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HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

Politics

The ICC's Israel Investigation Could Backfire (Foreign Policy)

It's more likely to inflame nationalist sentiments than change anything on the ground. Israelis should not have been surprised by the International Criminal Court's (ICC) March 3 announcement that it plans to open an investigation into alleged war crimes perpetrated in the occupied Palestinian territories. Read more [here](#).

What is the real extent of Turkey's COVID-19 crisis? (Aljazeera)

While new restrictions were imposed, experts accuse the government of concealing the real magnitude of the pandemic. Read more [here](#).

Greece FM Dendias to visit Turkey amid Mediterranean crisis (Aljazeera)

Greek foreign minister meets his Turkish counterpart on Thursday in a bid to pave the way for a future summit. Read more [here](#).

Slovenia suspected of seeking 'peaceful dissolution' of Bosnia-Herzegovina (Euractiv)

The Slovenian ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) has been summoned to the country's foreign ministry to explain recent rumours about alleged plans by Ljubljana for the dissolution of the country hosting her and a redrawing of borders across the Western Balkans. Read more [here](#).

Environment

Climate law: France votes to abolish certain short-haul domestic flights (RFI)

The French parliament on Saturday voted to abolish certain domestic air routes that can also be made by train in less than 2.5 hours. This is just one of the many propositions in the government's flagship climate bill currently under scrutiny by lawmakers. Read more [here](#).

The Middle East needs a Levant-North African Environmental Forum (Atlantic Council)

As the Joe Biden administration looks to address the climate crisis while playing an active role in promoting peace in the Middle East, it is worth considering supporting local actors in the region in their common fight against climate change. Read more [here](#).

Spain's Endesa power firm sued over electrocution of birds (Guardian)

In Leonard Cohen's famous song, a bird on a wire is a symbol of freedom, but for thousands of birds it is the equivalent of being sent to the electric chair. Now, in a landmark case, a Spanish electricity company is being prosecuted over the deaths of hundreds of birds electrocuted on pylons and overhead cables and for failing to comply with regulations designed to protect wildlife. Read more [here](#).

Gray whale sighted in Mediterranean after 11 years (ANSAméd)

A grey whale has been sighted in the Mediterranean for the first time after 11 years, when it was photographed in Israel (in May 2010 and subsequently in Spain). Read more [here](#).

Culture & Archeology

Greek President Present Medals to Three US Archaeologists (The National Herald)

President of the Hellenic Republic Katerina Sakellariopoulou on Monday awarded Commander of the Order of the Phoenix medals to three distinguished U.S. archaeologists - Dr Jack L. Davis and Dr Sharon R. Read more [here](#).

Caricature of the Week



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