



MED NEWS HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

Politics

'The mafia has moved from Turkey to Northern Cyprus' (Bianet)

A Cypriot journalist who spoke with the president of Northern Cyprus has said that he is more concerned about criticisms against him in Turkey than in Cyprus. Read more [here](#).

Tunisia: Protests in Tunis After President Saied Cements His Power Over Judiciary (AllAfrica)

Tunisians took to the streets in protest on Sunday, hours after President Kais Saied officially replaced a judicial watchdog and gave himself powers to sack judges, block their promotion and ban them from going on strike. Read more [here](#).

The French Left Can't Find the Right Path (Foreign Policy)

With presidential elections fast approaching, France's left is again in tatters. Half a dozen competing candidates—totaling little more than one-quarter of the vote, according to the latest surveys—are currently vying for the same, shrinking electorate. With none of the left-wing candidates polling at more than 10 percent, their chances of reaching the two-person runoff in April's presidential vote are dismal. Read more [here](#).

France announces military withdrawal from Mali after nine years (The Guardian)

France and its European partners are to begin a military withdrawal from Mali after more than nine years fighting a jihadist insurgency, the French president, Emmanuel Macron, confirmed on Thursday. Read more [here](#).

Environment

Spain opposes EU green label for gas and nuclear energy (The Local)

Spain and Denmark reiterated Monday their opposition to plans by the European Union to label gas and nuclear energy projects as green investments, an issue that has divided the bloc. Read more [here](#).

Risk of soil degradation and desertification in Europe's Mediterranean may be more serious than realized (Sciencedaily)

Europe's Mediterranean countries produce a significant portion of the world's wines, olives, nuts and tomatoes. But research shows that the region's farms and orchards are the most susceptible in Europe to soil degradation and desertification. Read more [here](#).

Eastern Mediterranean's Climate Fight Can Decrease Tensions – OpEd (Euroasiareview)

In a rather low-key fashion, a virtual meeting at ministerial level was this month convened by Cyprus to address climate change in the Eastern Mediterranean and discuss regional collaboration on the impacts of global warming on this part of the world in light of the COP26 summit. Read more [here](#).

Tunisia signs agreement to return illegally imported toxic waste back to Italy (Middle East Monitor)

The Tunisian Ministry of Environment said, on Monday, that it had signed an agreement with Italy to return illegally imported toxic waste. A Tunisian company had imported more than 280 containers of waste illegally from Italy in 2020 and falsely claimed that the household waste – barred from import under Tunisia law – was, in fact, plastic scrap to be recycled. Read more [here](#).

Culture & Archeology

The First Listicle Was Created In Egypt 4,000 Years Ago (History of Yesterday)

The favorite method for internet writers of our day to pass on information is the listicle. The numbered lists crowd our information space. It's thought of as a quick and succinct way to pass on information: easy for both writer and reader. Read more [here](#).

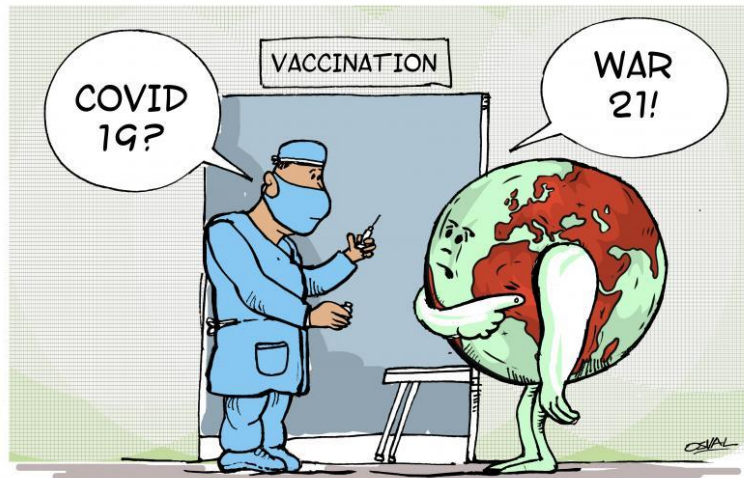
HALKIDIKI: Petralona cave with 700,000 year old human skull to reopen in 2023 (Greek City Times)

The Petralona Cave – museum in Halkidiki, northern Greece, which comprises a rich collection of fossils and a human skull dated to nearly 700,000 years ago will reopen to the public by June 2023, following an upgrade that will protect the site and refurbish its museum, Culture Minister Lina Mendoni said on Monday. Read more [here](#).

Archaeologists find massive collection of Egyptian pottery sherds (The Jerusalem Post)

The ostraca reveal written 'punishments' students received in ancient Egypt. This is only the second such large hoard of ostraca ever found in Egypt. Read more [here](#).

Caricature of the Week



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