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HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

Politics

Mother Nature Scoffs at Trump’s Mideast Peace Plan (New York Times)

Climate change and other conditions don’t respect boundary lines. Read more [here](#).

How populist radical right parties have eroded the EU’s human rights agenda in the Mediterranean (LSE Blog)

It is often assumed that populist radical right parties will support disengaging from the European Union by default. Adrià Rivera Escartin writes that although many of these parties do support disengaging from the EU, there is the potential for a different approach to be adopted in future which might be termed ‘informal and illiberal Europeanisation’. Read more [here](#).

Turkish Cypriot leader warns Cyprus is facing permanent partition (Guardian)

Mustafa Akıncı says differences between island’s two sides are growing more entrenched. Read more [here](#).

Can China Replace the United States in Israel? (Foreign Policy)

Talk of new Chinese-Israeli trade deals points to more complicated relationships with Washington to come. Read more [here](#).

Environment

Illegal hunting killed at least 99 birds last year: BirdLife Malta says this is the tip of the iceberg (Maltatoday)

In its annual assessment of illegal hunting and trapping, BirdLife says 2019 was the second-worst year in the past seven. Read more [here](#).

Garbage Crisis Just Reached a Critical Point in Nabatieh and Surrounding Towns (The 961)

Municipalities blame it on the closure of most of the landfills in the area. Read more [here](#).

Environment: Tunisia cracks down on plastic bags (ANSamed)

Tunisia is continuing to crack down on the use of plastic bags, a policy first launched in December 2015 but implemented in March 2017, with a ban on the distribution of non-biodegradable bags in supermarkets and pharmacies across the country starting on March 1, 2018. Read more [here](#).

Portugal Government Tackles Foreign Trash Issue Amid Wave of Indignation (New York Times)

Reacting to people who spoke out against trash from other countries being dumped in Portuguese landfills, the Socialist government announced on Monday it would adopt urgent measures to tackle the issue. Read more [here](#).

Culture & Archaeology

New Building Found at Epidaurus' Asclepieion in Sensational Archaeological Discovery (Greek Reporter)

The Asclepieion of Epidaurus on the Peloponnesian Peninsula is one of the most important ancient sites in the entire world. Read more [here](#).

Mediterranean Wefts, a bridge between Sicily and Tunisia (ANSamed)

An exhibition titled "Mediterranean Wefts: The Ludovico Corrao and Dar Bach Hamba Collection of Tunis" represents an embrace between two shores of the Mediterranean in the name of art, a cultural bridge that unites two countries with a history spanning thousands of years. Read more [here](#).

What Archaeology Tells US About Pre-Roman Cultures (AncientOrigins)

When we talk about the ancient ages of the Italian Peninsula, we often focus on Rome and the early history of its people. But the history of this crucial European region is very rich and intricate, and filled with a variety of tribes, cultures, and peoples that existed there long before the Romans came onto the stage. Read more [here](#).

Caricature of the Week



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