



MED NEWS

HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

Politics

Turkey invites Greece to resume talks on Mediterranean (AnsaMed)

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said "we invite Greece in January to hold the first meeting" of explorative talks agreed in September to try to solve disputes on sovereignty in the eastern Mediterranean, said Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu, at the end of a joint press conference with the head of diplomacy of the Turkish-Cypriot community, Tahsin Ertugruloglu. Read more [here](#).

What Erdogan Really Wants in the Eastern Mediterranean (Foreign Policy)

Turkey's adventures abroad are about more than hydrocarbons. They're a bold and expensive attempt at geopolitical [revisionism](#).

France Knows How This Ends (The Atlantic)

Polarization, anger, division—French history offers a warning for what might come after Donald Trump. Read more [here](#).

Egypt and Qatar have 'agreed to resume diplomatic relations' (Aljazeera)

Egypt's foreign ministry said official notes had been exchanged with Qatar as both countries agreed to resume ties. Read more [here](#).

Environment

Power surge: How the European Green Deal can succeed in Morocco and Tunisia (European Council on Foreign Relations)

North African countries such as Morocco and Tunisia can help Europe meet its carbon emissions targets and strengthen its position in the face of fierce competition from China for economic and political influence. Read more [here](#).

Rubbish-covered lake brings to light Balkans waste problem (Star Tribune)

Trucks and building machines are parked on a river dam in southwest Serbia but not for construction work. Instead, huge cranes are being used to clear tons of garbage crammed at the foot of the power plant. Read more [here](#).

Montenegro stops licensing new small hydropower plants (Balkan Green Energy News)

The Government of Montenegro has decided to suspend the procedure of approving the construction of new small hydropower plants (SHPPs) until the contracts concluded so far are reviewed. Read more [here](#).

AFD supports the preservation of Mediterranean marine protected areas (Afrik21)

The French Development Agency (AFD), is providing a 4 million euro grant to The MedFund, a fund dedicated to environmental preservation in the Mediterranean. This financing is part of AFD's new commitments in favor of biodiversity. Read more [here](#).

Culture & Archeology

Uproar after scholar bans excavation of Egyptian mummies (Al Monitor)

As Egypt carries out intensive excavation works, leading to major discoveries in recent months, an Egyptian Al-Azhar scholar stirred a heated debate after stating that displaying mummies is against Islam. Read more [here](#).

Burdur's museums, archaeological sites fascinate visitors (Hurriyet Daily News)

Turkey's southern province of Burdur welcomes thousands of local and foreign visitors every year thanks to its historical sites. Read more [here](#).

Egypt unveils restored Isis Temple 150 years after its discovery (Al Monitor)

Egypt inaugurates the restored Temple of Isis in Aswan as part of the government's efforts to revive the tourism sector. Read more [here](#).

Hatay's new museum's unique approach takes visitors on a journey through time (Daily Sabah)

The Necmi Asfuroğlu Archeology Museum, originally designed as a hotel then converted into a museum-hotel in southeastern Turkey's Hatay province, has hosted more than 20,000 visitors since it opened last year. The unique museum contains artifacts from five different eras. Read more [here](#).

Caricature of the Week



Fadi Abou Hassan, Palestine, [SPREP](#)

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