



## **MED NEWS**

### **HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN**

#### **Politics**

##### **Tunisia: Freedom of expression at risk as prosecutions rise (Amnesty International)**

The Tunisian authorities must immediately stop exploiting largely outdated, overly broad and repressive laws to prosecute individuals for exercising their right to freedom of expression online, said Amnesty International in a detailed briefing and campaign launched today. Read more [here](#).

##### **Why is Spain taking longer to respond to the coronavirus pandemic than its European neighbors? (El País)**

EL PAÍS speaks to experts about why Spanish authorities continue to drag their feet when it comes to introducing measures that have already been applied in several nations with much lower incidence rates. Read more [here](#).

##### **The Mediterranean Red Prawn War Signals Italy's Lost Leverage in Libya (Foreign Policy)**

Italian fishermen are being kidnapped off the coast of Libya—and Rome is too caught up in EU migration politics to help. Read more [here](#).

##### **France and Turkey not embroiled in “Clash of Civilizations” but rather geopolitical struggle (Greek City Times)**

The horrific terrorist attacks in France and the confrontation that erupted between Paris and Ankara has questioned alliances and changed the geopolitical landscape in the East Mediterranean and Africa, which many are calling a “clash of civilizations” between the liberal secular West, led by France, and reactionary extreme Islamism, led by Turkey. Read more [here](#).

#### **Environment**

##### **In pictures: Does Turkey's Lake Salda hold the key to life on Mars? (Middle East Eye)**

Precious to both NASA and locals, Turkey's Lake Salda is now suffering the effects of mass tourism and construction. Read more [here](#).

##### **Synergy need to tackle climate change in Mediterranean (EUObserver)**

The Mediterranean region is warming 20-percent faster than the rest of the planet - and has already reached 1.5 degrees celsius above pre-industrial levels. Read more [here](#).

### **Eco-fashion offers a renaissance for new Tunisian brands (Washington Post)**

The sun is setting by the time Tunisian fashion designer Chems Eddine Mechri reaches the breezy, seaside town of Mahdia. He has spent half the day driving in the scorching heat in pursuit of the precious, handmade fabrics he needs for his upcoming winter collection. Read more [here](#).

### **Tunisia opens inquiry into importing of Italian garbage (ANSAMed)**

Tunisia's environment and local affairs ministry has ordered an investigation into a contract signed by a Tunisian company for the importation of waste from Italy. Read more [here](#).

## **Culture & Archeology**

### **Medieval church plaque found in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Archeology.org)**

The Sarajevo Times reports that a carved stone was unearthed at the site of the Christian Church of St. Peter in the historic village of Zavala, which is located near Bosnia and Herzegovina's southern border and the coast of the Adriatic Sea. Read more [here](#).

### **Oldest remains of the modern dog in Croatia found near Zadar (Croatia Week)**

Over the millennia, dogs have developed into a faithful guardian, hunter, pet, and even a therapist. But where did the dog come from, to Europe and Croatia? Read more [here](#).

## **Caricature of the Week**



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