



## **MED NEWS**

### **HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN**

#### **Politics**

##### **COVID-19: What next for the Mediterranean? (Euroactiv)**

The Euro-Mediterranean region needs to build its own development strategy in response to the coronavirus crisis, writes Nasser Kamel. Read more [here](#).

##### **Deep Sea Rivals: Europe, Turkey and New Eastern Mediterranean Conflict Lines (Ecfr.eu)**

The eastern Mediterranean is becoming ever more perilous as geopolitical fault lines steadily enmesh the region. These rifts emerge from the Cyprus 'frozen conflict', competition for valuable gas fields, and the increasingly entangled wars in Libya and Syria. Read more [here](#).

##### **Coronavirus: Anti-lockdown car protest draws thousands (BBC News)**

Thousands of people in Spain are protesting against the government's handling of the coronavirus outbreak. Read more [here](#).

##### **How ignorant British policy inflamed the war in Syria (Middle East Eye)**

Recent revelations cast a grim light on the UK's supposed neutrality in foreign conflicts. Read more [here](#).

#### **Environment**

##### **How can Greece solve its water crisis? (National Geographic)**

Demand for water is outstripping supply in Greece and climate change is making it worse. Greece needs to act now to secure its water future. Read more [here](#).

##### **Natural Gas Exports Slow as Pandemic Reduces Global Demand (The New York Times)**

Businesses in the United States, Israel and other countries were planning to invest billions in export terminals. Now, those projects are being canceled or delayed. Read more [here](#).

##### **Turkey's Plastic Waste Import Increased by 173 Times in 15 Years (Bianet)**

On the one side, Turkey struggles against plastic use; on the other, its plastic waste import is gradually increasing. According to Greenpeace, with the plastic waste import banned in China, Turkey has become a new destination for plastic waste. Read more [here](#).

## **Slovenian government is taking rights from environmental NGOs (Balkan Green Energy News)**

In the shadow of coronavirus, the new Slovenian government is taking rights from environmental and nature conservation non-governmental organizations (NGOs), according to green law NGO network Justice and Environment. Read more [here](#).

## **Culture & Archeology**

### **New open-access archaeology database launched for geochemical artefacts (Heritagedaily)**

The Pofatu Database is a pioneering open-access collection of geochemical analyses and contextual data for archaeologists. The database provides a comprehensive source for archaeological sources and artefacts facilitating new insights into ancient trade and long-distance voyaging. Read more [here](#).

### **Israeli Archaeologists Find Rare Bar Kokhba Revolt Coin (Sci-News)**

Archaeologists from the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) have uncovered a rare bronze coin from the period of the Bar Kokhba Revolt. The obverse of this coin is decorated with a cluster of grapes and the inscription 'Year Two of the Freedom of Israel;' its reverse features a palm tree and the word 'Jerusalem.' Read more [here](#).

### **Bosnian art installation makes a splash**

A sculpture installed near the city of Vitez in Bosnia and Herzegovina has divided public opinion on whether it takes too many liberties, figuratively and literally. Read more [here](#).

## **Caricature of the Week**



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