



## MED NEWS HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

### Politics

#### **Slovenian PM Janša attacks Council of Europe over media freedom report (Euronews)**

Slovenia's Prime Minister Janez Janša has lashed out against the Council of Europe, an international human rights body, over a memorandum criticizing the "striking deterioration" of the media freedom in Slovenia, which takes over the rotating EU Council presidency on 1 July. Read more [here](#).

#### **'No Italy-Spain joint proposal' on migrant relocation (ANSAmед)**

Italian Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs Benedetto Della Vedova said Friday that there is currently no joint proposal between Italy and Spain for the next European Council meeting on the issue of migrant relocation. Read more [here](#).

#### **Cyprus Elects Its First-Ever Female Parliament Speaker (The National Herald)**

Lawmakers in Cyprus on Thursday elected a woman to the country's second most powerful political post for the first time since its founding as an independent republic in 1960. Read more [here](#).

#### **Macron slap may herald a tense campaign ahead of French presidential elections (France24)**

Tension is already in the air less than a year before French presidential polls. Just this week, President Emmanuel Macron was slapped in the face on a visit to the south and far-left firebrand Jean-Luc Mélenchon aired conspiracy theories in an impromptu outburst, prompting analysts to warn that the 2022 election campaign may already be seeing an escalation of extremist ideas and fiery language. Read more [here](#).

#### **Naftali Bennett: Who is Israel's new prime minister? (The Jerusalem Post)**

How did Naftali Bennett go from New York City businessman to Israel's choice for Prime Minister-designate in under two decades? Read more [here](#).

## Environment

### **The local initiatives in France taking on the problem of plastic waste (Euronews)**

Every year, 600 000 tonnes of plastic end up in the Mediterranean Sea. France is the largest producer of plastic waste in the region and has a lower recycling rate than its European neighbors. It recycles only 24%. On average that's 16% less than Spain, Italy and the United Kingdom. Read more [here](#).

### **Med and Black Sea team up against illegal fishing (ANSAméd)**

With 46,000 km of coasts, the Mediterranean Sea is a semi-enclosed sea surrounded by a large number of countries. To protect the overfished stocks in the region, as well as the means of subsistence for thousands on its coasts that depend on its marine resources, countries along the Mediterranean are working together against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing in its waters. Read more [here](#).

### **What the Ottoman Empire Can Teach Us About the Consequences of Climate Change (Science the Wire)**

In the late 16th century, hundreds of bandits on horseback stormed through the countryside of Ottoman Anatolia raiding villages, inciting violence and destabilising the sultan's grip on power. Read more [here](#).

### **Turkey collects thousands of cubic metres of 'sea snot' (Aljazeera)**

Turkey's environment minister says Yalova and Balikesir were among cities where most of the mucilage was cleared. Read more [here](#).

## Culture & Archeology

### **New museum in western Turkey to welcome back stolen goddess Cybele (Daily Sabah)**

A marble statue of the Anatolian mother goddess Cybele, which was returned to its native home of Turkey's Afyonkarahisar after being smuggled nearly 40 years ago, will now be displayed at a new museum being built in the city where it was first discovered. Read more [here](#).

### **Ten percent of archaeological works on display at museums (Daily Sabah)**

As of 2020, the number of artworks registered in museum inventories is close to 3.5 million, according to Yahya Coşkun, the deputy director-general of the Cultural Heritage and Museums. Read more [here](#).

## Caricature of the Week



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