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### **HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN**

#### **Politics**

##### **Spain greenlights increased US presence at Rota naval base (El Pais)**

The deployment of two new destroyers will take place in 2024 and 2025. The government has bypassed parliament to ensure its leftist minority partner would not vote against the move... Read more [here](#).

##### **Gibraltar in Brexit limbo as EU border negotiation enters third year (El Pais)**

Residents of the Rock fear a hard frontier with Spain, which would place livelihoods at stake. Talks between London and Madrid on a treaty have yet to bear fruit... Read more [here](#).

##### **Borrell: «Afghanistan was a catastrophe. Europe must share responsibility» (Corriere Della Sera)**

EU High Representative Josep Borrell suggests giving neighboring countries financial support to keep Afghan refugees: «The US is not willing to fight for other people's wars anymore. We need a EU permanent "Initial Entry Force" to act quickly in an emergency»... Read more [here](#).

##### **Italy's foreign minister eyes migration, energy on trip to Cairo (Today)**

CAIRO: Italy's Foreign Minister said on Sunday his country saw Egypt as an important partner in stemming irregular migration across the Mediterranean and in bolstering its energy security... Read more [here](#).

#### **Environment**

##### **France will lower gas reservoir levels to provide 'breathing room' (Le Monde)**

Gas reservoirs, which are historically high, will be reduced for technical reasons, while risk of shortages in the context of the Russian-Ukrainian war is declining... Read more [here](#).

##### **Experts emphasize water-saving for Istanbul amid drought concerns (Daily Sabah)**

Wastewater treated in accordance with standards can be used to feed groundwater as a guaranteed and sustainable source amid alarming water scarcity... Read more [here](#).

### **FAO, Agriculture Ministry sign agreement on food system transformation (The Jordan Times)**

AMMAN- The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Representative in Jordan, Nabil Assaf and Minister of Agriculture Khalid Hneifat on Sunday signed an agreement focusing on the transformation of food systems in the Mediterranean region in the presence of HRH Princess Basma Bint Ali, the founder of the Royal Botanic Garden and FAO Regional Goodwill Ambassador for the Near East and North Africa... Read more [here](#).

### **Researchers hone in on environmental impacts on public health (Cyprus Mail)**

Cyprus, among all EU states, experiences the most adverse impacts of global warming with the fastest increase in mean temperature, and reduced precipitation and desertification, which results in new, emerging risks for the health of the population and especially the vulnerable... Read more [here](#).

## **Culture & Archeology**

### **Morocco's commitment at FITUR: avant-garde, culture and legacy (Atalayar)**

Morocco has a lot to offer to tourists, as it showed at the International Tourism Fair held in Madrid: a crossroads of civilizations that is also the gateway to Africa... Read more [here](#).

### **'Ritual' of Mediterranean ceremonies vivified in Merkur Gallery (Daily Sabah)**

Fran Aniorte, one of the designers of Karaca, a centennial retail company in Türkiye known for its quality products, reinterprets an ancient "Ritual" inspired by thousand years old Mediterranean ceremonies to the present day in his new exhibition... Read more [here](#).

### **Archaeology: Bologna Alma Mater at work in Tunisia (ANSA Med)**

A new adventure has started for the archaeologists of Alma Mater Studiorum University of Bologna (Unibo), on the other side of the Mediterranean, in Tunisia. In June and September last year, two campaigns of cooperation were organized with Tunisian archaeologists at the site of Thuburbo Maius, an ancient Roman city whose remains are some 60 km south of Tunis... Read more [here](#).

### **Matisse's The Dance: The masterpiece that changed history (BBC)**

In 1930, Henri Matisse, one of the giants of 20th-Century art, found himself in a discouraging creative slump. At the age of 60, the painter had been living in Nice, France, for 13 years, after spending years in Paris as an enfant terrible of the city's avant garde art world... Read more [here](#).

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