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HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

Politics

East Mediterranean Gas Forum formally established with headquarters in Egypt (English Ahram)

The establishment of the Forum comes amid tensions in the Eastern Mediterranean over Ankara's hunt for gas in violation of the territorial waters of Greece and Cyprus. Read more [here](#).

Spanish government to consider pardon requests for jailed Catalan separatists (El Pais)

Right-wing parties warn they will legally challenge any move to grant clemency to the imprisoned leaders of the 2017 failed secession attempt. Read more [here](#).

Turkey, Greece soon to resume talks on resolving disputes (The National Herald)

Turkey and Greece have agreed to resume talks aimed at resolving long-festering disputes, following a weeks-long standoff between the neighbors over maritime boundaries and rights to exploit offshore oil and gas resources. Read more [here](#).

A reform scenario for Lebanon (Atlantic Council)

It has by now become universally accepted that there is something rotten in the state of Lebanon. Read more [here](#).

Environment

How coral transplants could rescue Turkey's threatened reefs (Guardian)

Scientists are carefully moving the sea animals to new locations to save them from construction schemes. Read more [here](#).

Stronger joint efforts needed to achieve cleaner Mediterranean (EEA)

Achieving a cleaner Mediterranean Sea requires better implementation of policies and enhanced environmental data and information, according to a joint report by the European Environment Agency (EEA) and United Nations Environment Programme's Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP), published today. Cumulative effects of waste and marine litter, and wastewater and industrial emissions remain key challenges for the region. Read more [here](#).

Climate: risks and future strategies in Italy (EurekAlert)

It could be worth up to 8% of GDP per capita, exacerbate the differences between north and south, between society's rich and poor, as well as affect a number of Italy's strategic sectors: climate change is a risk accelerator for many aspects of both the economy and society. The report, "Analisi del rischio. I cambiamenti climatici in Italia – Risk Analysis. Climate Change in Italy" has been published. Realized by the CMCC Foundation, Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change, it is the first integrated analysis of climate risk in Italy. Read more [here](#).

Lebanon risks another trash crisis (Human Rights Watch)

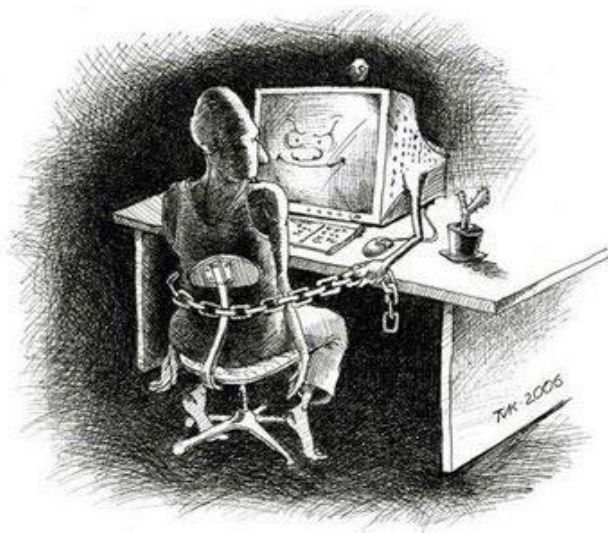
Beirut's port explosion, which killed 212 people and obliterated large parts of the city on August 4, has put additional strains on Lebanon's already compromised ability to manage its waste. Read more [here](#).

Culture & Archeology

Ancient church discovered under Turkish lake (EU Greek Reporter)

The remains of a 1,500-year-old basilica constructed in honor of St. Neophytos have now emerged after water levels in Lake Iznik in the province of Bursa had dropped recently, the newspaper Daily Sabah reports. Read more [here](#).

Caricature of the Week



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