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HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

Politics

France: Virus cases spike to 4,700 in a day (BBC News)

France has reported a sharp rise in the number of coronavirus cases - 4,771 - up a thousand on Wednesday's figure. Read more [here](#).

Israel and UAE strike historic deal to normalise relations (BBC News)

Israel and the United Arab Emirates have reached a deal to normalise relations, with Israel agreeing to suspend its controversial plans to annex parts of the occupied West Bank. Read more [here](#).

Egypt parliament committee approves maritime demarcation deal with Greece (Ahramonline)

The Egyptian parliament's legislative and constitutional affairs committee approved on Monday a deal demarcating maritime borders with Greece. Read more [here](#).

The Eurozone poses challenges for labour at large – and not just for the ‘South’ (LSE Blog)

In the aftermath of the sovereign debt crisis, trade unions in the Eurozone periphery suffered heavy defeats in policy-making, as governments implemented liberalising reforms against their opposition. Some scholars saw this as indicative of a chasm in the fortunes and interests of organised labour between the Eurozone's northern core and southern periphery. Read more [here](#).

Environment

Report: Air pollution becoming more lethal in Turkey while scientists struggle to access data (Bianet)

There was not enough data on the quality of the air that approximately 18 million people living in 30 provinces breathe throughout 2019, the Right to Clean Air Platform has stated. Read more [here](#).

‘France's dirtiest city’ sets its sights on ending cigarette waste (CSMonitor)

The global quarantine’s positive effects on carbon emissions is documented. But the lockdown has also stirred greater sensitivity to general environmental impact – and in Marseille, that means cleaning up cigarette butts. Read more [here](#).

Mediterranean, new observatory for Italian coastal landscape (ANSamed)

Promoted by Legambiente with universities and research centers. Read more [here](#).

Human Induced Climate Change Will Increase Torrential Rains in Spain’s Costa del Sol By 15% (EuroWeekly News)

THE European Environment Agency warns of the dire effects that human-induced climate change will pose on Spain’s weather if drastic measures are not taken. Read more [here](#).

Culture & Archeology

Demolition in İstanbul’s iconic Galata Tower in the name of restoration (Bianet)

Speaking to bianet, İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality’s Head of Cultural Assets Department Mahir Polat has noted that the demolition takes place in the interior wall where the Ottoman signature is located: “It is not restoration, it is demolition.” Read more [here](#).

Remains of Ancient Jerusalem Contain Clues About World’s Magnetic Field, Study Reveals (Sputnik News)

Between 589-586 BCE, Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar II laid siege to Jerusalem, eventually entering the city and razing it and its famous Holy Temple complex to the ground, depriving future historians of priceless information about the Kingdom of Judah. Now, two and a half millennia on, researchers have found fascinating data of a different kind. Read more [here](#).

Mesopotamia Cultural Center to be evicted from its building of 18 years (Bianet)

The building of the İstanbul Mesopotamia Cultural Center (MKM), a Kurdish culture and art center in Tarlabası neighborhood, is being handed over to the Beyoğlu Municipality by the Beyoğlu Sub-Governor’s Office. Read more [here](#).

Colosseum-like structure unearthed in western Turkey (Hurriyet Daily News)

A structure similar to Rome’s Colosseum, regarded as the best example of Roman architecture in the world, has been unearthed in the 2,700-year-old Mastaura ancient city in the Aegean province of Aydın’s Nazilli district. Read more [here](#).

Caricature of the Week



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