



MED NEWS HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

Politics

Serbia invites its neighbors over for a COVID vaccine (Euronews)

On the last weekend of March, Ena Jazic Surkovic set off to Serbia from Sarajevo in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), with one goal - to get a coronavirus vaccination. Read more [here](#).

Migrants: Council of Europe says Italy and Malta non-compliant (ANSamed)

A spokesperson for Council of Europe Human Rights Commissioner Dunja Mijatovic said Friday that EU states must urgently change their migration policies in the Mediterranean since current ones place at risk the lives and human rights of refugees and migrants. Read more [here](#).

Tunisian president resists parliament's bid to create constitutional court (Reuters)

Tunisia's president said on Tuesday that he opposed parliament's attempt to set up a constitutional court, which he said was merely a bid to settle scores. Read more [here](#).

Maritime border dispute emerges between Lebanon, Syria

The Syrian government signed a 4-year contract with a Russian company for oil and gas exploration in the Mediterranean Sea that could spark a new border crisis between Lebanon and Syria. Read more [here](#).

Environment

Tunisians demand Italy take back waste (France 24)

Dozens of Tunisian activists protested in the port city of Sousse on Sunday to demand the return of nearly 300 containers of household waste illegally imported from Italy. Read more [here](#).

Wind and Solar can improve energy security and independence in Albania (Modern diplomacy)

A new report published today by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) shows that Albania could significantly improve its energy security and reduce energy system vulnerability to climate impacts, by deploying its vast solar and wind resources. Read more [here](#).

21 years late, Environment Ministry issues draft bill on oil spill preparedness (The Times of Israel)

Detailed memorandum, which spells out responsibilities of all bodies involved as well as fines for non-compliance, open for public comment until April 28. Read more [here](#).

Sisi warns of grave consequences of water crises in Africa

The remarks were made at a conference organized by the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) to discuss "the extraordinary effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and climate change in Africa. Read more [here](#).

Culture & Archeology

Egypt says it has uncovered a vast, untouched, 3,000 year-old 'lost golden city' (The Times of Israel)

Archeologists hail unearthing near Luxor of 'largest ancient city,' call it the most important discovery since tomb of Tutankhamun and a window into the ancient world. Read more [here](#).

UNESCO to protect Lebanon as 60 historic buildings 'risk collapse' (Ahrām online)

'The international community has sent a strong signal of support to Lebanon following this tragedy,' said Ernesto Ottone, assistant UNESCO Director-General for Culture. Read more [here](#).

Ten things you should know about the latest Saqqara necropolis discoveries in Egypt (Ahrām online)

The unearthing of 100 intact coffins from the 26th Dynasty is the latest in a series of recent discoveries in the Saqqara area. Read more [here](#).

Google, AlGhad Radio launch online project 'The Art & Soul of Mosul' (Ahrām online)

Google Arts and Culture announced this weekend the launch of the 'The Art & Soul of Mosul' online project, in collaboration with AlGhad Radio, which aims to "preserve Maslawi heritage, including iconic landmarks that faced destruction such as the Noori Complex and the Lion of Mosul," the technology megacompany said. Read more [here](#).

Caricature of the Week



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