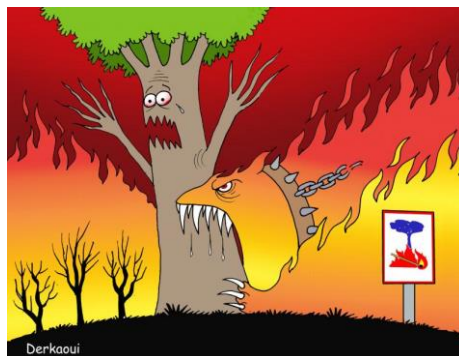
Quarry Discovered Under Ancient Church in Jerusalem (Archaeology)

The Jerusalem Post reports that traces of a fourth-century A.D. rock quarry were uncovered at the site of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, a Christian site built on top of the Roman emperor Hadrian's temple of Capitoline Jupiter. Read more [here](#).

Italy, Egypt and Turkey Square Off in Archaeology (ANSamed)

The ruins of the ancient city founded in Luxor by the pharaoh Amenhotep III discovered in the Egyptian desert, the slaves' room discovered in Pompeii and the site of Karahantepe, a sanctuary built into rock in Turkey's Anatolia region over 11,000 years ago are all in the running for an award which will be given in this year's Mediterranean Bourse of Archaeological Tourism. Read more [here](#).

Caricature of the Week



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