

## News in Portugal

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### **Mega solar plant in Ourique to be inaugurated**

A mega solar plant will be inaugurated on Thursday 26 July at 16:00 (GMT+1) by the Economy Minister Manuel Caldeira Cabral. The investment of 35 million euros will allow the production of sufficient energy to power the homes of around 25 thousand families. This will avoid the emission of close to 50,000 tonnes of Co2 per year. The project is the first of its size that has no guaranteed tariff supported by taxpayers.

See the full Portuguese version of the story [here](#).

### **June unemployment total lowest in 16 years**

The number registered at Portugal's employment centres was down 5.1% in the month of June and 20.5% in June of 2017, at 332,400 – the lowest total in 16 years, according to a report released by the Ministry of Employment.

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### **Ryanair cancelling up to 300 flights this week**

Irish airline Ryanair confirmed it had sent out emails and text messages to around 50,000 customers travelling to and from Belgium, Portugal and Spain today and tomorrow (25 and 26 July), advising them that their flights have been cancelled. This is due to strike action by cabin crew.

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### **Coldest July in 30 Years**

The most recent data released by the Portuguese Met Office has revealed that the month of July has been the coolest in 30 years. Figures for the first 18 days of the month, show that maximum temperatures dropped by 1.6 degrees Celsius when compared with existing averages.

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