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# MED NEWS HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

#### **Politics**

'Our Hearts Are Dead.' After 9 Years of Civil War, Libyans Are Tired of Being Pawns in a Geopolitical Game of Chess (Time)

The last time Libya's war had the world's full attention, it was being fought mainly by Libyans. Read more here.

#### **Euro-Med Partnership: What Happened to the 'Spirit of Barcelona'? (EUBulletin)**

Barcelona has tied its name to the Mediterranean. This is true in many fields, international relations among them. Read more here.

#### Lebanon Is Broken. So Are Its Protests. (Foreign Policy)

The mannequins at the Chanel showroom in downtown Beirut are hidden behind steel doors due to fears that protesters could unleash their anger on such potent symbols of inequality. Read more here.

#### Netanyahu: ICC has become a political tool against Israel (The Jerusalem Post)

The prime minister said that he worked with the National Security Council and Foreign Ministry to get these countries to come out against the ICC chief prosecutor's push to put Israel on trial. Read more here.

#### **Environment**

## French Constitutional Court Issues Landmark Decision on Environmental Protection vs. Freedom of Enterprise (Globalelr)

The Court's decision has important implications for the French Constitution and the interplay between economic growth and the environment. Read more here.

#### Climate experts gather in Venice to assess risks to Med (ANSAmed)

'There are ways to deal with the changes'. Read more here.

#### **Mediterranean: protocol for whale sanctuary signed (ANSAmed)**

February 16 is World Whale Day, focus on species Pelagos area. Read more here.

### 'We have nothing to keep the sea out': the struggle to save Spain's Ebro Delta (Guardian)

After Storm Gloria devastated one of the Mediterranean's largest wetlands, an urgent search has begun for solutions to protect it from further floods and creeping water levels. Read more here.

### Culture & Archaeology

## Spanish Tourism In The Mediterranean: The Re-Emergence Of Egypt, Tunisia And Turkey Altered The Playing Field (The Corner)

The fact that Spain is the second largest tourist destination in the world is not by chance. Read more here.

## Archaeologists close in on Spanish Empire's 'greatest treasure' in huge breakthrough (Express)

Archaeologists are closing in on a "cursed" vessel that has languished at the bottom of the sea near Mexico for nearly 400 years - representing a discovery of "the greatest treasure galleon" the likes of which have only been seen in drawings. Read more here.

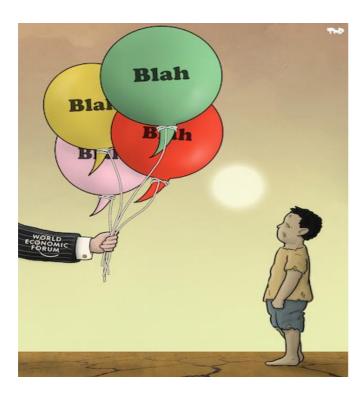
## Pompeii exposed: 'Entire city' of 1,000 untouched villas found below Roman city (Express)

Pompeii archaeologists were thrilled to discover an "entire city" of around 1,000 previously unknown villas just outside of the boundaries of the ancient city, thanks to a secret tunnel. Read more here.

### Archaeologists to study 10,000 years of climate change off Israel's coast (The Jerusalem Post)

A specific characteristic of the joint project is that it will combine archaeological and environmental studies. Read more here.

### **Caricature of the Week**



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