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Keywords: *France – Mediterranean – Eastern Mediterranean – E. Macron – France's foreign policy – Middle East and North Africa – Sahel – anti-Turkey alliance – Greece – Turkey – Cyprus – Syria – Libya – Egypt – Lebanon – Israel – Syrian Kurdistan – Kurds – the East Mediterranean Gas Forum – French weapons and military equipment* ..... 114

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