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1 October 2026

Not only the Parthenon has lost its marbles

Link:
Not only the Parthenon has lost its marbles | Cyprus Mail

The Parthenon marbles were taken in the full knowledge that they were not the property of the occupying Ottomans to hand over, they were sculpted by Greeks depicting their stories, and their very obvious place is with the marbles that still decorate the Parthenon.
Where do principle and honesty stand now? They have become bartering commodities when one trader is stronger, more influential than another.

Source: Cyprus Mail

2 October 2026

Should we refuse to give the Bayeux tapestry back to France? Of course not! So why are we keeping the Parthenon marbles?

Link:
Should we refuse to give the Bayeux tapestry back to France? Of course not! So why are we keeping the Parthenon marbles? | Simon Jenkins | The Guardian

It is simply wrong for the British Museum to hoard what doesn't belong to Britain. Let the squabbling end and the sculptures be returned to Greece.

Source: The Guardian

3 October 2026

Greece returns priceless relics – and suggests UK should follow suit with Parthenon marbles

Link:
Greece returns priceless relics – and suggests UK should follow suit with Parthenon marbles | Bulgaria | The Guardian

Greek PM hopes handover of Tsar Samuel to Bulgaria will persuade Britain that time has come for 'truth, reason, justice and morality'.

Source: The Guardian

3 October 2026

Greece will not 'borrow' its own treasures, Mitsotakis says of Parthenon Marbles

Link:
Greece will not 'borrow' its own treasures, Mitsotakis says of Parthenon Marbles | Euronews

"Monuments and historic artefacts cannot be treated as spoils of war, nor as victims of circumstances that arose after their creation and their inherent nature as unified works," Mitsotakis said.

"It is precisely this same principle, the principle of a monument's integrity, that underpins our ongoing effort to reunite the Parthenon Sculptures. Because they are not lifeless objects from the past. They are evidence in a living and unbroken connection with the natural and cultural landscape that gave birth to them," the Greek prime minister added.

Source: Euro news

3 October 2026

Greece Will Not Accept a 'Loan' of Parthenon Sculptures, Mitsotakis Says

Link:
Greece Will Not Accept a 'Loan' of Parthenon Sculptures, Mitsotakis Says - GreekReporter.com

Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis delivered a firm message to the British Museum on the Parthenon Sculptures on Saturday, saying Greece will not accept any agreement that recognizes foreign ownership of the sculptures and will not agree to "borrow" what is its own cultural heritage.

Source: Greek Reporter

3 October 2026

Σαφές μήνυμα Μητσοτάκη για τα Γλυπτά του Παρθενώνα: Δεν δεχόμαστε να δανειστούμε τους δικούς μας θησαυρούς

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Σαφές μήνυμα Μητσοτάκη για τα Γλυπτά του Παρθενώνα: Δεν δεχόμαστε να δανειστούμε τους δικούς μας θησαυρούς - iefimerida.gr

Ο πρωθυπουργός έστειλε σαφές μήνυμα ότι διευθετήσεις που θα αποδέχονται τις δηλώσεις ξένης κυριαρχίας στα Γλυπτά δεν θα γίνουν δεκτές. Όπως δεν θα γίνει δεκτός και ο δανεισμός.

Source: Iefimerida

6 October 2026

Πρόταση win-win Μητσοτάκη για τα Γλυπτά: «Ηρθε η ώρα» για την επανένωση

Link:
Πρόταση win-win Μητσοτάκη για τα Γλυπτά: «Ηρθε η ώρα» για την επανένωση | Protagon.gr
https://www.youtube.com/live/Fz9bZ2-XK4U?si=jd6VGIP8QvBJFvzn
(English)

«Θα μπορούσαμε να προσφέρουμε στο Βρετανικό Μουσείο μια μοναδική πολιτιστική συνεργασία, πρόσβαση σε προσωρινές εκθέσεις ελληνικών θησαυρών που δεν έχουν φύγει ποτέ από τη χώρα», είπε ο Πρωθυπουργός κατά τη διάρκεια συζήτησης με τον συγγραφέα Ντάνιελ Μέντελσον, δίνοντας και ευρωπαϊκή διάσταση στη συζήτηση για τα «ξεκάθαρα κλεμμένα από τον Λόρδο Ελγιν» Γλυπτά του Παρθενώνα.

Source: Protagon

6 October 2026

Greek PM: The Parthenon Is a Global Symbol – We Will Ramp Up Our Demands for the Reunification of Its Sculptures

Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis spoke about the reunification of the Parthenon Sculptures, … during his discussion with author Daniel

Link:
Greek PM: The Parthenon Is a Global Symbol - We Will Ramp Up Our Demands for the Reunification of Its Sculptures - The National Herald

Mendelsohn, in the Dialogue for Athens Conference: From myth to modern city.
While Mendelsohn noted that the Sculptures "clearly belong here" but also pointed to the broader arguments concerning museums and institutions "and what belongs to whom", the Greek premier pointed out that this was an issue that went "beyond ownership", while noting that the Greek demand for their return goes back almost two centuries, with the first request made in 1836.

Source: National Herald

6 October 2026

Greek prime minister vows to 'ramp up' efforts to regain Parthenon marbles

Link:
Greek prime minister vows to 'ramp up' efforts to regain Parthenon marbles | Parthenon marbles | The Guardian

The Greek prime minister has vowed to "ramp up" his country's claims to get back the Parthenon marbles from the British Museum, emphasising that his UK counterpart, Andy Burnham, was hugely supportive of restitution efforts before he moved into Downing Street.
Kyriakos Mitsotakis said he would raise the issue in the strongest of terms when he met Burnham.

Source: The Guardian

6 October 2026

Μενδώνη: Τα Γλυπτά του Παρθενώνα θα επιστρέψουν - Δεν μπορούμε να δεχθούμε δανεισμό

Link:
Μενδώνη: Τα Γλυπτά του Παρθενώνα θα επιστρέψουν - Δεν μπορούμε να δεχθούμε δανεισμό - CNN.gr

Κατηγορηματική και ξεκάθαρη ότι τα Γλυπτά του Παρθενώνα θα επιστρέψουν στην Αθήνα και θα επανενωθούν δήλωσε η υπουργός Πολιτισμού Λίνα Μενδώνη. Ταυτόχρονα διευκρίνισε ότι δεν μπορούμε να δεχθούμε δανεισμό.

Source: CNN Greece

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Μενδώνη για Γλυπτά του Παρθενώνα: «Θα επιστρέψουν στην Αθήνα» – Αποκλείει τη λύση του δανεισμού

Link:
Μενδώνη για Γλυπτά του Παρθενώνα: «Θα επιστρέψουν στην Αθήνα» – Αποκλείει τη λύση του δανεισμού | LiFO

«Θα ήταν επιπόλαιο να πούμε ότι αυτό μπορεί να γίνει αύριο ή μεθαύριο. Πάντως το βέβαιο είναι ότι θα γίνει» δήλωσε η υπουργός Πολιτισμού.

Source: LiFO

6 October 2026

Greece Says Return of Parthenon Sculptures Must Be Part of Closer UK-EU Ties

Link:
Greece Says Return of Parthenon Sculptures Must Be Part of Closer UK-EU Ties | Sweden Herald

The return of the Parthenon sculptures from Britain must be included in any talks about closer relations between London and EU countries, Greece says.

Source: Sweden Herald

6 October 2026

« Breturn » : Athènes met les marbres du Parthénon dans la balance avant un rapprochement du Royaume-Uni avec l'Europe

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« Breturn » : Athènes met les marbres du Parthénon dans la balance avant un rapprochement du Royaume-Uni avec l'Europe

Pour le premier ministre grec, qui prendra la présidence de l'Union européenne en 2027, le retour des frises exposées au British Museum doit être un enjeu des négociations avec Londres, dix ans après le vote du Brexit.

Source: Le Figaro

7 October 2026

Greek Prime Minister to "Ramp Up" Efforts Related to Parthenon Marbles Return

Link:
Greek PM to "Ramp Up" Efforts for Parthenon Marbles Return

"We will very clearly ramp up the intensity of our claims, not just with the British Museum, but also with the British government. I would also like to remind the audience that the new prime minister of the UK, unequivocally, was supportive of the return of the Parthenon sculptures before he became prime minister."

Source: Art news

7 October 2026

Opinion: "The Parthenon Marbles belong back in Athens"

Link:
Opinion: "The Parthenon Marbles belong back in Athens" | The Bulletin

As the British Museum prepares to show the disputed Parthenon Marbles at an exhibition in Frankfurt, Brussels-based communications leader Stavros Papagianneas argues for their return to the Acropolis in Athens, citing a Belgian academic's argument that their original removal was illegal and immoral.

Source: The Bulletin

8 October 2026

A Greek epic that's lost its marbles

Link:
A Greek epic that's lost its marbles | Country Life

Allowing nationalistic emotion to override the priorities of art and scholarship with regards to the Elgin Marbles does the Greek authorities no favours.

Source: Country Life

11 October 2026

Lord David Frost: To Vima Int'l Edition Exclusive Interview

Link:
Lord David Frost: To Vima Int'l Edition Exclusive Interview - tovima.com

In this exclusive interview with TO VIMA International Edition, Lord Frost revisits the Parthenon Sculptures dispute, examines Brexit's legacy and considers Britain's place in a changing Europe. Does the man who negotiated Brexit still believe its promises can be fulfilled?

Source: To Vima

12 October 2026

Λίνα Μενδώνη: «Σε στασιμότητα οι συνομιλίες για τα Γλυπτά του Παρθενώνα – Μιλάμε για επανένωση, όχι για επιστροφή»

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Η διαδικασία για τον επαναπατρισμό των Γλυπτών του Παρθενώνα έχει συναντήσει εμπόδια το τελευταίο διάστημα μετά και τις πρόσφατες τοποθετήσεις της βρετανικής πολιτικής ηγεσίας, δήλωσε τη Δευτέρα (12/10) η Λίνα Μενδώνη.

Source: Ta Nea

13 October 2026

Greece Shifts From 'Return' to 'Reunification' of Parthenon Sculptures

Link:
Greece Shifts From 'Return' to 'Reunification' of Parthenon Sculptures

No talks are under way on the Parthenon Sculptures, Culture Minister Lina Mendoni said on Monday, adding that Greece now speaks of Parthenon 'reunification' rather than 'return'.

Source: Greek City Times

14 October 2026

Marbres du Parthénon

Link:
Marbre 3 | L'Art à Genève

Article by the Swiss Committee presenting an overview of the issue and the committee.

Source: L'Art à Genève

14 October 2026

George Osborne: Parthenon Sculptures on London-Athens 'rotation'

Link:
Parthenon Sculptures on London-Athens 'rotation' | eKathimerini.com

British Museum Chairman George Osborne is optimistic that an agreement on the Parthenon Sculptures is still possible, proposing an arrangement under which the 5th century BC works would be displayed alternately in Greece and Britain.

Source: Ekathimerini

14 October 2026

British Museum Chief 'Optimistic' Parthenon Marbles Deal Can Be Done

Link:
UK's Osborne Optimistic Parthenon Marbles Deal Can Be Reached - Bloomberg

"I'm still optimistic that we can reach an agreement," Osborne said in an interview in Athens. "If everyone enters into it with the spirit of we're not going to get everything we want, as is always the case with a successful agreement, then there's a deal to be done."

Source: Bloomberg

14 October 2026

British Museum proposes sharing Parthenon Marbles between Athens and London as George Osborne calls for compromise

Link:
British Museum proposes sharing Parthenon Marbles between Athens and London as George Osborne calls for compromise - ProtoThema English

Both sides must accept that they cannot get everything they want if an agreement is to be reached, the British Museum chairman said, expressing optimism that a solution remains possible.

Source: Protothema

14 October 2026

«Μόνο αν μοιραζόμαστε τα Γλυπτά του Παρθενώνα μπορεί να επέλθει συμφωνία», λέει ο πρόεδρος του Βρετανικού Μουσείου

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Συμφωνία με την Ελλάδα για την επιστροφή των Γλυπτών του Παρθενώνα υπό προϋποθέσεις «βλέπει» ο πρόεδρος του Βρετανικού Μουσείου, Τζορτζ Όσμπορν.

Source: Iefimerida

14 October 2026

Voorzitter British Museum George Osborne ziet ruimte voor compromis over Parthenon-beelden

Link:
Voorzitter British Museum George Osborne ziet ruimte voor compromis over Parthenon-beelden

Voormalig Brits minister van Financiën pleit voor gedeelde tentoonstelling van de Elgin Marbles terwijl Griekenland en Groot-Brittannië culturele uitwisseling verkennen in EU-relatiegesprekken.

Source: Headliner

19 October 2026

Μενδώνη από την Κίνα: Να επιστρέψουν τα Γλυπτά του Παρθενώνα στην Ελλάδα και να επανενωθούν τα διαμελισμένα μνημεία

Link:

https://www.prototothema.gr/culture/article/1897022/mendoni-apo-tin-kina-na-epistrepsoun-ta-glupta-tou-parthenona-stin-ellada-kai-na-epanenothoun-ta-diamelismena-mnimeia

«Την υιοθέτηση μιας κοινής Αρχής για την ανάγκη επανένωσης των διαμελισμένων μνημείων στον τόπο της δημιουργίας τους, με πλέον χαρακτηριστικό παράδειγμα αυτό των Γλυπτών του Παρθενώνα» πρότεινε στο 4ο Liangzhu Forum η υπουργός Πολιτισμού.

Source: Protothema

19 October 2026

Ρουθ Μακένζι στα «ΝΕΑ»: «Πολιτιστικές συμπράξεις και συνεργασίες με την Ελλάδα»

Link:
Ρουθ Μακένζι στα «ΝΕΑ»: «Πολιτιστικές συμπράξεις και συνεργασίες με την Ελλάδα» - ΤΑ ΝΕΑ

Η νέα υφυπουργός Πολιτισμού της Βρετανίας μιλώντας στα «ΝΕΑ» δηλώνει αισιόδοξη για την εξεύρεση μιας κοινά αποδεκτής λύσης μεταξύ των δύο χωρών όσον αφορά το πρόβλημα των Γλυπτών του Παρθενώνα.

Source: Ta Nea

19 October 2026

Could the Fagan Fragment be sent back to Italy? Its return to Greece challenged in court

Link:
Could the Fagan Fragment be sent back to Italy? Its return to Greece challenged in court - tovima.com

At a time when negotiations between the British Museum and Greece over the future of the Parthenon Sculptures remain a subject of intense diplomatic and political debate, one of the most outspoken opponents of their return is opening a new and potentially controversial chapter in the dispute.

Source: To Vima

20 October 2026

Drawing Red Lines at the British Museum Ball

Link:
Drawing Red Lines at the British Museum Ball – Greek City Times

George Vardas (APA) reporting on the 2026 British Museum Ball, held on 17 October 2026.

Source: Greek City Times

21 October 2026

Parthenon Fragment Return Deal Faces Legal Challenge in Italy

Link:
Parthenon Fragment Return Deal Faces Legal Challenge in Italy – Greek City Times

A landmark agreement to return a fragment of the Parthenon to Greece is facing a legal challenge in Italy, raising questions about whether the arrangement could provide a precedent for the reunification of the Parthenon Sculptures held at the British Museum.

Source: Greek City Times

26 October 2026

L'humour britannique reste sans égal

Link:
L'humour britannique reste sans égal - Le Temps

Les marbres du Parthénon exposés au British Museum depuis 1816 pourraient être momentanément prêtés à Athènes, a récemment suggéré le directeur du musée. Devinez ce qu'en pense notre chroniqueur, l'écrivain Metin Arditi.

Source: Le Temps

30 October2026

'The British Museum Loaned Parthenon Sculptures to Russia – Why Not Return Them to Greece?'

Link:
'The British Museum Loaned Parthenon Sculptures to Russia – Why Not Return Them to Greece?' - tovima.com

In an exclusive interview with *To Vima*, international law expert Catharine Titi questions the British Museum's willingness to lend Parthenon Sculptures to Russia and Germany while resisting their permanent return to Greece. Professor Titi also explains why a legal challenge involving the Fagan fragment is unlikely to derail their repatriation.

Source: To Vima

Past & Upcoming Events

8 October 2026

The Elgins, the Parthenon, and the Old Summer Palace: From Spoliation to Prospects of Repatriation

Link:
Property Law Seminar Series – "The Elgins, the Parthenon, and the Old Summer Palace: From Spoliation to Prospects of Repatriation" - Faculty of Law

The Chinese University Hong Kong, Property Law Series
Speaker: Cathatine Titi
Hong Kong, 5 p.m.
Online via Zoom

Source: Catharine Titi

19 November 2026

Screening of *The woman behind Elgin*

Link:
Premieract | Facebook

Docudrama by Mimi Denissi, followed by a panel discussion.
Brussels, Centre Culturel de Woluwé St. Pierre, 7:00 p.m.

Source: Premieract

Link: **Visit**

https://www.facebook.com/parthenonsculpturesreunitediarps

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