



MED NEWS HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

Politics

Greece ratifies Mediterranean Maritime Border Accord with Egypt (Ahram Online)

Greece ratified an accord on maritime boundaries with Egypt on Thursday, hours after Turkey extended the operation of a seismic survey vessel in the Eastern Mediterranean and said it will hold firing exercises in the region next month. Read more [here](#).

Five years on, is France still Charlie?

Charlie Hebdo republishes controversial cartoon to mark start of trial into 2015 massacre of its staff. Read more [here](#).

Can Lebanon Rebuild Not Just Beirut, but Its Broken Political System? (WPR)

The devastating explosion that tore through Beirut earlier this month exposed the elite corruption at the heart of Lebanese governance. Read more [here](#).

Help Lebanon Help Itself (Foreign Affairs)

Beirut is still recovering from an explosion that killed nearly 200 people and wounded thousands more on August 4. Read more [here](#).

Environment

Med: Greece, Research on New Invasive Species of Fish (ANSAMed)

Alien species could have substances useful for curing illnesses. Read more [here](#).

Turkey Becomes One of the New Destinations for Illegal Plastic Waste Trade (Bianet)

Rerouting of the waste has become a prominent trade after China's ban on plastic waste imports and Turkey is one of the countries that European and North American countries diverted their plastic waste exports to says the INTERPOL report. Read more [here](#).

World Bank-Funded Dam in Lebanon Mirrors Governance Crisis (New York Times)

Lebanon's Bisri Valley lies on a green fertile bed, a spot that has cradled civilizations dating as far back as the Bronze Age. Its expansive lands of pine, citrus trees and ancient ruins are threatened with being submerged by a controversial mega dam funded by the World Bank. Read more [here](#).

Boats off Spain Damaged in Orca Encounters (Guardian)

Vessels off Galicia warned to keep away after Spanish navy yacht and French boat damaged. Read more [here](#).

Culture & Archeology

Egypt Sends Antiquities Abroad on Tourism-boosting Tours (Al-Monitor)

As Egypt finds new ways to promote tourism in the time of the coronavirus crisis, the Czech Republic is hosting an exhibition of Egyptian antiquities found by a Czech archaeological mission. 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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