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MED NEWS HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

Politics

Israel draws new map for maritime border with Lebanon (Middle East Monitor)

The Israeli authorities have drawn a new map for its maritime border with Lebanon based on the latter's expansion of the area disputed between the two countries, RT reported on Tuesday. Read more here.

Egypt approves tougher penalties for female genital mutilation (Middle East Monitor)

Egypt's Parliament yesterday approved a bill stipulating tougher penalties for female genital mutilation (FGM), local media reported. Read more <u>here</u>.

French NGO ship saves 236 migrants off Libyan coast (Middle East Monitor)

A French NGO said its search and rescue vessel rescued over 230 migrants from two rubber boats off the coast of Libya on Tuesday, Anadolu Agency reported. Read more <u>here</u>.

Turkey-Egypt, the great thaw in the Mediterranean (ANSAmed)

For nearly a decade, they were the great enemies of the southern shore of the Mediterranean. Read more here.

Environment

The bio-politics of lockdown in Greece (Opendemocracy)

Has there been a consolidated 'right-wing shift' within Greece's ruling party amid the persisting COVID-19 crisis? Read more here.

Barcelona installs Spain's first solar energy pavement (Guardian)

Photovoltaic ground installation part of move to increase capacity close to where it's most needed, in cities. Read more here.

Greece taken to court over Thessaloniki air pollution (Ekathimerini)

Greece is being taken to task by the European Commission for failing to curb consistently high air pollution levels in the northern port city of Thessaloniki. Read more here.

French parliament approves climate change bill despite green opposition (RFI)

French lawmakers have approved a climate change bill that will prevent future airport expansions, prohibit open-air terrace heaters and reduce packaging waste. But critics say the measures fall short of what is necessary. Read more here.

Culture & Archeology

Archeologists Unearth Centuries-Old Mosaic in Israel (ARTnews)

A team of archaeologists have uncovered an unusually well-preserved 1,600-year-old mosaic in Yavne, a city in central Israel. Dating from the Byzantine period, the geometric mosaic floor design was discovered during excavations of a bustling industrial zone that likely operated during the 4th and 5th century C.E., according to a press release published Monday from the Israel Antiquities Authority. Read more here.

Caricature of the Week

Happy Mothers' Day!



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