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Girne Municipality New Service Building opens

Girne Municipality moved to the new service building at 68 Ecevit Street, Girne on Friday, 17th January 2020 and will start to provide services on Monday 20th January.

A more modern service will be offered to the Girne residents with the new service building, where the employees will work in an environment suitable for today's conditions.

The old Town Hall in Ramadan Cemil Square, Girne, and the cashier's offices in the bus terminal area will continue to collect : Real estate, water, occupational tax and traffic fines from municipal police.

The Municipality Branches of Ozanköy, Doğanköy, Beylerbeyi, Zeytinlik and Karaoğlanoğlu will continue to serve. In Baldöken Car Park, credit loading for prepaid electronic water meters and collection of traffic fines from municipal police will continue.

The Municipality can be contacted at (0392) 650 01 00 and on ALO 185 within the municipality boundaries.

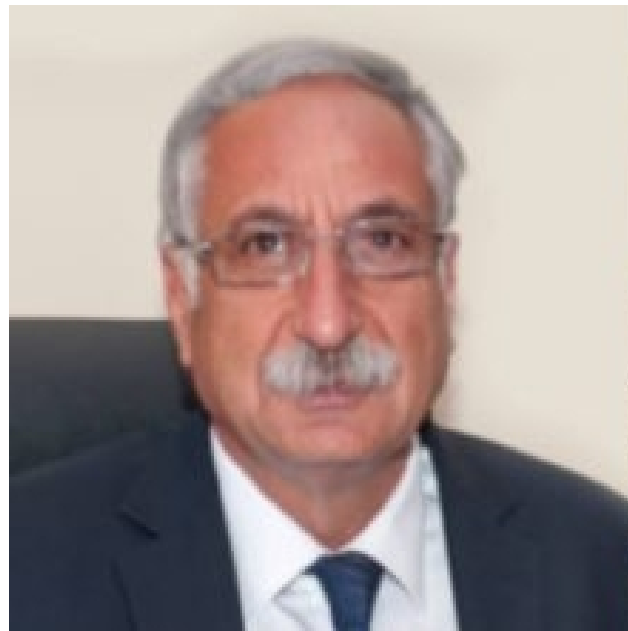
Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü said in a statement that a more modern service will be offered to the 3,000 population of Girne in the year 2020, and the process of moving to the new service building, where the employees will work in an environment suitable for today's conditions, has been completed.

Nidai Güngördü said that all units will start operating in the new building from Monday, 20th January, and payments will also continue to be collected at the old town hall and cashiers office in the bus terminal area.

Güngördü noted that the Girne Municipality New Service Building has been completed with Municipality funds in the amount of approximately 29 million TL, without taking credit and grants for

the Cultural Center, which is partially completed.

Stating that an opening ceremony will be held for the new service building in the coming days, Güngördü wished that the new city hall will be beneficial to our country, Girne city and our people.



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Minimum Wage Regulation Commission met on 17th January

The Minimum Wage Regulation Commission met for the second time on Friday (January 17th) to determine the first minimum wage for 2020.

The meeting was held at 14.00pm at the Meeting Hall of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security.

The Commission held its first

meeting on 27 December 2019.

The minimum wage is currently still applied as gross 3,400TL, (net 2,958 TL).

Source :
Ministry of Labour and Social Security



Health Minister Pilli: “Let's be sensitive about organ donation”

On the 16th of January, the family of a patient with brain death donated the heart and a heart transplant was performed on a 57-year-old patient at Burhan Nalbantoğlu State Hospital. Lefkosa.

On the same day, kidney transplantations were performed on two patients aged 59 and 65 in the hospital. It was announced that the patients who had heart and kidney transplantations were in good general health.

With the participation of Minister of Health Dr. Ali Pilli, a press conference regarding organ

transplants was held at Burhan Nalbantoğlu State Hospital. Health Minister Pilli and experts called on the public to “Be sensitive about organ donation”.

50 year old Veli Çelik, who underwent the first heart transplant 9 months ago, also attended the press conference, explaining that he was in good health and repeated the call for sensitivity for donation.

According to the information given, in the TRNC since the first live transplant was made in 2015, 45 kidney transplants have been performed, 28 of which were from

cadavers and 17 from live donors. Kidney transplants from cadavers in the TRNC is 20% while in Turkey the cadaver transplant rate is 62%.

Health Minister Dr. Ali Pilli said, “This success is in our country,

and in our hospital. We have infrastructural shortcomings, but even under these conditions, very good work is being carried out... I congratulate the teams”.

Source: Ministry of Health



The third meeting of “Traffic Safety in the Country” held

The third meeting on Traffic Safety in the country was held at the Prime Ministry on 17th January 2020..

The third meeting, which was organised under the instruction of Prime Minister Ersin Tatar on December 27, 2019 to address issues related to traffic safety in our country, was held under the presidency of Prime Ministry Undersecretary Ömer A. Köseoğlu.

PGM Traffic Police Manager, Independent Fire Schools Association, Ministry of Finance Budget Department Manager, Insurers Union, Deputy Prime Minister and Ministry of Foreign Affairs Manager, Head of Statistics Agency, Traffic Department Manager and Directorate of Highways Department attended the meeting.

As a result of the meeting, a number of studies were initiated to

ensure Traffic Safety in the country.

At the meeting, which will continue this coming week, it was

noted that the studies will be evaluated.

Source : TRNC Prime Ministry



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Akar: 'Cyprus is our National Issue'

Turkey's Minister of Defence Hulusi Akar said 'the Cyprus issue is our national issue'

Speaking at an event in which he participated, Minister Akar stated that besides the fight against terrorism, Turkey's activities are ongoing in the Aegean, Eastern Mediterranean, Cyprus and Libya and added that they are carried out in accordance with international law and the territorial integrity of the countries.

Akar said 'Turkey is a guarantor country for the Turkish Republic of

Northern Cyprus and is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities.

The Cyprus issue is our national issue. Whatever we need to do there, we have done so far and will continue to do so.

We will continue to protect the rights of both our own and Turkish Cypriot people.'

Akar underlined that any project in which Turkey is not included has no chance of being successful.

Akar also stressed 'Turkey will never tolerate a fait accompli in

any way. Our aim is to provide a solution by peaceful methods in accordance with international law and respecting the principles of right and justice.'

Source :

TRNC Public Information Office



TRNC Assembly Delegation held meetings in Brussels



National Unity Party (UBP) MP Oğuzhan Hasipoğlu, People's Party (HP) MP Erek Çağatay and Republican Turkish Party (CTP) MP Fikri Toros held contacts in the European Parliament.

Foreign Affairs, Hasipoğlu, Çağatay and Toros also shared their expectations regarding the Cyprus solution process and the ongoing developments in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Within the framework of the contacts, the documentary 'Lost Bus' was also screened at the European Parliament building in Brussels on the 22nd January.

The TRNC Assembly delegation also met with their counterparts in the EU Commission within the framework of Brussels contacts.

Source :

During their meetings with the members of the EP Committee on

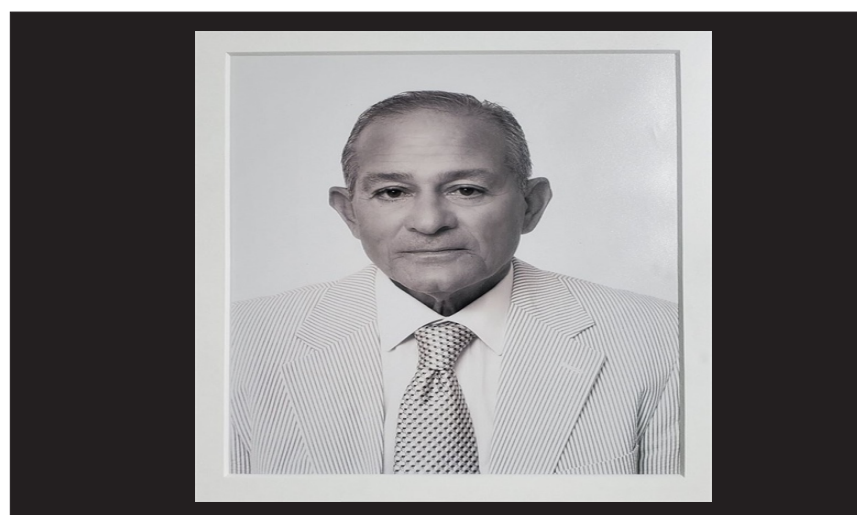
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Retired Bureaucrat and Ambassador Reşat Çağlar lost his life

Retired bureaucrat and ambassador Reşat Çağlar, who served as the TRNC London and New York representative, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Undersecretary and the negotiation team member, lost his life yesterday, 23rd January 2020.

Source :

TRNC Public Information Office



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If a pirate state on the island, it is the Greek Cypriot leadership

Minister of Economy and Energy Hasan Taçoy reacted to the Greek Cypriot Administration which evaluated Turkey's activities in the Eastern Mediterranean as "piracy" and said that if there is a pirate state on the island, it is the Greek Cypriot leadership.

The Greek Cypriot Administration made a statement previously and condemned the activities of Turkey in the Eastern Mediterranean

following the Yavuz drilling vessel reverting to Lefkoşa-1 area for its new drilling work.

In a message through his Twitter account, Taçoy reacted to the Greek Cypriot Administration regarding their claim "Turkey is turning into a pirate state in the Eastern Mediterranean". Taçoy stressed that the Turkish Cypriot people will continue their path with Turkey and added: "We will never allow violation of our rights."



"We will continue to protect rights of Turkish Cypriots and Turkey"

Çavuşoğlu: "We will continue to protect the rights of the Turkish Cypriots and Turkey".

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu evaluated the drilling activities in the Eastern

Mediterranean to NTV Television in Davos, Switzerland where he attended the World Economic Forum.

Minister Çavuşoğlu stated that the drilling activities are continuing in two areas and one of those is in Turkey's continental shelf. Çavuşoğlu pointed out that those areas, including the 7th parcel, overlap with the areas that the Greek Cypriots have licensed and mentioned that Turkey does not even discuss the areas which are in its continental shelf. Minister

Çavuşoğlu also said 'Moreover, including the Greek Cypriot Administration, no one is denying that the Turkish Cypriot people have rights on the hydrocarbon resources around Cyprus.' Stating that Turkey could work together with Italy and other countries in its own continental shelf Çavuşoğlu added: 'We are ready to cooperate with all parties in the area, except the Greek Cypriot Administration, however Turkey will continue to protect the rights and interests of the Turkish Cypriot people and Turkey in every field'.



Özersay: "Some EU countries attempting to arbitrate in Cyprus"

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay stated that some EU member states have attempted to arbitrate in Cyprus on natural resources.

said that EU members and leading countries have been attempting to arbitrate among the parties on natural resources in the past 6 months. Moreover, there is no single actor.

natural resources, and this has started to be included in international texts as well.

"In this connection, if cooperating in respect of natural gas is also

beneficial for international actors, and if international companies do not want to risk their investments here, they may be ready to encourage this cooperation." Özersay added.

Özersay answered the questions of journalists at the TRNC Assembly regarding the developments in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Stating the fact that the natural resources in the region have great financial value and the involvement of multinational companies does not mean that there is no cooperation between the parties on this issue, Özersay said that the Turkish Cypriot side has put forward the view that "cooperation can be achieved" on

Upon a question regarding cooperation between the Turkish and Greek Cypriots in Cyprus on the natural resources in the Eastern Mediterranean, Kudret Özersay



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Özersay: “Licences are not given just for sake of conversation”

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay made a statement regarding the Yavuz drilling vessel which started drilling at G zone in South Cyprus.

Stressing that it was expressed a few months ago that this step would be taken by the TRNC, Özersay said “As the TRNC, we will conduct drilling at the zones which were given licence to the Turkish Petroleum Corporation. We have not given these licences for the sake of conversation. No one can deny the fact that the Turkish Cypriots also have rights within these zones. Therefore, as South Cyprus has been conducting drilling with the licences given to their companies, the TRNC will also conduct drilling through the licences given to the Turkish Petroleum Corporation”.

Furthermore, adding that cooperation of all parties on the issue of natural gas in the Eastern Mediterranean is inevitable, Özersay stressed that all related parties have to come together before reaching a solution for peace and stability in the region. “As the Greek Cypriot side conducts works before reaching a solution, the Turkish Cypriots also have equal rights. This is our most natural right” Özersay said.

Pointing out that the Greek Cypriot leadership does not want to share administration and the wealth, Özersay said that the Greek Cypriot Administration’s refusing political equality is the proof of not wanting to share administration, and their usurping the natural resources as one sided is the proof of not wanting to share the wealth.

Özersay also stressed that the Greek Cypriot Administration should not attempt to taunt the Turkish Cypriots. If they conduct drilling works unilaterally before reaching a solution on the Island, we as the Turkish Cypriots have

the same right. On one hand, they have been conducting drilling works and on the other hand they express that the Turkish Cypriots can have their rights if a solution is reached. This is absolute nonsense and an attempt to taunt the Turkish Cypriot side.



Aksoy: “EU ignores the existence and rights of Turkish Cypriots”

Turkish Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hami Aksoy stated that the EU, which made a statement regarding the third drilling activities of Yavuz drilling vessel in the licensed areas of the TRNC, acting under the pretext of union solidarity, should, first of all, end its unrealistic, prejudiced, and double standard policies.

In his written statement on this issue, Aksoy said that the Yavuz vessel proceeded to the licensed area G, south of the island, to conduct its third drilling operation in line with the licenses granted to the Turkish Petroleum Corporation in 2011 by the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

Emphasizing that in this licensed area, as the co-owners of the island, Turkish Cypriots have as many rights as the Greek Cypriots, Aksoy underlined that if both oil and natural gas are found in this area, both parties should share the revenues together.

Pointing out that regarding hydrocarbon resources and its income for the equitable sharing, Turkish Cypriot authorities within the framework of the proposal they made in July 13, 2019 still stands, adding that there is a significant opportunity for the solution, Aksoy noted that the EU has remained silent against the usurpation of the rights of Turkey and the Turkish Cypriots in the Eastern Mediterranean since 2003.

Aksoy continued as follows:

“The EU has never mentioned or referred to the Turkish Cypriots in any of its statements on the subject and as such has ignored the existence and rights of the Turkish Cypriots,” Aksoy said.

“No one should doubt that Turkey will continue to protect the rights of the Turkish Cypriots also in the south of the island, until their rights to the hydrocarbon resources of the island are guaranteed and a cooperation mechanism is established within the framework of the proposal of 13 July 2019,” Aksoy added.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



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Why do foreign workers come to the TRNC?



By Ahmet Abdulaziz.

The foreign workers in any country usually bring a different culture to the host country. They bring with them a totally different world of their own, and try to adjust into a world which is totally different from their own point of view.

Here in TRNC, the foreign workers have usually been classed as those hailing from Turkey, and the others from the rest of the world. I use the term “rest of the world”, which in fact refers to workers from third world countries.

There is no need to have a look at the statistics of the TRNC work ministry, about the number of foreign workers in the TRNC, and their origin, because almost every day we all see a number of foreign workers wherever we go.

Some 25 years back, the workers coming from mainland Turkey used to work in all sectors in the TRNC, because they were getting somewhat higher wages as compared to Turkey. But, with the passage of time, everyone has noticed an influx of workers from countries other than Turkey.

Though workers from third world countries were also working in the TRNC previously, they were very few in number. The 1990s saw Pakistani workers coming in. The workers from Turkmenistan and other Turkish republics followed them. Subsequently, with the beginning of the 21st century, we started seeing workers coming from Bangladesh, Sri

Lanka, Palestine, Kenya, and many other countries.

Next to follow were the workers from the Far East. A large number of Filipinos crossed over to the northern part through the south of Cyprus. The Filipino workers are mostly women who work in hotels and in private homes.

It is interesting to note that there have been workers coming from as far away as Vietnam. There are a number of Vietnamese men and women working in different sectors in the TRNC.

All these foreign workers have added colour to the country. The skin color symmetrically now moves from white to black. So does the culture.

The foreign workers, in general, bring with them different social behaviour. Most of them try to retain their original cultural and social values. However, there is a minority that tries to adapt to the local culture. Indeed it is not easy for them. In most the cases they get a reaction from their own countrymen.

For all the foreign workers, language is the most common hurdle. One must know the Turkish language to work in the TRNC. Though it is not a legal requirement, not having knowledge of the Turkish language makes it very difficult to communicate with co-workers and officials at the workplace. A number of foreign workers in the beginning try to start working at a place where there are other workers from their own country.

In this way, through the passage of time, developing an understanding and command of the Turkish language. However, interestingly, I have found workers who have been working in the TRNC for a long period of time, but still their knowledge of Turkish is very poor.

The foreign workers who also manage to bring their families with them, face many more difficulties in adjusting their children to the different social norms and cultural values. Thus in most cases, these children find themselves locked between two different societies. For them, the life away from their homes is totally different. Such a situation leaves both its plus and minus effects on their lives.

These workers can also be divided into two different categories. Very few are those who come to settle down here, and not return back to their country of origin. The majority of workers are here just to earn money, which they send back to their own country and aim to return back and settle in their own country after some time.

The workers in both of these classes live in the TRNC with totally different mentality, attitude and social behaviour.

But there is one question that most

people have in their minds. Why do these workers come to TRNC, which is neither recognised by the world nor is as financially strong as European countries?

The earnings of most of these workers in the TRNC are not very good, as compared to other European countries or the USA. Here again, I divide these workers into two classes.

Except for a few cases, the foreign workers are here just because they want to earn more than they could earn in their own countries. Some of these workers come here just because they could not go to some other European country or the USA. They come here and consider it as their destiny to work here.

A large number of foreign workers, however, think of using the TRNC as a spring board to reach any other country of the European Union. They continue struggling to achieve their goal. Some of them do succeed, either through legal channels or illegal channels.

However, with all this going on, the TRNC in general is going ahead and developing, the credit of which mostly goes to the foreign workers, who work very hard to earn a living on one hand and to develop the country on the other.

Turkish language lessons in Catalkoy



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KAR - News Update



We all love our happy ever afters and nothing fills our hearts with happiness more than re-homing a centre dog and then getting updates. These photos speak for themselves.

Hooch flew last week to Clare and her family in the UK and we think you can safely say he is one happy pooch! (pointer cross).

Then we have Genie who flew in November, and is well settled with Barbara. (white poodle).

Happy lives to all our re-homed fur babies, here and abroad!!



Our fund raising season will be starting soon, so watch this space for the 'Special Events', but in the meantime we will be holding regular nights starting March 2020.....

Here is a taster of what will be on offer....



Today is World Spay Day 2020 (23rd January). We repeat over and over the need to Neuter. This year. Just this. This is the horrific result of 1 unneutered male and female cat. Please share, share and share. The same applies to dogs, so NEUTER AND SPAY! The only answer to sadness we witness on a daily basis.



Don't forget to register you dogs with your local Belediyesi (council) during January!!! Take your vet book it's a minimal charge per dog.



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KAR - News Update



A RECENT REVIEW VIA TRIP ADVISOR!!

What wonderful work KAR does!!

While I was visiting my parents over Christmas vacation, I went to the Kyrenia Animal Rescue to see the shelter and walk some dogs. When I first got in, I was impressed by how organized and clean the (rather large!) kennels were and how happy the dogs seemed to be. I was quickly greeted by one of the staff (Ian) and after talking about what kind of dog I hoped to walk, not only did he get the dog for me but brought him all the way out and passed some of the kennels so it would be easy for me to take from there. When I came back, another staff member (Andrew) took the dog from me and brought him back to his kennel, which gave me a chance to look around before I went out with another one.

The staff at KAR clearly care about the dogs: the kennels are very clean, there were ample dog houses in each enclosure and the dogs were well-groomed. (I was actually told several of them had just come back from a teeth cleaning!) Staff are also keenly aware of what housing situations make for happy dogs. One of the things they were doing when I came was introducing a new dog to two dogs that were already in a kennel together to see how they would get along. Instead of just putting dogs in kennels together, the staff take time and effort to determine which dogs they will best cohabitate with, so they are all happy together. This struck me as a very important and very professional practice in an animal rescue shelter like this, so I was happy to see part of the process involved in that.

I was also really happy to see the large, enclosed exercise area they had created for the dogs. This area had different benches, poles, ramps and other obstacles that the dogs had to interact with and run around. This makes for an easier option for potential adopters to play with the dogs, as well as anyone who would like to come and visit with the animals but might find it hard to go on a walk per se. Not to mention how good it is for the dogs themselves to get some much-needed play and run time!

Overall, I was really impressed with how KAR ran their centre: the staff were knowledgeable, helpful and attentive; the kennels were clean and the houses well maintained; and the dogs looked happy and healthy. I will be back next time I visit and encourage anyone else to go who is an animal lover!



We still need 'softies' to keep the dogs, puppies and poorly cats dry and warm. Please declutter your homes and drop off at Veni Vici or Black Olive on the West and the Karakum Office and Kyrenia Shops on the East. The Centre are struggling to wash wet and dirty bedding as the weather is particularly chilly at the top of the mountain!!



A PLEA!!!! A number of our centre cats are recovering from a nasty gastro virus and as such have been on a restrictive diet of boiled chicken. To introduce them back onto a biscuit diet, we have been advised by the Vet to place them on this brand of biscuit to aid recovery. It is available from PetLine (Catalkoy) and is 75TL for a 2kg bag. Please, please, please help us get the cats back to full health. 2 bags will last us 2 days, so we need help with this!!! You can purchase us a bag from PetLine or donate via the website. Please mark your donation 'centre cats'.

<https://www.kartrnc.org/how-can-i-help-kar/donate/>

Thank you, we need your help!!!!



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The Soulist 3rd birthday anniversary celebration

By Margaret Sheard

It is just as well that the Soulist Coffee and Music House in Alsancak holds most of their events late in the evening.

We had another event to attend on the evening of the 18th January but were determined to be at the Soulist by 9.30pm when the party was to begin to celebrate the 3rd birthday of this great music venue, and we managed to time it nicely.

There were not too many people there when we arrived but within 15 minutes the place was full to overflowing with people who wanted to give their good wishes to Alper Cengiz and Roland Eyerich, who are the mainstay of the Soulist, and enjoy what was to be a fabulous evening.

So the music began with Alper & Friends, which included Alper (guitar/vocal), Dean Bridges (bass guitar), Bulut Abilek (drums) and Naim Korudag (guitar) who unfortunately had to leave following the first couple of numbers and he was replaced by the ever popular Ed Sezener (guitar/vocal).



The Soulist is not a huge venue but its area gives a very intimate atmosphere with the music surrounding the audience. I have seen Alper perform on a number of occasions, and I am overwhelmed how he puts his very heart and soul into his performance. In my opinion he is a showman of the highest calibre and such a very nice person off stage.

Part way through the event while Alper & Friends were taking a break, another group took the stage, this was Rock Balance - Engin Bahar; (Vocal/Guitar), Ersun Hoca: (Lead Guitar/Back Vocal), Menteş İnacı; (Bass Guitar), Anıl Akgün: Drums, and they also gave a superb performance.

Roland gave a short speech to the guests which is shown below :

“ Welcome to The Soulist on our 3rd anniversary. Again what a year with ups and downs but a year with many highlights and our Soulist friends joining us. We appreciate it so much, thank you.

The Soulist is the home of Jazz, Gypsy Jazz, Classic, Blues, Rock, Rockabilly, Soul and Reggae, it is the “Small Music Hall of Alsancak”.

So, what happened last year – just a few points. The Soulist has now become an integral part of the Cyprus jazz music scene, alongside Sarah’s Jazz Club in Nicosia.

Every Wednesday there is a jazz evening and a monthly matinee - Breakfast with Jazz event.

Classical concerts are held on the last Sunday of the month with the exception of the summer months, the next dates are 23rd February and 29th March.

For the second time the Friends Across Borders (FAB) festival was organised which now has a firm place in the festival schedule of Cyprus. Over 50 musicians joined us for this 3-day Soulist Stage which gave a good result in aid of the charity Tulips/Help Those with Cancer Association.

Also for the second time the unique Soulist Christmas Market was held with 40 musicians during the 2-day event. There was a great atmosphere with the market stalls with their Christmas lights – wow!

The Soulist also takes part in the Scottish/Caledonian calendar in Cyprus to celebrate St Andrews Day in November and Burns Night in January, always with special Ceilidh music and dance. The Travelling Scots direct from the Highlands of Scotland joined us on Thursday 23rd January at 9.30pm.



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continued ... The Soulist 3rd birthday anniversary celebration

The cooperation with RockCyprus from Nicosia/Limassol is a special recognition as a new platform (website) was created during Friends Across Borders (FAB) and The Soulist is now on their website. At last we are creating "Soulist TV" on YouTube which will be presenting all of the high class musicians at the Soulist starting this year. The man behind the camera is Dean Bridges. Please subscribe to the channel and make it grow.

A big thank you to all the musicians coming to the Soulist and performing music for you, and special thanks to the Soulist Team – you have been fabulous. Alper Cengiz, the man creating this place and making it so special and Adeleh his partner who supports him with so much love. Alper and Adeleh are my team. Not forgetting Davis, Richard and Victore behind the bar, and Dean for his support and giving us the idea for Soulist TV.

Thank you to CyprusScene – Margaret and Chris who always give us space for music events on their website and online Enewspaper. Also Brian Joyce for his help with pictures in Cyprus Today. We also thank Cyprus Observer and all of the others who give us their support.

Thank you."

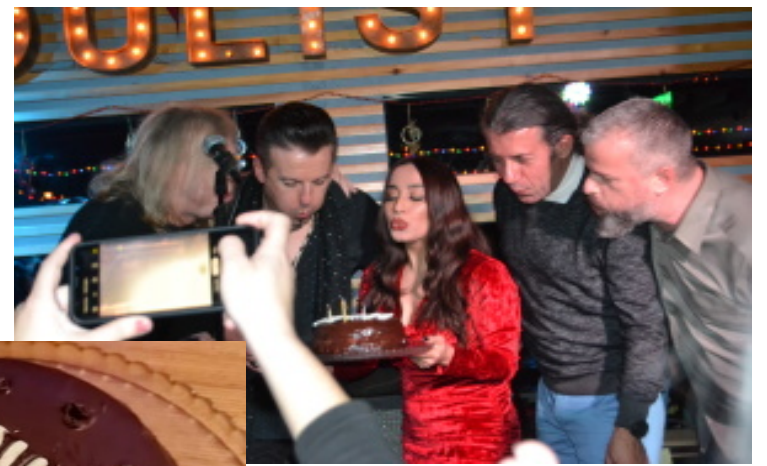
Alper's partner, Adeleh, had made a lovely celebration cake and she presented this to him amidst much applause. The cake was later shared with the guests. Delicious, well done Adeleh.

The music then continued non-stop with some great songs, there were two further changes on drums with Ardar Baykurt and the

last one Mert Damla Güclu from Blind Man's Tale (BMT).

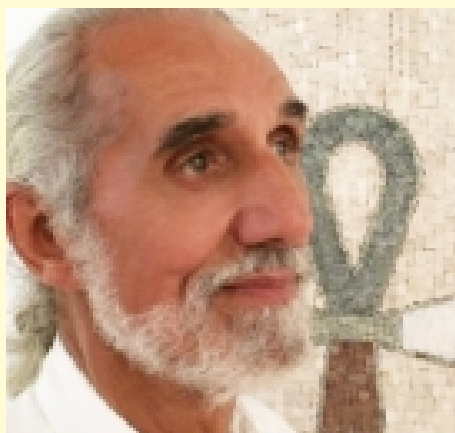
By 12.45am we decided it was time to hit the road and head for home. Roland informed me that the music went on until 1.30am.

Congratulations to the Soulist for a great evening's entertainment and we look forward to the 4th Birthday celebration next year.



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Poets Corner



THE PORTENT
By Nick Vye - Sanctuary

A swan appeared at the river side,
Was it a portent in disguise,
It looked so regal and so wise,
I thought that it may be my guide,

I felt a rush go to my head,
The swan looked on, with nothing said,
I gave it some old stale bread,
And thought of many things I'd read,

They say the swan is a great soul,
Will seeing one, advance ones goals,
The mystics have always told,
To see a swan is heaven's gold,

A master once said to me,
That swan you saw could set you free,
I looked again but couldn't see,
The swan had flown and missed my plea....



THE TEMPEST
By Nick Vye - Sanctuary



I stood, staring out to sea, on the cliffs bluff,
The waves were high, the sea was rough,
It looked like the tempest was about to begin,
A ship at sea would be lost within,

The wind and rain, came down with force,
No boat could keep on its true course,

I felt the fury and the wild rage,
As if a wild beast had broke out of its cage,

I bowed my head and turned around,
Then came lightning and thunder abound,
I realised the power, nature showed by its might,
Mankind was helpless to take on this fight....

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Wonderful evening of music with Demetra Mustafaoglu & friends

By Chris Elliott...

We were invited along with other friends of Demetra Mustafaoglu to visit her home for a private concert to raise funds for young piano students to be able to travel abroad and this is what she had to say:

" With the excellence, love and fortitude of a special musician who deserves a Medal of Honour, Dr Rauf Kasimov has opened doors for the talented and dedicated pianists in the North as he educates, mentors and launches careers from the TRNC (KKTC). Wife Ayla and maestro formed the KIBRIS PIYANO KÜLTÜR VE SANAT DERNEĞİ (CYPRUS Piano Culture and Art Foundation)

to support our magnificent young artists and walk them through lessons of technique, art, literature, traditions and performance skills.

Our community has been treated to years of performances at Bellapais Abbey and Karmi Church with standing ovations and award presentations from our dignitaries. How wonderful for all-BUT it's not just enough to put our hands together in applause after 2 hours of music making.

Our young artists need the support of businesses and angels to send our children off the island to compete for titles that will spread the good news of Northern Cyprus, introduce our best GOODWILL

AMBASSADORS, the beautiful culture, brilliant and loving people and their abilities. Kasimov's students have taken over 30 international prizes placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd from ages 7-20! "

So it was when we all gathered together in lovely surroundings for a great evening of songs from Demetra Mustafaoglu together with her protege Peri Sualp and another dear friend, Katie Economidou supported with music on the piano by maestro Rauf Kasimov.

What was this special evening like? It was summed up so well by another dear friend, Heidi Trautmann who has lived in North

Cyprus for many years and is a well-known artist as well as a writer and supporter of art and culture in the TRNC.

" It is so encouraging for me to see and witness again the support our dear friend Demetra Mustafaoglu gives to the education of young musicians, makes her audience aware of the importance of furthering music, using her beautiful voice, she says God gave to her for such purpose.

She and her husband Mehmet made us feel at home in the huge reception hall of their beautiful house in Catalköy. Demetra had invited Katie Economidou and Peri Sualp to add their voices to the wonderful musical event with our Rauf Kasimov at the piano.

An evening with great style. It is the artists that will change the world for the better, it is the artists that share their talent with us for a good cause,"

A big thank you. "



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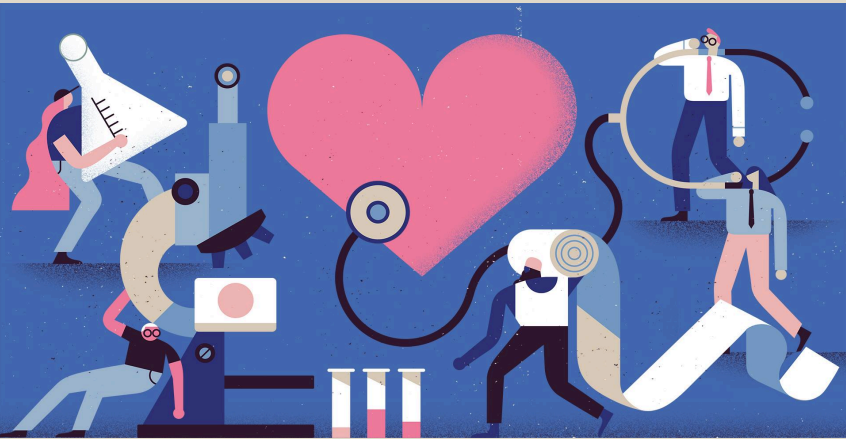


Hope 4 Pets - News Update



Post by Deniz Osman Cin.

For my birthday this year, I'm asking for donations to HOPE 4 PETS NORTH CYPRUS. I've chosen this charity because their mission means a lot to me, and I hope that you'll consider contributing as a way of celebrating with me. Every little bit will help me reach my goal.

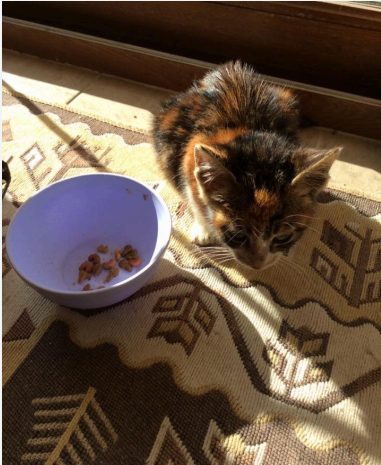


Post by Michele Browne 22nd January.

Update on the kitten from Karsiyaka: another visit today to see Fuat at Garfield. The poor little mite is now constipated so he had to give her a little help. She has to go again to the vet tomorrow. She's 12 weeks old, her coat is really soft and silky and she's very friendly but very tiny. Photos taken after her bath.

Linda can't keep the kitten as she has two big dogs that aren't used to cats and love chasing them. I can't keep her, I've got my hands full with 4 of my own. Plus Tasha is still recovering and one of my old cats is a cause for concern, he's got a melanoma on his nose. I'm constantly at the vet!

Fuat hopes to be able to rehome her but if he can't would anyone like to take her. I think she's long haired. I'm kitten sitting until Linda takes over at 5pm. She was a lot stinky so I've given her a bath in Johnson's cat/kitten flea shampoo (that I always keep in). Her fur was blown dry with the hair dryer and now she's resting in the sunshine in our conservatory. She purrs like crazy and is very friendly. She will make someone a lovely pet.



Post by Claire Elliott 21st January.

Thanks to Hope4Pets for contributing towards this little one getting spayed... No more kittens for her.



Post by Stephanie Harrison-Croft 7th January 2020

For anyone intending to REGISTER their DOGS with Girne Belediyesi the office has moved from near Wednesday market to the new building on the Hironnelle roundabout.

Posted in October 2019

This is Buddy. He was an 8 week old puppy who ran out into the road and was thankfully picked up by Jackie-Tagoe Gilbert who made the decision to save him and take him home to the UK. He has started his travel prep but Jackie needs a helping hand to get him home. If you can help donations can be made by any of our links saying Buddy.

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Update from Stephanie Harrison-Croft.

Hi again all. Just £287 left to go. Buddy is scheduled to travel this coming Monday (27th January) so he doesn't have long. Every penny will count for this dog who has a lovely home to go to after being found in the round as a tiny puppy who would almost certainly have come to an untimely end had Jackie Tagoe-Gilbert not saved him.



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Do you remember King Richard School or Karaolos Army School?



By Kate Cornwell ...

I wrote an article on Famagusta at the beginning of January and last week a gentleman emailed me as he had read it in Australia, where he now resides. It obviously brought back memories of the time he spent in Famagusta and Dhekelia when he was young.

Peter Coghlan came to Cyprus in 1957 as a teenager, due to the fact that his father worked for the UK government attached to the Royal Navy. His father worked at the Boom Defence Depot which was a naval depot responsible for deploying Famagusta harbour protection, in the event of a naval attack.



When he first arrived in Cyprus, he attended Karaolos army school and he remembers well, turning up on his first day in long grey flannel

trousers and blazer fresh from his English Grammar School in Gosport. As you can guess it didn't take this lad long to change into shorts and a short sleeve shirt.

As things worsened due to risk of exposure to EOKA attacks, he was packed off to KRS boarding school in Dhekelia. Sadly, one of his teenage acquaintances was shot and killed on his way to working part-time at a Famagusta army camp.



Miss Firmage class of summer 1957 - **was this Peter's class?**

Having sent this photo to Peter for verification he said:

"No, it looks to me that the pupils in Miss Firmage's class may have been a little younger than me. I had a male form teacher and I think, though not positive, that his name was Mr Talbot. I remember my first task on arrival at his class was to write him an essay on the causes of the

French Revolution presumably so he could assess my capabilities."

Peter has many memories of the British forces operating in Cyprus at that time and also of many Turkish Cypriot friends who were largely confined to the old walled city.

Cyprus, like most who have visited and/or lived here, left affectionate memories for him, albeit they were troubling times. In fact he says his whole life after leaving Cyprus was shaped by his experiences and particular a desire to live in a similar climate – that's why he resides now in Perth, Australia!

Peter is thinking of revisiting Northern Cyprus some time this year and he was wondering if there were any expat retirees



living here who were pupils at the King Richard School. Peter was in the 5th form, he is now 77 years old so most of the pupils would now be around 72-78. He believes there were approximately 430 boarders at the school and they were all sons and daughters of British forces and Government civilians working on the island.

Peter would so love to meet up with anyone who lives here and/or elsewhere, who remembers those days. At present, he only has one contact who was a fellow boarder, now retired in the UK, and it would be so great for him to expand his contacts.

Let's try and help Peter fulfil that dream!

He can be contacted by email cogduo@gmail.com,

Pictures courtesy of Karaolos Army Children's School - Facebook page and Peter Coghlan.



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The Soulist and looking back in time with a musical journey.



Ready Steady Go with Dusty Springfield video link

https://youtu.be/HX6t85F_PqY

By Chris Elliott....

The very first time I went to the Soulist Coffee and Music House in Alsancak I had this feeling I had been there before, but why?

Going to the 3rd Anniversary celebrations at the Soulist gave me the same feeling just like many times before.

Let me explain this feeling of being there before. Well for me the Soulist brings my youth back to me, when I spent many happy hours in Soho, although I never went to the **2i's Cafe** which was a bit before my time and without doubt was like the **Soulist** is now.



I did spend a lot of time in the **Flamingo Club** in Soho going into the evening session and then later back to the late night session and when it finished I walked all the way home to Walthamstow in NE London which was around 10 miles to get a few hours sleep before getting up to go to work.

Music was our life and although

mixed with different types, we spent many hours going to other clubs like The Marque, **The Scene** and then around the London dance halls like the **Hammersmith Palais** and **Tottenham Royal** and even the **Leytonstone Baths** which presented some great bands.

In this wide variety of locations we saw the **Rolling Stones**, **The Beatles**, **The Cream**, **Zoot Money**, **Dave Clark Five**, **Georgie Fame**, **John Mayall** and so many more.

Those were the times of being a **Mod** although I never had a scooter with fox tails, I did wear suits and paisley shirts with long pointed button down collar and tie.

One night my pal and I were at a



club dancing when we were invited to be part of a group on TV when **Dusty Springfield** was on **Ready Steady Go**.

Time moves on and we take music with us and when my 2 sons were growing up I was borrowing their CDs to carry in my car to play music from **ZZ Top**, **ACDC** and **The Prodigy** along with my **Howlin Wolf**. **BB King** and **Muddy Waters** blues music.

So back to North Cyprus and the Soulist Coffee and Music House and what is so special about it. Well I can enjoy hearing many of my past music favourites being played by many great bands plus

I can enjoy Jazz, Classical and cultural music etc etc.

This love of music brings many people together of different ages and cultures across the world and what can be better than going to the Soulist Coffee and Music House and in looking back I leave you with a blast from my past in the form of **John Mayall** singing **Looking Back**.

Coming back to the Soulist in Alsancak we find Alper Cengiz and Friends enjoying the music that we all love.

Continued.....

Looking Back with John Mayall video link

https://youtu.be/Qwbg_2ltgRU



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continued.....The Soulist and looking back in time



Alper Cengiz and friends play "Long Train Running & Going Down"

<https://youtu.be/I5gQNryUhJk>

To see more of the Soulist go to their Facebook page or watch their latest videos on the Soulist TV channel

<https://www.facebook.com/thesoulistcoffeeandmusichouse/>

We invite you to visit the CyprusScene website where you can read this article and enjoy the many artists mentioned by clicking on the individual links listed and shown in some of these pictures.

<https://cyprusscene.com/2020/01/20/the-soulist-and-looking-back-in-time-with-a-musical-journey/>



The Rolling Stones



The Beatles



Cream



Dave Clark Five



John Mayall



Georgie Fame

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Wellness MOT due 2020 at the Kolan GP Medical centre



Readers mail...
From Tina King...

Now that all the festivities are out of the way and here we are creeping up to February (where does the time go) a lot of my friends are thinking about their expanding waistlines!

After all the eating and drinking and lack of exercise as it's too cold and wet to do much else but stay at home. Also being another year older we do need to consider having a health check or MOT as I like to call it, especially as it can alert you to make changes in advance of any illness taking a



hold and then being presented with costly medical health bills.

As you may remember from previous articles (or not) I had started to support the Kolan GP surgery in Girne where we were looking into Wellness Clinics in particular.

The wellness clinics are available on a walk in basis and all hospitals provide these services. However, the Kolan GP Medical centre wanted to try and give patients more options and is now delivering a tailored service with supporting speciality clinics to consider.

The Clinics have all been revised and whilst you can still pop along to the Medical Centre and have your examinations, a more structured clinic will be running by appointment every Monday. These clinics will include Skin Cancer Screening, Dietary Health

amazing system that can improve your body shape in line with a weight loss program. I have looked into this and it really can help reduce inches from your waist line in conjunction with a dietary program, in particular if you have poor mobility.

The Kolan GP Medical Centre is open 24 hours a day, providing health care in the community, and is supported by English speaking Doctors and NHS Paramedic.

Why not pop along for more

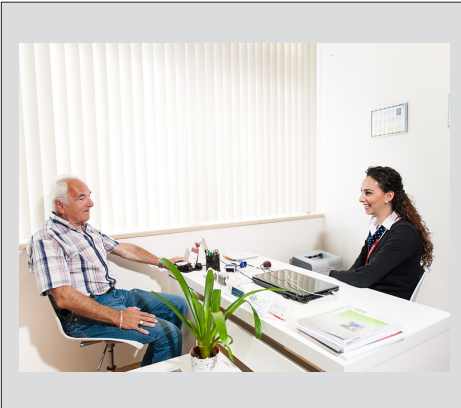


Check and also Physiotherapy.
Now I'm sure some of you are asking why Physiotherapy in a wellness clinic... well, I had no idea that on talking to the dietician that acupuncture can actually work alongside a dietary program and help you lose weight. Something I personally am trying as it has been helpful in pain management from an old whiplash injury. It's not for everyone but it's worth considering.

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Exhibition of paintings by 2 Kazakh artists at NEU

By Ahmet Abdulaziz

Near East University is playing host to two solo painting exhibitions of artists from Kazakhstan.

The solo exhibition entitled "In Cyprus" of the Kazakh painting artists Galymzhan Suyunov, and the

solo exhibition of Nelli Bube, entitled "The wonderful inhabitants of the planet", both exclusively made for the Cyprus Museum of Modern Arts.

The exhibitions were opened by Nazım Çavuşoğlu, Minister of National Education and Culture.

Speaking on the occasion Kazakhstan artist Galymzhan Suyunov expressed his feelings by saying, "I fell in love with your country, your land, you have set up a paradise for artists here. I would like to thank everyone who is with me here and share this moment with me."

Another Kazakhstan artist, Nelli Bube, underlined that this exhibition was the third exhibition she had held for the Cyprus Museum of Modern Arts. She further said "Every visit to Cyprus has been a great happiness for me and a new opportunity to improve myself. Each exhibition is like a test against God, the universe, my

country and myself. The exhibition we will open today is my third solo exhibition. The main subject of this exhibition is related to ecology, flora and fauna conservation issues. In my works, I tried to reflect the animals with different plastic structures and you will be the one to evaluate how much I have achieved in my aim. My attitude towards ecology is a kind of report against the power of nature, God, my soul, and conscience. I hope my works will remind us once again that we need to love and protect nature."

The exhibitions can be visited between 08.00-16.00 on weekdays until 31st January 2020, at the exhibition hall of the Faculty of Dentistry of Near East University.



3 NEU students participating in Cooking Competition in Antalya

By Ahmet Abdulaziz

3 students of NEU are participating in the 3rd "Food From Tradition to Future" Competition. The competition is being held in Antalya, Turkey. The students are from the Department of Gastronomy of Faculty of Tourism.

According to the information released by the Near East University, Can Şişli, Aykın Burcu and Kerem Nalcı will be

representing the NEU in different categories of the competition. As well as the students, the Dean of Faculty of Tourism Prof. Dr. Tülen Saner and Academic Member Erhun Ekinici will also be accompanying the students at the competition.

Organised by Cooks and Chefs Federation of Turkey and Antalya Gastronomy and Educators Association, the "Food From Tradition to Future" Competition requires the students to present

their creativity and prepare a dish for the jury's evaluation according to the theme set in the category in which they will be competing. In the presentations, the students'

dish will be prepared for the jury to judge in a way that reveals their creativity.

In 2019 Zerrin Doğanöz and Okan Dağa, both students of the Faculty of Tourism Department of Gastronomy of NEU, won bronze medals.

A jury of 3, each specialised in their areas, earlier selected the participating students in a 6hour long competition that took place in the Near East University Gastronomy kitchen.



Prof. Dr. Tülen Saner

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Co-editor of "The Good Immigrant"- presentation at EMU

By Ahmet Abdulaziz....

Chimene Suleyman, the co-editor of Sunday Times Bestseller "The Good Immigrant", recently was a guest of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU). A Cypriot by birth, Suleyman, delivered a speech, at the Purple Hall of Communication Faculty.

In her 3 hour long speech, she discussed at length her experiences in the field of journalism. Regarding "The Good Immigrant" she spoke about her experiences

and views about race, politics, identity and migration. Her views about these burning issues of present times helped the students and other participants in improving their knowledge and understanding about them.

Suleyman also explained in detail about writing and publishing of books and articles.

At the end of her visit, Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam presented Chimene Suleyman with a gift from EMU.



3rd ADB-KMT training and examination held

Under the auspices of the Ministry of Public Works and Transportation and the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Turkey, with the cooperation of KT Coastal Safety and Ship Rescue Ltd, the third Amateur Seafarer's Certificate (ADB) - Short Range Radio (KMT) Operator training and examination was held at Girne American University (GAU).

Approximately 100 people attended the training and examination event held in the Millennium Senate Hall. Speaking at the opening of the training, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Public Works and Transportation, Kemal Bağzıbağlı, stated that they attach importance to amateur maritime as an institution, and their guideline is the words that Founder President, the late Rauf Raif Denktaş said - "we should return to the sea". Within this framework, we regularly conduct training. We are very pleased with the interest shown and he thanked the managers and teams of KT Coastal Safety and Ship Rescue Ltd.

Bağzıbağlı presented the study by the experts of the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, to provide additional mooring points for fishing boats in the country. With the project costing 6.2 million TL, it is envisaged to provide mooring places for 855 private boats in a 1.7km additional berth to be constructed in 10 fishermen locations.

Undersecretary Bağzıbağlı stated that they would like to take this important step for our sailors if the Ministry could create resources and that the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Turkey is in consultation to support this project.

Following Undersecretary Bağzıbağlı, Turkish Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure Maritime Special Advisor, Retired Naval Staff Colonel and Naval Lawyer Ali Kurumahmut made a presentation. After the presentation, the training and examinations were passed. Ahmet Selçuk Sert, General Manager of the Turkish Ministry of Transport and

Infrastructure Regulation for Marine and Inland Waters, was also among the guests coming from Ankara to attend the event.

To date, nearly 500 people who have been successful in ADB and KMT Operatorship examinations have received a certificate for a motor/radio boat up to 24 meters long.

The Ministry of Public Works and Transportation and the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure of the

Republic of Turkey have decided to hold ADB and KMT Operator training and examinations on the first Saturday of each month. The next event will be held on 1st February 2020 in Lefkosa. Those who want to join will only need to bring their ID cards with them. The location of the training and examination on 1st February 2020 will be announced in the coming days

Source: Ministry of Public Works and Transportation



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Walking the Dogs - 22nd January 2020

Readers Mail

from Carole King

Gosh, what a beautiful walking morning, stunning scenery.

How lovely to see Heather and Adela again this week and Cheryl joining us as well. Thanks also to Irene, Val and Mike for making up the walking numbers and Carole for her normal treats and cuddles, for us and the dogs lol.

We walked 22 dogs this morning all of whom just loved the exercise, treats and cuddles along the way, so thank you from Juliet, Charcoal, Puppet, Roxy, Samba, Grace, Dylan, Karmi, Blue, Sasha, Ellie, Derek, George, Mummy, Leah, Ziggy, Beatrice, Milly, 2 puppies, 2 unknowns! and a loving farewell from John, be happy boy you are wonderful.

I know we have someone from Karaoglanoglu who would love to come walking but does not have transport, so it would be wonderful if anyone else from that neck of the woods would like to join us and car share maybe? You won't regret it, great exercise (10.5 kms today), lovely people and wonderful dogs, so rewarding. Please think about it...

Let's hope the weather stays kind and we can continue the lovely walking. Thank you all so much.



500 transactions in first 15 days - AKOS Vehicle Registration System

The number of transactions carried out via the internet exceeded 500 in the first 15 days of the Vehicle Registration Automation System (AKOS) which came into operation on 6th January 2020.

With the settlement of the system, it is predicted that the transaction volume will increase and transactions will be carried out through the whole environment at higher rates.

An additional five percent (5%) discount will be implemented soon for those who make their transactions online within the framework of the joint cooperation we have with the Ministry of Finance.

In addition to this application work is being carried out where vehicle sales outlets can register online via the portal to be created with their own codes, and this will be implemented in the near future.

As of February 2020, the work to implement a mobile phone application system for the vehicle inspection stations, including all appointments, as well as transactions such as travel and

insurance, will have reached the level of completion.

Source:

Ministry of Public Works and Transportation



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| 11/01/20 | Tree Planting - Start a Forest |  |
| 11/02/20 | Visit to National Archives | |
| 25/02/20 | Visit to Lokum (Turkish Delight) factory in Lefkosa |  |
| 24/03/30 | Walking Tour of Iskele |  |
| 11/04/20 | | |
| 21/04/20 | Visit to Cyprus Mines Corporation in Lefke |  |
| 05/05/20 | Bird Watching |  |
| 19/05/20 | Talk about the Cyprus Railways |  |
| 02/06/20 | Visit to Erson Hocas Organic Farm in Yesilirmak |  |
| 30/06/20 | Visit to Süleyman Pasa Hunting Mansion Palace |  |
| 01/09/20 | Visit to Traditional Chair makers in Lefkosa |  |
| 22/09/20 | Talk about the Lapta Bronze Age Cemetery |  |
| 06/10/20 | Walking Tour of Girne |  |
| 20/10/20 | Hala Sultan Mosque in Haspolat |  |
| 10/11/20 | Walking Tour of Gazimağusa |  |
| 24/11/20 | Talk about Quilt Making |  |
| 01/12/20 | Talk about Wills & Probate |  |

All Events are followed by a meal

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If you would like to join our members on any of these events please email our Events Organisers (Pearl Mitchell & Debbie Bird) at: -
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- 5 Breakfast With Jazz / Jazz
- 8 Aris Constantinou Trio / Jazz
- 10 The Great Flood / Blues & Rock
- 11 Blind Man's Tale / Rock
- 15 Cahit Kutrafalı Trio feat. Süleyman Todds. / Jazz
- 17 Stingray / Rock
- 18 The Soulist's Birthday Party
- 22 Lady M. Jazz Trio / Jazz
- 23 Tweed / Scottish Night / Ceilidh
- 25 Rock Balance / Rock
- 29 Pulse Beat Jazz Quartet / Jazz
- 31 Alper Cengiz & Friends / Rock&Soul



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North Cyprus Events Calendar

25th January to 20th February 2020

A list of events you can look forward to in North Cyprus. For those charity fund-raisers, venues etc. who would like to include an event in the Weekly Events Calendar, contact Chris or Margaret at cyprusscene.com.

The Events Calendar is published on cyprusscene.com website every week on Thursday so please try to submit information you would like to be included by Wednesday each week.



25th January – Saturday - Island Studio Art class – Oil Painting “Portrait of a Polish Woman”. Ozankoy area. 10am to 12noon - 200TL. Call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

25th January – Saturday - Bar 33 at The Old Mill, Ozankoy will be presenting Katie B from 8pm. To book call 0548 888 3371.

25th January – Saturday - The Soulist Coffee and Music House, Alsancak, presents Rock Balance (Rock) starting at 9.30pm. Entrance 35TL.

27th January – Monday - Susie’s Massive Music Quiz at Charlie’s Sports Bar, Kucuk Erenkoy starting at 8pm. To book call 0533 825 4172 or 0533 870 5977.

27th January – Monday - Black Olive Cafe, Alsancak will be hosting the 112 Quiz starting at 7.30pm. 40TL for quiz and supper. 10TL quiz only. To book a place call 0533 840 7834.

29th January – Wednesday - The Soulist Coffee and Music House, Alsancak, presents Pulse Beat Jazz Quartet (Jazz) starting at 9.30pm. Entrance 25TL.

30th January – Thursday - Quiz of the Week with Susie, followed by Karaoke at the Balti House, Esentepe at 8pm. 5TL per person. 2-course quiz menu 46TL. To book call 0542 889 3034.

31st January – Friday - Island Studio Painting

Party. 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Ozankoy area. Painting Parties must be reserved, for 4 people or more. Call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

31st January – Friday - Black Olive Cafe, Alsancak – Fun Quiz starting at 7pm.

31st January – Friday - Bingo with Martin at Charlie’s Sports Bar, Kucuk Erenkoy at 8pm. 30TL. To book 0533 874 6056.

31st January – Friday - The Soulist Coffee and Music House, Alsancak, presents Alper Cengiz & Friends (Rock/Soul) starting at 9.30pm. Entrance 35TL.

1st February – Saturday - Island Studio Art class – Charcoal drawing – Eros and Pschye. Ozankoy area. 10am to 12noon - 100TL. Call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

1st February – Saturday - The Abnormals – Beatles Tribute from 8pm at Charlie’s Sports Bar, Kucuk Erenkoy. Adults 12TL, under 16s 6TL. To book call 0533 870 5977 or 0533 825 4172.

5th February – Wednesday - The Black Olive Cafe, Alsancak will be hosting the 112 Afternoon Tea at 3pm. 30TL for talk, tea/coffee, sandwiches and cake. This month the speakers will be Dr Bahadir Barbin and Berin Tertemiz from the BML Clinic (British Medical Laboratory). To book call 0533 840 7834.

6th February – Thursday - Quiz of the Week with Susie, followed by Karaoke at the Balti House, Esentepe at 8pm. 5TL per person. 2-course quiz menu 46TL. To book call 0542 889 3034.

7th February – Friday - Island Studio Painting Party. 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Ozankoy area. Painting Parties must be reserved, for 4 people

or more. Call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

7th February – Friday - Bingo with Martin at Charlie’s Sports Bar, Kucuk Erenkoy at 8pm. 30TL. To book 0533 874 6056.

8th February – Saturday - Island Studio Kids Art class – “Kadinsky’s Hearts” Acrylics. Ozankoy area. 10am to 12.30pm - 150TL. Call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

11th February – Tuesday - Anglo-Turkish Association (ATA) visit to National Archives. Contact atamail13@gmail.com.

13th February – Thursday - Quiz of the Week with Susie, followed by Karaoke at the Balti House, Esentepe at 8pm. 5TL per person. 2-course quiz menu 46TL. To book call 0542 889 3034.

14th February – Friday - Island Studio Painting Party. 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Ozankoy area. Painting Parties must be reserved, for 4 people or more. Call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

14th February – Friday - Charlie’s Bar, Kucuk Erenkoy will be holding a Mr & Mrs Competition. Large pizza of your choice + 2 drinks 70TL. To book call 0533 870 5977 or 0533 825 4172.

15th February – Saturday - Island Studio Art class – Oil painting – “The Kiss” by Rodin. Ozankoy area. 10am to 1pm - 200TL. Call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

20th February – Thursday - Quiz of the Week with Susie, followed by Karaoke at the Balti House, Esentepe at 8pm. 5TL per person. 2-course quiz menu 46TL. To book call 0542 889 3034.

24th to 30th January 2020

NORTH CYPRUS CHEMIST ROTA

25th January – Saturday

Arkan Adislani Eczanesi, Hz. Omer Cad. Karakum.

Tel: 0548 853 1553

Girne Eczanesi, Isil Sok. Girne. Tel: 815 1447

26th January – Sunday

Asar Eczanesi, Karaoglanpğlu Cad. Karaoglanoglu. Tel: 822 3885

Oncel Mahmutoglu Eczanesi, Ecevit Cad. Girne. Tel: 815 0850

27th January – Monday

Eminaga Eczanesi, Ziya Rizki Cad. Girne. Tel: 815 2248

Ozenir Eczanesi, Maresal Fevzi Cakmak Cad. Lapta.

Tel: 0542 876 0660

28th January – Tuesday

Dunya Eczanesi, Salih Miroglu Cad. Girne. Tel: 815 0009

Aydin Life Eczanesi, Kurtulus Cad. Dogankoy. Tel: 815 7350

29th January – Wednesday

Onal Aktolga Eczanesi, Karaoglanoglu Cad. Karaoglanoglu.

Tel: 822 4142

Basak Eczanesi, Ziya Rizki Cad. Girne. Tel: 815 3620

30th January – Thursday

Nurcag Eczanesi, Sht. Dursun Ozsarak Sok. Girne. Tel: 815 1025

Omrum Eczanesi, Karaoglanoglu Cad. Karaoglanoglu. Tel: 822 2287

31st January – Friday

Emin Eczanesi, Karaoglanoglu Cad. Karaoglanoglu.

Tel: 0533 870 1946

Toren Eczanesi, Ziya Rizki Cad. Girne. Tel: 815 4043

Duty Chemists for the Girne - Alsancak - Lapta areas



Chemist Opening Hours

From September 2019 to May 2020 - Winter opening hours are between 8am and 7pm on weekdays and 8am to 1.30pm on Saturdays.



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mobile numbers are prefixed 0533 or 0542 or 0548

landline numbers are prefixed 0392

POLICE

Emergencies	155
General	228 3411
Girne	815 2125
Lefkosa	228 3311
Gazi Mağusa	366 5310
Güzelyurt	714 2140
Lapta	821 8512

FIRE

Emergencies	199
Forest Fire	177
Girne	815 2111
Lefkosa	227 1259
Gazi Mağusa	366 5389
Güzelyurt	714 2200

AMBULANCE

Emergencies	112
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HOSPITAL

Girne	8152266/815 2254
Lefkoşa	228 5441;
Gazi Mağusa	3662876/3665328
Güzelyurt	714 2125

ELECTRICITY

Electrical faults	188
Lefkoşa	225 3436
Girne	815 2223
Gazi Mağusa	366 5514
Güzelyurt	714 2122

WATER

Water problems:	
Lefkoşa	228 3315
Girne	815 2118
Gazi Mağusa	366 4483
Güzelyurt	714 3516

Kyrenia Weather (from 25th January 2020)

10-day Forecast

<p>Sat 25/01</p> <p>12°c 3°c</p>	<p>Sun 26/01</p> <p>14°c 8°c</p>	<p>Mon 27/01</p> <p>15°c 10°c</p>	<p>Tue 28/01</p> <p>15°c 11°c</p>	<p>Wed 29/01</p> <p>16°c 12°c</p>
<p>Thu 30/01</p> <p>17°c 11°c</p>	<p>Fri 31/01</p> <p>16°c 12°c</p>	<p>Sat 01/02</p> <p>16°c 11°c</p>	<p>Sun 02/02</p> <p>15°c 10°c</p>	<p>Mon 03/02</p> <p>14°c 8°c</p>

Local Football Fixtures for weekend 24/25/26 January

K-PET SUPER LEAGUE The "Star matches " in each division are marked with a ***

		Home Team	Away Team	Venue
24/01	19:00	Türk Ocağı Limasol	v Mağusa Türk Gücü ***	Girne 20 Temmuz Mete Adanır St
24/01	19:00	Göçmenköy İYSK	v Doğan Türk Birliği	Lefkoşa Atatürk Stadium
25/01	14:00	Cihangir GSK	v Çetinkaya TSK	Cihangir Stadium
25/01	14:00	Gençlik Gücü TSK	v Küçük Kaymaklı TSK	Lefkoşa Atatürk Stadium
25/01	14:00	Lefke TSK	v Hamitköy ŞHSK	Lefke 16 Ağustos Stadium
26/01	14:00	Yenicami AK	v Gönyeli SK	Lefkoşa Atatürk Stadium
26/01	14:00	Düz kaya KOSK	v Baf Ülkü Yurdu	Çatalköy Nihat Bağcier Stadı
26/01	14:00	Binatlı YSK	v Merit Alsancak Yeşilova	Güzelyurt Üner Berkamp Stadium

K-PET LEAGUE 1 The "Star matches " in each division are marked with a ***

		Home Team	Away Team	Venue
25/01	14:00	Ozanköy SK	v Maraş GSK	Mustafa Özkayım Stadı
25/01	14:00	Mormenekşe GBSK	v Mesarya SK	Mormenekşe Cemal Baleses Stadı
25/01	14:00	L. Gençler Birliği SK	v Bostancı Bağcıl SK	Iskele Cumhuriyet Stadium
25/01	14:00	Çanakkale TSK	v Esentepe KKSK	Famağusta Muharrem Dövec St
26/01	14:00	Görneç KSK	v Dört yol SK	Görneç Üç Şethit Stadı
26/01	14:00	Karşıyaka ASK	v Lapta TBSK ***	Karşıyaka Ergin Şahdur Stadı
26/01	14:00	Yonpaş Dumlupınar TSK	v Girne Halk Evi	Famağusta Dr Fazıl Küçük Stadium

BTM LEAGUE RED GROUP The "Star matches " in each division are marked with a ***

		Home Team	Away Team	Venue
25/01	14:00	Serdarlı GB	v Mehmetçik TÇBSK	Serdarlı 14 Ağustos Stadı
25/01	11:00	Yarköy PGSK	v Geçitkale GSK	Akova Eray Vudalı Stadı
25/01	11:00	İncirli SK	v Türkmenköy ASK ***	Beyarmudu Mustafa Taner Yalluri Stadı
26/01	14:00	Dipkarpaz TSK	v Yeniboğaziçi DSK	Dipkarpaz Stadı
26/01	11:00	1461 İskele Trabzonspor	v Vadili TÇBSK	Akova Eray Vudalı Stadı

BTM LEAGUE WHITE GROUP The "Star matches " in each division are marked with a ***

		Home Team	Away Team	Venue
25/01	11:00	Dikmen Gücü SK	v Tatlısu HOBSK	Dikmen Dr Fazıl Küçük Stadı
25/01	11:00	Gülgün Süt Düzova GSK	v Ortaköy SK	Balıkesir Stadı
26/01	11:00	Değirmenlik SK	v Karaoğlanoğlu SB	Değirmenlik Sadık Cemil Stadı
26/01	11:00	Yılmazköy SK	v Denizli SK ***	Lefkoşa Mustafa Üçöz Stadı

BTM League Results and Tables for 18/19 January

BTM LEAGUE RESULTS RED GROUP.

18/01	Yeniboğaziçi DSK	1 - 2	Serdarlı GB
18/01	Türkmenköy ASK	2 - 1	Dipkarpaz TSK
19/01	Vadili TÇBSK	2 - 2	Yarköy PGSK
19/01	Mehmetçik TÇBSK	1 - 1	1461 İskele Trabzonspor
19/01	Geçitkale GSK	0 - 2	İncirli SK

BTM LEAGUE WHITE GROUP RESULTS.

18/01	Karaoğlanoğlu SB	2 - 0	Dikmen Gücü SK
18/01	Denizli SK	0 - 2	Gülgün Süt Düzova GSK
19/01	Tatlısu HOBSK	4 - 1	Yılmazköy SK
19/01	Zümrütköy SK	1 - 4	Değirmenlik SK

BTM LEAGUE RED GROUP TABLE.

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1.	Yeniboğaziçi DSK	12	11	0	1	26	7	19	33
2.	İncirli SK	12	8	2	2	33	12	21	26
3.	Geçitkale GSK	12	7	2	3	27	18	9	23
4.	Vadili TÇBSK	12	6	3	3	38	21	17	21
5.	Türkmenköy ASK	12	5	2	5	21	23	-2	17
6.	1461 İskele Trabzonspor	12	4	3	5	16	26	-10	15
7.	Serdarlı GB	12	3	2	7	19	21	-2	11
8.	Mehmetçik TÇBSK	12	3	2	7	20	29	-9	11
9.	Yarköy PGSK	12	1	3	8	15	27	-12	6
10.	Dipkarpaz TSK	12	1	3	8	19	50	-31	6

BTM LEAGUE WHITE GROUP TABLE.

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1.	Değirmenlik SK	10	7	3	0	31	7	24	24
2.	Yılmazköy SK	11	6	0	5	15	14	1	18
3.	Denizli SK	11	5	2	4	21	20	1	17
4.	Gülgün Süt Düzova GSK	11	5	2	4	22	23	-1	17
5.	Tatlısu HOBSK	11	4	3	4	14	14	0	15
6.	Dikmen Gücü SK	10	4	3	3	13	13	0	15
7.	Karaoğlanoğlu SB	11	3	4	4	14	14	0	13
8.	Ortaköy SK	10	3	2	5	18	23	-5	11
9.	Zümrütköy SK	11	1	1	9	15	35	-20	4

Strongman, Sergey Eletsikh in action again!

By Chris Elliott..

It was good to see that our Russian friend, Sergey Eletsikh is still weight lifting and showing younger people how to do it, as he did when he went from North Cyprus to Ukraine and became a World Champion

Readers mail....

Sergey Eletsikh...

Good morning Chris.

On January 19, the TRCK Weightlifting and Bodybuilding Federation held competitions at the Ataturk Concert Hall at the Near East University.

The program included squats, bench press and deadlift. Admission was free and a lot of people came.

I was invited as the island's oldest athlete in this sport and was lifting 160 kg in a lying position and received a lot of applause and kind words. This result, by the way, is higher than the norm of a master of sports for my age and weight category and only 5 kg less than the record of Ukraine.

A very important event took place in the promotion of weightlifting in Northern Cyprus. It's nice that many young athletes said that for the first time they saw a man who turns 64 in May this year, he raises so much.



To watch a video of Sergey Eletsikh lifting the weight click here: <https://youtu.be/VRUgJ4I6MOA>

Sergey Eletsikh, World Champion on: <https://cyprusscene.com/2018/11/28/from-north-cyprus-to-ukraine-i-became-a-world-champion/>
Visit the website of Sergey Eletsikh "fromnorthcyprus.livejournal.com" : <https://fromnorthcyprus.livejournal.com/1310955.html>

Esentepe Hit for Six!

By Richard Beale..

Saturday January 18 : Tatlısu Rauf Raif Denктаş Stadium.

Esentepe might have scored the first goal and last goals but in between Girne Halk Evi (GHE) ran in a small matter of 6 goals in this "friendly" match between two League 1 rivals played at Tatlısu Stadium.

Esentepe might have been still in shock, with the resignation of their Coach Salih Özbir on Wednesday night, after this match they were definitely concussed!

Salih Özbir's short reign as first team Coach ended after Esentepe's impressive performance against Super League Champions Mağusa Türk Gücü in a friendly match on Wednesday. Something happened behind the scene afterwards, what I do not know, but sadly it was enough to cause Salih to walk away

Salih joined a struggling relegation threatened Esentepe in November, he left Esentepe with the Club in a safe mid table position, unbeaten in League matches under his tenure. He restored confidence, instilled team spirit and was very innovated with his tactics and strategy, he will be sorely missed, the search goes on for a replacement.

Back to this friendly game, Esentepe in fact started well and were clearly the best team in the opening 15 minutes, with young teenage winger Şükrü particularly prominent. Esentepe reward was

Result: Esentepe KKS 2 Girne Halk EVI 6 (Friendly)



Girne Halk Evi in RED strip

an opening goal scored after 5 minutes after a good move involving Kaan and Hüseyin Deynekli, gave an opening to midfielder YAKUP ŞEN who slotted home.

Girne Halk Evi have been very active in the January transfer window bringing in at least 5 new faces to freshen up their squad, soon settled down, clicked into gear and had Esentepe on the rack for the remainder of the half. They played some delightful inter passing, raiding down both flanks, Esentepe defence soon cracked under pressure and the visitors scored 3 goals through ESİN SONAY (24), AKSEL (26, 3.1(pen) to take them into the break leading 3-1.

If it wasn't for some wasteful finishing and some good saves from Esentepe reserve goalkeeper GÖRKEM KARAL the score could easily have been 6-1. Esentepe could not get going, poor passing, individual mistakes and giving the ball away far too easily led to their downfall.

Esentepe at least started the second

half well with newly signed striker Ali Kafadar bringing the GHE goalkeeper Feyyaz into action with a shot. In the 57th minute Mahmut sent over a long cross from the right which Kaan hit first time just wide of the GHE right hand post.

GHE soon started pushing the right buttons again and regained their dominance, running in another 3 goals through YİĞİT (59,69) and AKSEL completed his hat trick in the 71st minute. Again Goalkeeper Gökem came to Esentepe's rescue pulling off a couple of fine saves to keep the score down to single figures.

Substitute HÜRKAN GÖRNEÇLİ scored a late consolation goal in the 81st minute, finishing with a fine shot after Yakup found him with a lovely through ball.

Both teams made numerous changes to give most of their squads a run out.

Esentepe were certainly left chasing shadows in this match,

not that there were any shadows to chase on this cold grey cloudy morning. GHE gave Esentepe a football lesson with their slick passing, they look like they can mount a serious promotion challenge to the Super League in the second half of the season.

Not much to take out of this match for Esentepe, I thought KAAAN was their best player, despite the score he remained hungry and eager for the ball. Yakup in midfield also put in a good shift for the team, but other than that Esentepe were well beaten.

FULL TIME SCORE

ESENTEPE KKS 2 GIRNE HALK EVI 6

ESENTEPE TEAM

Gökem (gk): Mahmut, Gürkan, Nersin, Burak Açıl (Uğurcan 45): Şükrü (Eray 45, Mustafa Soytürk 80), Yakup, Hüseyin Deynekli (Mustafa Günlü 65), Hüseyin Ermiş (Vurkan 45), KAAAN.: Ali (Hürkan 65).

İncirli win crucial match

By Richard Beale..

Sunday January 19 : BTM League Red Group : Geçitkale Stadium.

A vital match between 2nd place İncirli and 3rd place Geçitkale ended in a vital 2-0 win for the visitors, enabling them to go 3 points clear of their deadliest rivals.

I must admit on Sunday morning in Esentepe it was raining, it was cold the prospect of going to a local football match, standing on the touchline, taking photographs didn't have much appeal at the time. A day by the fire watching the cricket and Premier League football seemed a more sensible option. However, inside of me I have the "local live" football bug and in the end I decided to "bite the bullet" and go to watch this crucial match.

The Geçitkale supporters and team are a friendly lot, they made me welcome brought me a hot coffee and I was ready for the fray. As by chance the sun made an appearance and I was rewarded with an absorbing match, watched by a crowd I estimate of around 250 people.

This was a match that no side wanted to lose, so it was frantic, frenetic, strong challenges going in and littered with many fouls. İncirli are a big strong physical side, many of their team are over 6 foot, this was a sort of game that suited them best. The visitors dominated the first half with Geçitkale failing to trouble the



İncirli SK attacking and wearing Red strip

İncirli goalkeeper Cengiz. What chances were at the Geçitkale end and their goalkeeper Gürcan had to make a couple of diving saves from shots outside the area.

The first half was bad tempered, it was simmering and it boiled over in the 43rd minute when İncirli took the lead. A long goal kick from Goalkeeper Cengiz bounced over the Geçitkale defence, striker Mehmet Turgut was in a race for the ball with the Geçitkale keeper Gürcan who was advancing. The İncirli striker just managed to get a toe to the ball, just before the two players collided, the ball went just past the left hand post.

The incident happened just outside the box, İncirli wanted Gürcan sent off and Geçitkale were protesting that a free kick had been given to İncirli despite Mehmet Turgut getting to the ball first. What happened from the resultant free kick ALI IMAN cleverly sent the ball over the wall and it dipped in just under the bar with Gürcan helpless. The first half ended in more protests.

HALF TIME SCORE : 0-1

İncirli continued to dominate the proceedings, thankfully the anger of the first half had subsided. Geçitkale were becoming increasingly frustrated, what attacks they mustered floundered against the strong İncirli defence dominated by their Captain Ramadan Deniz and Ex Esentepe defender Mustafa Kiliç. İncirli also had their tall powerful defensive midfield player Salih Oduncuoğlu helping out as well.

İncirli experienced striker MEHMET TURGUT was also having an excellent match, leading the line well and putting all that knowledge to use. It was fitting in the 79th minute that he made the game safe for İncirli with a finely taken goal. Geçitkale lost possession in attack, the ball was given to Can Özbilen who sped down the right wing before sending over a perfect cross that a striker of MEHMET TURGUT ability could not miss. **0-2**

It was not Geçitkale's day, they had 8 players booked, the season is not over for them yet, they are only 3 points behind İncirli, they will come again.

FULL TIME SCORE : 0-2

"MAN OF THE MATCH" MEHMET TURGUT (İncirli) shown below.





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