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HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

Politics

Why is Egypt building a new capital? (Aljazeera)

And who will this multi-billion project benefit the most? Read more [here](#).

Lebanon crisis deepens as PM-designate quits over cabinet deadlock (BBC News)

Lebanon's Prime Minister-designate Saad Hariri has given up trying to form a new government after nine months of deadlock over its make-up, pushing the country deeper into crisis. Read more [here](#).

Greece withdraws pension bill after fiscal impact warning (Euractiv)

The Greek government has decided to postpone a draft pension bill after the European Commission warned about its impact on the country's public debt, EURACTIV has learned. Read more [here](#).

Spain's top court rules pandemic lockdown unconstitutional (APnews)

Spain's Constitutional Court ruled Wednesday that a strict stay-at-home lockdown order the Spanish government issued under a state of emergency during the first wave of COVID-19 last year was unconstitutional. Read more [here](#).

Environment

Canary in the coal mine: Gaza, the Levant, and climate change (Aljazeera)

The environmental degradation in Gaza should be an early warning for what is to come for the whole of the Levant. Read more [here](#).

EU Climate Pact Presented: Mediterranean Still Under Greatest Threat From Plastics (Total Croatia News)

At a presentation of the European Climate Pact, a new European Commission initiative, experts warned earlier this week that the Mediterranean Sea was still the area in the world under the

greatest threat from plastic waste and that the enormous consumption of bottled water was an increasing problem. Read more [here](#).

French court orders government to act on climate in next nine months (Guardian)

Council of State says it will assess state's actions after 31 March 2022 and could issue substantial fines. Read more [here](#).

Clean-up of Turkey's Sea of Marmara – in pictures (Guardian)

Drone photos before and after the project show the success in tackling a 'sea snail' outbreak that had threatened marine life. Read more [here](#).

Culture & Archeology

Archaeologists discover 2,500-year-old artifacts in western Turkey (Daily Sabah)

Archaeologists unearthed two 2,500-year-old marble statues and an inscription during excavations at the Temple of Zeus Lepsynos, one of the best-preserved Roman temples of Asia Minor, in Turkey's western Muğla province. Read more [here](#).

Italian Researchers CT Scan Egyptian Priest Mummy (Ancient origins)

A known Egyptian priest mummy, from over 3,000 years ago, has recently been transferred from Italy's famous Museum of Civil Archeology in Bergamo to the Policlinico of Milan hospital to conduct a mummy CT scan. Read more [here](#).

Caricature of the Week



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