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HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

Politics

Cyprus election: far-right party linked to Greek neo-Nazis doubles vote share (Guardian)

National Popular Front takes 6.8% of vote amid government corruption scandals and ‘xenophobic climate’. Read more [here](#).

Mystery plans to redraw Balkan borders alarm leaders (BBC News)

As international High Representative in Bosnia-Herzegovina his job is to keep the peace, which has endured since the Dayton Peace Agreement brought conflict to an end in 1995, after almost four years of fighting that cost around 100,000 lives. Read more [here](#).

Egypt sets conditions for full normalization with Turkey (Al-Monitor)

Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry laid down several conditions that would serve as a basis for normalizing ties with Turkey, in light of the recent attempts at rapprochement between the two countries. Read more [here](#).

What next for Syria's Assad as new mandate begins? (France 24)

Syria's President Bashar al-Assad has won a fourth term in office with 95 percent of the vote in a ballot dismissed abroad as a "farce". With the conflict mostly on hold but his country's economy in ruins, what are Assad's priorities likely to be when he kicks off his first post-war mandate? Read more [here](#).

Environment

Mediterranean faces months of 50C heatwaves (The Times)

The number of heatwave days in the Iberian Peninsula will double in the next 30 years, with hot spells more typical of Iraq a regular feature by the end of the century, according to a climate change report. Read more [here](#).

One man's battle to preserve the 'lungs of the Mediterranean' (Euronews)

Under the azure waters around the Spanish island of Formentera is one of nature's better-kept secrets. Famous for its stunning beaches and Luna-like landscapes, the island owes much of its beauty to the Posidonia oceanica grass. Also known as Neptune's grass, this extraordinary plant grows for hundreds of kilometres on the bottom of the Mediterranean. Read more [here](#).

Med: Intercultural dialogue to face climate change (ANSAméd)

A virtual event titled "How Intercultural Dialogue could address Climate Change?" will be held June 2 at 3 pm on Zoom, to discuss the contribution that intercultural dialogue can make in facing climate change. Read more [here](#).

Turkey struck by 'sea snot' because of global heating (Guardian)

When seen from above, it looks like a brush of beige swirled across the dark blue waters of the Sea of Marmara. Up close, it resembles a creamy, gelatinous blanket of quicksand. Now scientists are warning that the substance, known as sea snot, is on the rise as a result of global heating. Read more [here](#).

Culture & Archeology

Archaeologists unearth cisterns at Izmir's ancient Metropolis (Daily Sabah)

The ancient city of Metropolis in western Turkey's Izmir province, home to many a civilization throughout thousands of years of history, now stands as a source of enlightenment for contemporary archaeologists. Recently something that played a significant role in the lives of ancient townspeople was unearthed: cisterns. Read more [here](#).

Caricature of the Week



Fadi Abou Hassan, Palestine
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