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HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

Politics

Libya's eastern leader Haftar says army to take formal control (Reuters)

Libya's eastern-based military leader Khalifa Haftar said on Monday his Libyan National Army (LNA) was accepting a "popular mandate" to rule the country. Read more [here](#).

53% of migrants lost jobs in Tunisia in COVID-19 lockdown (Infomigrants)

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) said Wednesday that 53% of migrants in Tunisia lost their jobs during the lockdown period decreed by the authorities in order to contain the spread of COVID-19. Read more [here](#).

In Egypt, the coronavirus poses a political threat (Foreign Policy)

The pandemic has exposed the shortfalls of a government that has neglected the health sector for too long. Read more [here](#).

Lebanon eyes move to flexible exchange rate in economic overhaul (Bloomberg)

Lebanon plans to shift to a flexible exchange rate once it secures external funding for an economic overhaul and will need \$28 billion in the next five years to overcome its worst financial crisis in decades. Lebanese Eurobonds rose. Read more [here](#).

Environment

Greta Thunberg and children's group hit back at attempt to throw out climate case (Guardian)

Brazil, France and Germany say UN can't hear complaint against five countries of flouting child rights to clean air. Read more [here](#).

Union for Med prepares response to drought for Covid-19 (ANSamed)

Med countries meet to find common strategies to water shortage. Read more [here](#).

Croatia and Bosnia at loggerheads over nuclear waste plan (Emerging Europe)

Tensions are flaring between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia over the latter's controversial plan to store nuclear waste at Čerkezovac, a former military installation on the border between the two countries. Read more [here](#).

Parliament approves controversial environmental bill (Ekathimerini.com)

Greek lawmakers approved a controversial environmental bill Tuesday that the opposition and environmental groups slammed for opening the door to exploratory oil and gas drilling in protected areas. Read more [here](#).

Culture & Archeology

Virtual archeology museum opens at Queen's University (Thewhig)

A forgotten museum highlighting objects collected from excavations in ancient Jericho and Dhiban and briefly set up at Queen's University in the 1950s has made a return, if only virtually, to the university. Read more [here](#).

All you need to know about San el-Hagar development works (Egypttoday)

Head of the Central Department for Engineering Affairs, Antiquities and Museum Projects Waad Abul Ela said the construction of the wall in San el-Hagar is underway within the development work that is taking place in the region. Read more [here](#).

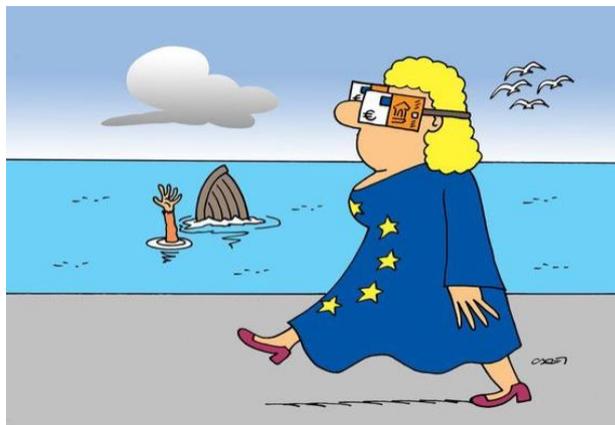
Biological study of Tell es-Sin the Byzantine necropolis (Heritagedaily)

A study published in the journal Bioarcheology of the Near East reveals the characteristics of the population that was buried in the Tell es-Sin necropolis, a Byzantine site dated between the 5th and 7th centuries that is located in Syria, on the left bank from the Euphrates River. Read more [here](#).

The songbird: Linking music and blindness in ancient Babylonia (Allofusdha)

In the middle of the 17th century BCE, there was a young blind girl living in the northern regions of the fading Old Babylonian empire. Read more [here](#).

Caricature of the Week



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