

TODAY'S MEDIA TRENDS

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THE GDELT PROJECT

GREECE'S STRATEGIC INFLECTION POINT: Navigating Institutional Pivot, Economic Normalization, and Systemic Risk.

June 4, 2026: A day defined by major constitutional shifts, economic milestones, and the exposure of deep-seated corruption amidst regional volatility.

INSTITUTIONAL REFORM & CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION



- Focus on Article 16 (Private Universities)
- Article 86 (Ministerial Immunity)
- Environment
- Property Rights

Targeting Structural Change

ECONOMIC SURVEILLANCE EXIT



- Removed from Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure
- Fiscal Space: €1.5 Billion (2026-2028)
- End of Crisis Era Narrative
- Funds for Defense & Energy (Not Subsidies)

THE DUAL REALITY: CONSOLIDATION VS. ROT



GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATION



Leveraging Economic Milestones

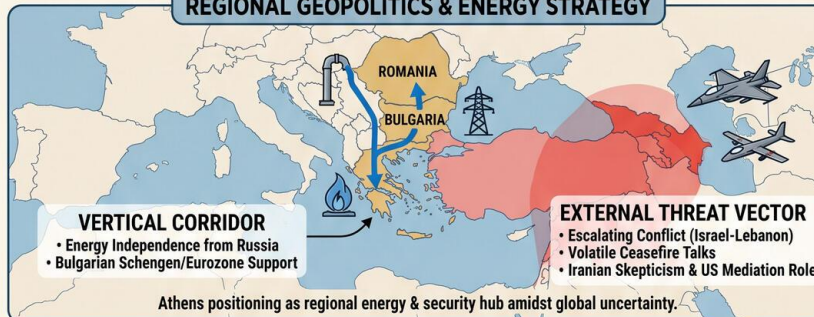


SYSTEMIC CORRUPTION EXPOSED

- OPEKEPE Agricultural Fraud Ring Dismantled
- €2.4 Million Loss
- 14 Arrests, 23 Suspects
- Phantom Land Declarations
- Long-running Administrative Failure

High-level progress contrasts with deep systemic vulnerabilities.

REGIONAL GEOPOLITICS & ENERGY STRATEGY



DOMESTIC POLITICS & SOCIAL INSTABILITY



- Collapse of Leftist Opposition
- Ruling Party Dominance
- Political Vacuum



END GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

- Kalamata Femicide Triggers Unrest
- Calls for Stronger Legal Protections



Roma Settlement Neglect & Child Welfare Failures

Fragmented politics and rising social tensions challenge internal cohesion.

FUTURE OUTLOOK & KEY RISKS



POLITICAL HEGEMONY: Likely passage of Constitutional Revision with minimal resistance.



REGIONAL DOMINANCE: Accelerated Vertical Corridor and defense spending.



RISK ASSESSMENT: High risk of regional war spillover, systemic decay in public administration, and social order breakdown if reforms fail.

REPORT SUMMARY: Greece moves towards institutional normalcy and regional leadership, but success depends on overcoming entrenched internal corruption and navigating a highly volatile external environment.

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DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

June 4, 2026, marks a strategic inflection point for the Greek state as it attempts to finalize its transition from the crisis era into a period of institutional and economic normalization. The day is headlined by two major domestic shifts: the formal commencement of the **Constitutional Revision** process—targeting the controversial Article 16 on private universities and judicial independence—and the European Commission's decision to remove Greece from the **Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure**. This economic milestone, occurring 16 years after the debt crisis onset, signals a return to "European normalcy," yet it is contrasted by the discovery of deep-seated systemic corruption. Authorities have dismantled a sophisticated criminal network in Western Macedonia and Agrinio that allegedly

defrauded **OPEKEPE** of agricultural subsidies totaling over 2.4 million Euros, involving local cooperatives and public land exploitation.

Geopolitically, Athens is solidifying its role as a regional energy and security hub. Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis's visit to Sofia emphasized the **Vertical Corridor** project, aimed at making the Balkans energy-independent from Russian influence, while Greece actively supports Bulgaria's entry into the Schengen area and the Eurozone. However, this regional stabilizing effort is threatened by the escalating conflict in the Middle East. Contradictory reports regarding a potential Israel-Lebanon ceasefire, mediated by the United States, dominate the external risk profile, with Iranian leadership expressing deep skepticism toward U.S. diplomatic overtures even as Israel continues drone strikes in southern Lebanon.

Internally, the political landscape is fracturing. The **New Left (Nea Aristera)** parliamentary group has officially dissolved following high-profile resignations, including Effie Achtsioglou, which further destabilizes the left-wing opposition and consolidates the ruling party's dominance. This political fragmentation occurs against a backdrop of rising social unrest regarding **gender-based violence**, triggered by a brutal femicide in Kalamata. The convergence of these events suggests a government attempting to leverage structural reforms and economic milestones to maintain order while facing persistent systemic vulnerabilities in public administration and social cohesion.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

- **Institutional Reform and Constitutional Revision:** The Greek Parliament has initiated the process for Constitutional Revision, focusing on major structural changes to the environment, property rights, and the judiciary. A key flashpoint is the [proposed amendment of Article 16](#) to allow for non-state, non-profit universities, which has already sparked symbolic student protests. The revision also targets **Article 86** to limit ministerial immunity and allow prosecutors to investigate officials without prior parliamentary approval.
- **Systemic Corruption in Agricultural Subsidies:** Law enforcement has broken a major fraud ring operating in Western Macedonia and Agrinio. The group utilized "phantom" land declarations—including state property and private businesses—to [illegally claim OPEKEPE subsidies](#) exceeding 2.4 million Euros. The case involves 14 arrests and 23 additional suspects, highlighting ongoing weaknesses in agricultural fund oversight.
- **Economic Surveillance Exit:** The European Commission officially removed Greece from the **Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure**. This move is characterized by leadership as the [final end of the debt crisis](#) monitoring period. It creates a projected fiscal space of 1.5 billion Euros for 2026-2028, which the government intends to allocate toward defense and energy security projects rather than fuel subsidies.

- **Greek-Bulgarian Energy and Security Axis:** Mitsotakis's Sofia visit reinforced the **Vertical Corridor**, positioning Greece as an [energy gateway for the Balkans](#). Discussions also centered on joint air defense and the management of cross-border waters (Ardas and Evros rivers), emphasizing a shared strategic posture against regional threats and climate change.
- **Collapse of the Leftist Parliamentary Opposition:** The "New Left" (Nea Aristera) group in Parliament has ceased to exist following the [resignation of six MPs](#), including Effie Achtsioglou. This dissolution, coupled with ongoing infighting within SYRIZA, leaves the main opposition fragmented and effectively diminishes the left's ability to challenge the government's legislative agenda.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization: The Middle East remains the primary external threat vector. Despite U.S. optimism for a ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah, the [situation remains volatile](#) with ongoing drone strikes in Lebanon. Greece is deepening its military cooperation with Bulgaria, providing air defense support to its northern neighbor to create a "security umbrella" in the Balkans.

Civil Unrest & Social Order: Social tensions are high following a [femicide in Kalamata](#), where a 49-year-old man murdered his 39-year-old wife after tracking her via electronic surveillance. Protests in Kalamata, symbolized by turning a central fountain red, reflect growing public demand for stronger legal protections against gender-based violence and stricter oversight of stalking and harassment.

Energy & Critical Minerals: The European Commission is pushing for a faster transition to **electrification**, proposing lower taxes on electricity compared to natural gas. Greece is leveraging this shift to justify investments in [renewable energy and infrastructure](#), while the Vertical Corridor remains a top priority for ending regional dependence on Russian gas.

Diplomacy & Statecraft: Greece is actively managing its relationships within the **Western Balkans**. Mitsotakis emphasized that EU enlargement must follow a "merit-based" process, requiring candidate countries to respect good neighborly relations and international law, a veiled reference to [ongoing disputes with Albania](#) over property rights in Northern Epirus.

Legal Warfare & Regulatory Risk: New legislation on **wage transparency** is under public consultation, aimed at closing the gender pay gap. The bill will require companies to disclose pay ranges in job ads and [correct pay disparities](#) exceeding 5% within six months. Additionally, the "Predator" spyware case resurfaced as journalist Thanasis Koukakis requested a [reopening of the investigation](#) into phone tapping.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

Institutional Consolidation vs. Systemic Rot The broadcast portrays a dual reality: a state successfully rewriting its constitution and exiting international economic oversight, while simultaneously exposing massive fraud within its own agricultural subsidy mechanisms. The [OPEKEPE scandal](#) suggests that despite high-level economic normalization, local administrative structures remain vulnerable to organized criminal exploitation that spans years. The government

is using the "end of the crisis" narrative to push through structural changes, such as the privatization of higher education, but the [spyware controversy](#) and femicide indicate that civil liberties and basic security remain contested areas.

The Energy Hub Strategy Greece is increasingly framing its national security through its role as an energy transit state. The [Vertical Corridor](#) is not merely an economic project but a geopolitical tool to integrate the Balkans further into the EU sphere and isolate Russian energy influence. By linking Bulgarian security to Greek energy infrastructure, Athens is positioning itself as the indispensable southern pillar of NATO's eastern flank.

Political Vacuum and Elite Re-alignment

The dissolution of the [New Left parliamentary group](#) and the "silver medal" mockery of Alexis Tsipras by government officials signals a significant weakening of the opposition. This political fragmentation allows the ruling New Democracy party to dictate the terms of the Constitutional Revision with minimal legislative resistance, shifting the center of political gravity toward intra-party dynamics rather than inter-party competition.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

The Greek political system is experiencing a period of significant consolidation on the right and fragmentation on the left. The **New Left (Nea Aristera)** has officially collapsed as a parliamentary entity [following MP resignations](#), reflecting a broader crisis of identity and leadership within the Greek left. Meanwhile, the **PASOK** party is dealing with internal friction regarding potential cooperation with Alexis Tsipras, which

leadership currently rejects as damaging to the party's growth. The government is exploiting this opposition vacuum to advance the **Constitutional Revision**, a process that usually requires broad consensus but is currently being driven by the ruling majority's agenda.

Social stability is strained by high-profile domestic crimes and systemic failures. The [Kalamata femicide](#) has reignited debates over judicial leniency and the failure of protective measures for victims of domestic abuse. Furthermore, the [severe neglect of children](#) in Roma settlements, highlighted by a hit-and-run incident in Aspropyrgos, points to persistent failures in social integration and child welfare services, which the NGO "Smile of the Child" has formally reported to prosecutors.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

Greece is projecting itself as a **regional stabilizer** and an essential bridge between the EU and the Western Balkans. The framing of the Sofia visit emphasizes Greece's role as a mentor and security guarantor for Bulgaria and Montenegro, actively supporting their EU aspirations while setting firm conditions for others (like Albania) regarding [international law and minority rights](#). The state is reacting defensively to external shocks from the Middle East, maintaining a posture of "cautious optimism" regarding U.S. diplomatic efforts while preparing for potential energy and migration fallout.

The relationship with **Turkey** remains a subtextual concern, particularly in the context of the [F-35 program](#). U.S. Senator Marco Rubio's questioning of Turkey's potential re-entry into the program highlights the

persistent distrust within the U.S. legislature, a sentiment that Greek diplomacy continues to monitor closely. Greece's posture is one of alignment with U.S. and EU strategic goals, particularly in energy diversification and defense, to secure its own interests against regional rivals.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The economic outlook is characterized by the symbolic and practical end of the debt crisis. The removal from the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure is the primary indicator of this shift, which is expected to [improve investor confidence](#) and lower borrowing costs.

- **Fiscal Space:** A projected **1.5 billion Euro** fiscal relaxation for 2026-2028, or approximately 0.3% of GDP annually, is available due to EU-level fiscal rule changes. The government explicitly stated these funds [will not go to fuel subsidies](#) but to defense and energy.
- **Agricultural Fraud Loss:** The OPEKEPE fraud ring caused a direct [loss of 2.4 million Euros](#) to the state, with ongoing investigations into wider systemic damage.
- **Energy Taxation:** The European Commission is proposing a **tax shift** to discourage fossil fuel use, targeting heating oil and natural gas while [promoting electrification](#).
- **Market Penalties:** A 3 million Euro fine was [imposed on Nestle](#) for violating profit margin caps on 48 product codes, part of a broader 6 million Euro crackdown on corporate price gouging.
- **Infrastructure Investment:** Lamda Development is issuing a [350 million Euro bond](#) with a 4.2-4.5% yield to fund urban redevelopment projects.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The most significant leadership shifts are occurring within the Greek parliamentary opposition, signaling a reorganization of the political left.

- **Effie Achtsioglou & The New Left:** The resignation of Achtsioglou and five other MPs led to the [dissolution of their parliamentary group](#), marking a failed attempt to form a viable splinter party from SYRIZA. They now sit as independent members, losing significant legislative privileges.
- **Alexis Tsipras:** The former Prime Minister is increasingly framed by both SYRIZA and PASOK as a [shadowy influencer](#), with factions either calling for his return to unify the left or warning that his involvement is toxic to existing party structures.
- **Vassilis Spanoulis:** In a significant sports-leadership move, the former basketball legend was [announced as the head coach of Aris](#), a move tied to broader Greek-international relations via the Antetokounmpo family's influence.
- **Nikos Tagaras:** The late Deputy Minister's legacy was formalized as the [new urban planning code](#) was named in his honor, signaling a continuity in government infrastructure policy.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The editorial tone of ERT1 is one of **managed transition**. The broadcast leads with high-stakes crime and regional conflict to establish urgency, but quickly moves to narratives of institutional success (Constitutional Revision, EU surveillance exit). The economic stories are framed nationalistically, emphasizing

Greece's "return to normalcy." Femicide and child neglect are treated with high emotional weight, serving as a social warning and justifying calls for increased law enforcement and surveillance. Buried stories include the specifics of the "Predator" spyware investigation, which is mentioned briefly in the context of a request for a new inquiry rather than a critique of current government policy. The broadcast conspicuously omits any critical analysis of how the OPEKEPE fraud could persist for years under current oversight.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The day's framing reinforces Greece's alignment with Western institutions while portraying regional rivals and domestic detractors as chaotic or corrupt. The U.S. is presented as an essential but sometimes overly optimistic mediator, while Iran and Russia are implicit threats to the current order.

COUNTRIES

- **Bulgaria:** Portrayed as a **strategic partner and ally**. Mitsotakis highlighted Bulgaria as a country Greece "stood by" during its energy crisis, now collaborating on a "security umbrella" for the region [against Eastern threats](#).
- **Iran:** Framed as **skeptical and resistant** to diplomatic progress. The broadcast quotes Iranian leaders claiming the U.S. is "trying to show a divided Iranian people" and [expressing no tangible progress](#) in nuclear talks.
- **Israel:** Depicted as **militarily proactive but diplomatically constrained**. The IDF is shown continuing drone strikes while the government resists U.S. pressure for a [premature withdrawal](#) from Lebanon.

LEADERS

- **Kyriakos Mitsotakis:** Portrayed as a **statesman and regional leader**. His meetings in Sofia and Montenegro are framed as Greece setting the agenda for Balkan integration and [energy independence](#).
- **Donald Trump:** Characterized as **optimistic but perhaps unrealistic**. The broadcast notes his claims of a potential weekend deal with Iran, contrasted sharply with [Tehran's skepticism](#).
- **Effie Achtsioglou:** Framed as a **losing leader** whose resignation signals the end of the "New Left" experiment, effectively leaving her [without a political platform](#).

NON-STATE & CORPORATE ACTORS

- **OPEKEPE:** Framed as an **ineffective or compromised institution** that allowed a "phantom" land fraud ring to operate for seven years [under its watch](#).
- **Nestle:** Portrayed as a **violin of public trust**, highlighted by a 3 million Euro fine for [profiteering during a cost-of-living crisis](#).

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

The dominant narrative is the "End of the Crisis" mythos, seeded through the European Commission's removal of Greece from the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure. This is being weaponized domestically to justify the Constitutional Revision as a necessary step for a "modern" state. There is a noticeable "spin" on the OPEKEPE fraud, framing it as a success of law enforcement rather than a failure of institutional oversight. The Middle

East coverage relies heavily on U.S. (Trump) pronouncements of a potential deal, which acts as a domestic stabilizer by suggesting a de-escalation is imminent, despite the lack of ground-truth evidence from Tehran or Tel Aviv.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **Political Hegemony:** With the total fragmentation of the left-wing opposition, the government will likely pass the Constitutional Revision (including Article 16) with little meaningful resistance, leading to a rapid marketization of the Greek higher education sector within 2-3 years.
- **Regional Energy Dominance:** The Vertical Corridor project will likely accelerate, making Greece the primary gas supplier for Bulgaria and Romania by 2028, effectively ending Russian Gazprom's remaining leverage in the southern Balkans.
- **Social Volatility:** Failure to implement concrete reforms after the Kalamata femicide, coupled with the systemic neglect of vulnerable groups like the Roma, will likely lead to a new wave of civil unrest and "red" protests by feminist and social justice movements by late summer 2026.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Expect heightened student protests as the Constitutional Revision debates intensify. The investigation into the OPEKEPE fraud will likely expand to other regional cooperatives, potentially revealing more extensive state land exploitation.

Medium Term (1-6 Months): Greece will formalize its energy water-management treaties with Bulgaria, a critical step for agricultural stability during expected summer droughts. The political left will likely attempt to unify under a new "Democratic Front" to survive the next electoral cycle.

Long Term (1-5 Years): The removal of economic surveillance will allow Greece to undertake more aggressive defense spending (e.g., F-35 acquisition). However, the failure to reform local corruption will likely lead to a new fiscal crisis if EU subsidy oversight is not radically improved.

RISK ASSESSMENT

- **Regional War Spillover:** The failure of Israel-Lebanon ceasefire talks could lead to a broader conflict involving Iran. Triggers: A major Hezbollah strike on Israeli infrastructure or a breakdown in U.S. mediation. Likelihood: High. Impact: Extreme energy price volatility and new migration waves. Mitigations: Strengthening Greek-Balkan energy corridors and increased maritime border surveillance.
- **Domestic Institutional Decay:** Persistent corruption in OPEKEPE and public land management. Triggers: Discovery of fraud in other ministries or EU-wide funding audits. Likelihood: Moderate. Impact: Freezing of EU Recovery Fund payments. Mitigations: Independent digital auditing of land registries.
- **Social Order Breakdown:** Escalating protests against femicide and privatized education. Triggers: A second high-profile gender-based murder or violent police response to student protests. Likelihood: Moderate. Impact: Widespread civil unrest. Mitigations: Rapid passage of the equal pay bill and creation of a dedicated femicide judicial task force.
- **Energy Supply Shock:** Disruptions in the Vertical Corridor due to regional conflict. Triggers: Sabotage of pipelines or military escalation in the Black Sea. Likelihood: Low-Moderate. Impact: Massive regional energy shortages. Mitigations: Strategic gas reserves and joint defense agreements with Bulgaria.
- **Political Instability from spyware:** Reopening of the "Predator" investigation leads to high-level government links. Triggers: Court-ordered testimony from Intelligence officials. Likelihood: Low. Impact: Loss of government mandate. Mitigations: Full transparency in the ongoing judicial inquiry.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- The broadcast fails to explain **how the OPEKEPE fraud went undetected for seven years** despite multiple audits and digital modernization claims.
- There is no mention of the **Turkish perspective** on the Greek-Bulgarian security alliance, which significantly alters the balance of power in the Aegean and Thrace.
- The report on **Greek-Iranian relations** is entirely one-sided, lacking any mention of Greek business interests currently active in Iran that might be lobbying for a deal.

- The fiscal space of 1.5 billion Euros is presented as a "win," but there is **no analysis of the inflationary risk** if these funds are injected into the economy through defense contracts rather than social support.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

- **The "Potemkin" Normalization:** The exit from EU macroeconomic surveillance is not a sign of health but a stalling tactic by the EU to avoid recognizing Greece's permanent state of debt dependence. A future "Black Swan" event—such as a 20% drop in tourism due to regional war—would instantly collapse this narrative and trigger a new bailout requirement.
- **Strategic Overreach in Bulgaria:** The "security umbrella" for Bulgaria could draw Greece into a direct military confrontation with Russia in the Black Sea, a scenario Athens is not militarily or economically prepared to sustain.
- **Constitutional Backfire:** The privatization of universities (Article 16) might not lead to investment but to a "brain drain" of the best students to foreign branch campuses, further depleting the Greek state university system's talent pool and funding.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector: 1. Prioritize the digital integration of the land registry with agricultural subsidy databases to prevent recurrence of OPEKEPE-style fraud. 2. Formalize the Greek-Bulgarian-Romanian "Vertical Corridor" through binding long-term energy purchase agreements. 3. Establish a

permanent independent prosecutor for gender-based crimes to address the femicide crisis before it leads to systemic social instability.

For Private Sector/Investors: 1. Opportunities exist in the Greek **higher education sector** as non-profit private universities become legal; early entrants will have a significant regulatory advantage. 2. Be cautious of **supply chain risks** originating from the Middle East, particularly regarding energy prices; prioritize Balkan-based energy providers linked to the new corridors. 3. Monitor **wage transparency compliance**; large firms should conduct internal pay audits now to avoid public fines and reputational damage once the new law takes effect.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The Greek Parliament is currently debating the most significant constitutional and social reforms of the decade. This includes a full revision of the **Constitutional Charter** and new regulatory frameworks for **labor equality** and **urban planning**. Public consultations are ongoing for equal pay and energy taxation policies.

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **Constitutional Revision (Articles 16, 24, 86):** Strategic intent to allow private universities, increase environmental protections, and limit ministerial immunity to restore public trust in the judiciary.
- **Wage Transparency Bill:** Aims to implement EU directives on equal pay for men and women through mandatory corporate disclosures and rapid correction mechanisms for pay gaps.

- **Code of Spatial and Urban Planning (Nikolaos Tagaras):** A comprehensive overhaul of building and land-use regulations to facilitate faster infrastructure development and renewable energy projects.

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **Constitutional Revision Committee Launch:** Formal announcement of the 42-member committee and a two-month timeline for preliminary drafting.
- **Kyriakos Mitsotakis Press Conference (Sofia):** Focused on energy corridors, Balkan security, and the integration of the Western Balkans into European institutions.
- **OPEKEPE Fraud Investigation Briefing:** Detailed the arrest of 14 individuals and the systemic exploitation of state property for illegal subsidies.

KEY STORIES

- **OPEKEPE Fraud Ring Dismantled:** Police in Kozani and Agrinio arrested 14 members of a criminal organization that defrauded the state of 2.4 million Euros in agricultural subsidies over seven years using phantom land declarations [across Western Macedonia](#).
- **Constitutional Revision Begins:** The Greek Parliament has officially started the process to amend the Constitution, targeting [Article 16 on private universities](#) and Article 86 on ministerial immunity.
- **Greece Exits Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure:** The European Commission removed Greece from formal crisis-monitoring after 16 years, signaling a [return to fiscal normalcy](#).
- **Mitsotakis Visit to Sofia:** PM Mitsotakis met with Bulgarian leadership to discuss the [Vertical Energy Corridor](#) and joint security efforts in the Balkans.
- **Kalamata Femicide:** A 49-year-old man murdered his wife after monitoring her with GPS trackers and false social media profiles, leading to [protests in Kalamata](#).
- **New Left (Nea Aristera) Group Dissolves:** The parliamentary group led by Effie Achtsioglou dissolved following the [resignation of 6 MPs](#), weakening the leftist opposition.
- **Israel-Lebanon Conflict:** Ongoing drone strikes and ceasefire rumors mediated by the US, with [Iranian skepticism](#) toward Trump's claims of a weekend deal.
- **Nestle Price-Gouging Fine:** A 3 million Euro fine was imposed on Nestle for [violating profit margin caps](#) on coffee and infant formula.
- **Migrant Rescues in Crete:** The Greek Coast Guard rescued [103 migrants](#) in three separate operations south of Gavdos and Crete.
- **Human Trafficker Sentenced:** A 34-year-old Iranian was sentenced in Rhodes to [life plus 125 years](#) for the death of three migrants during a trafficking attempt.
- **Wage Transparency Legislation:** A new bill requiring companies to disclose pay ranges and [correct pay disparities](#) entered public consultation.
- **Aspropyrgos Fire and Child Neglect:** A fire in a Roma settlement revealed cases of [severe child neglect](#), with a three-year-old injured in a related hit-and-run.
- **Vertical Corridor Energy Project:** Greece, Bulgaria, and Romania are accelerating a [gas transit route](#) to end regional dependence on Russian energy.

- **Spyware Case Reopening:** Journalist Thanasis Koukakis filed a request to [re-examine the "Predator" tapping case](#) following new evidence.
- **Angelos Antonopoulos Tribute:** The Greek cultural community mourned the passing of the [iconic actor and teacher](#) at age 94.
- **Greek World Cup Coverage:** ERT announced it will broadcast all [104 matches of the 2026 World Cup](#), featuring specialized analysis shows.
- **Larissa Fraud Business Operation:** A Roma-run criminal organization in Larissa was busted for [extorting business owners](#) with fake gold sovereigns.
- **Naso Athanasiou Funeral:** Politicians from across the spectrum attended the funeral of the former [SYRIZA MP and journalist](#).
- **Greek-Bulgarian Water Management:** Discussions on managing the [Ardas and Evros rivers](#) to prevent regional flooding and agricultural crises.
- **Electrification Incentives:** The EU proposed shifting [taxes away from renewable electricity](#) to accelerate the phase-out of fossil fuels.

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