



## **MED NEWS**

### **HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN**

#### **Politics**

##### **France held elections under coronavirus. Here are four takeaways (The Washington Post)**

In March, France held the first round of its 2020 municipal elections in over 35,000 cities, despite the health threat posed by the novel coronavirus pandemic. Read more [here](#).

##### **Spanish workers strike against being forced to work without protection (World Socialist Website)**

Workers of the Spanish pizza restaurant chain Telepizza went on strike on Saturday after 11 employees were sanctioned for refusing to work in unprotected environments. Read more [here](#).

##### **Israel may get its first government in months, but can it govern? (Washington Post)**

Israel woke up Tuesday to its first prospect of a functioning government in more than a year, but also to questions of whether that government, as proposed, can actually function. Read more [here](#).

##### **'Worse than the war': Hunger grows in Lebanon along with anger (Aljazeera)**

A month into lockdown, the government is fumbling its coronavirus aid response, driving civil unrest. Read more [here](#).

#### **Environment**

##### **For the Mediterranean, the Suez is a wormhole bringing in alien invaders (Mongabay)**

An influx of Indo-Pacific species has invaded the Mediterranean Sea via the Suez Canal, changing the sea's ecology and threatening the region's fisheries. Read more [here](#).

##### **Turkey is awash in plastic waste. Coronavirus could make it worse (Aljazeera)**

Activists question why Turkey is importing plastic from other nations when it struggles to manage waste it produces. Read more [here](#).

### **In Pisa, project for sustainable production of figs in Med (ANSAméd)**

A research project called Figgen, led by Tommaso Giordani, a professor in the University of Pisa's Farming, Food, and Agro-Environmental Sciences Department, aims to promote the natural variability of the fig, an ancient fruit for modern sustainable Mediterranean agriculture. Read more [here](#).

### **Local study finds ‘forever chemicals’ in environment (Times of Malta)**

A PhD thesis conducted by Godwin Sammut on the presence of Perfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs) in the local environment has revealed their presence in several environmental matrices in the Maltese islands, including drinking water, fruit and vegetables.

## **Culture & Archeology**

### **You Won't Have To Wait An Eternity To See King Tut At The Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) (Forbes)**

Museum lovers have had to postpone visits to see the great art of the world until the Covid-19 pandemic is over. Read more [here](#).

### **Hawass presents evidence that Prophet Idriss is not Osiris (Egypt Today)**

Archaeologist Zahi Hawass said there is no reason for Sheikh Ali Gomaa, the former Grand Mufti of Egypt, to talk about archeology. Read more [here](#).

## **Caricature of the Week**



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