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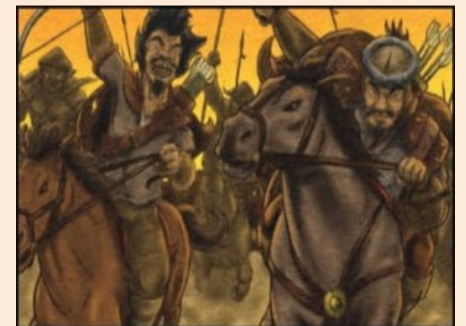
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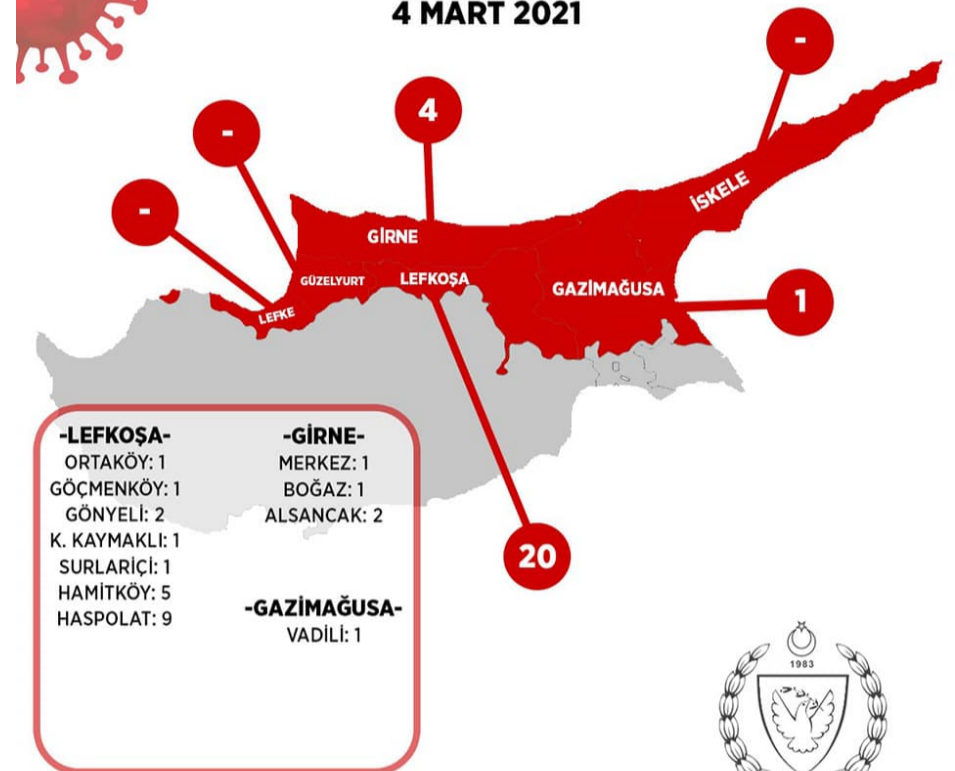
Bugün Yapılan Test Sayısı Test Conducted Today	5276
Bugün Saptanan Pozitif Vaka Sayısı Positive Cases Confirmed Today	29
Ülke Dışından Gelen Vaka Sayısı Positive Cases From Abroad	4
Karantınada Pozitifleşen Temaslı Vaka Sayısı Contact Cases That Became Positive In Quarantine	4
Bugün Saptanan Yerel Vaka Sayısı Positive Local Cases Confirmed Today	21
İyileşip Bugün Taburcu Edilen Hasta Sayısı Patients Recovered Today	32
Bugün Kaybedilen Hasta Daily Deaths	-

COVID-19 GENEL DURUM COVID-19 GENERAL SITUATION

Yapılan Toplam Test Sayısı Tests Conducted in Total	566,798
Toplam Vaka Sayısı Positive Cases Confirmed in Total	3547
İyileşip Toplam Taburcu Edilen Hasta Sayısı Patients Recovered and Discharged in Total	3119
Tedavisi Devam Eden Vaka Sayısı Patients Receiving Treatment	404
Pandemi Merkezindeki Hasta Sayısı Patients Receiving Treatment in Pandemic Center	63
Pandemi Otellerinde Takip Edilen Vaka Sayısı Cases Receiving Follow Up at Pandemic Hotels	340
Toplam Kaybedilen Hasta Sayısı Deaths in Total	24
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Ministry of Foreign Affairs: "The convoy to provide logistics supply to Erenköy has been blocked by the Greek Cypriot side"

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced that the Greek Cypriot side has prevented the regular crossing of the convoy, which has been planned to be carried out in order to provide logistics supply to the military unit stationed in Erenköy in accordance with the Yeşilirmak Agreement at the Yeşilirmak Land Border Gate yesterday (3/3/2021).

In the written statement made by the Ministry it has been stated that "Although the necessary notifications have been made according to the principles of the mentioned agreement, the Greek Cypriot side's blocking of the regular passage for the purpose of supply is a clear violation of the Yeşilirmak

Agreement. This is not the first violation of the agreement by the Greek Cypriot side."

The statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs continued as follows: "The prevention of regular passage, which has a human dimension in order to deliver basic needs to our unit in Erenköy, the establishment of 223 portable heavy weapon trenches, 35 of which are in the buffer zone along the line of contact and preventing the passage of tourists who want to visit our country through the land border gates are the examples of

the tension politics being used by the Greek Cypriot side recently.

Our Ministry has already taken the necessary initiatives at the highest level before the United Nations Peacekeeping Forces in order to immediately terminate the violation of the Yeşilirmak Agreement and strongly protested regarding the mentioned violation. It is obvious that if the Yeşilirmak Agreement is not honoured, our country will have to take steps against it."

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



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Geneva is opportunity to explain federal basis has been exhausted

Tatar: "Geneva is the opportunity to explain that understanding on federal basis has been exhausted"

President Ersin Tatar made evaluations to the Turkish Agency Cyprus (TAK) before the unofficial 5+1 conference on Cyprus to be held in Geneva at the end of April.

Stating that they received an invitation to the 5+1 conference to be held in Geneva at the end of April and conveyed their answers about their participation, Tatar emphasised that everyone may have different opinions, but the importance of this meeting for them is that they have the opportunity to express that an understanding on federal basis, which has been discussed for years, has been exhausted.

Tatar stated that this is best known by the United Nations (UN) because these meetings were carried out with the goodwill mission of the UN, and that this issue was placed on the world's agenda with the Annan Plan.

Reminding that during the Annan Plan period, the Turkish Cypriot people said yes and broke the taboos by showing great self-sacrifice in the referendum, Tatar said, "The other side said no and was rewarded by

being accepted into the EU, the issue has now become even more complex."

Reiterating that, a lot of work was done for a federal-based agreement in Crans Montana, serious issues were discussed for the first time at a five-party table and it was said "This is the last chance, the last try", and that the then President, Mustafa Akıncı, said "it is the last attempt of our generation" yet a result could not be reached, Tatar said, "If a process will start after this time, it will be different."

Stating that Cyprus and the Eastern Mediterranean are not the same anymore, the conditions have changed and the expectations have changed into the criteria included in their proposals, President Tatar said, "If you want a sustainable agreement based on long-term goodwill, it must be based on the facts. The facts of Cyprus are also clear".

Tatar stated that it is no longer possible to secure a federal partnership, and that they do not want to be the cause of a waste of time for another 50 years and they will go to the conference in order to agree a realistic basis.

Tatar expressed his belief that there is "no Turkish Cypriot side which is condemned to an agreement and will say yes to any solution by imposition" before the Greek Cypriots and that they will defend their politics to the end and that they will come to the places they deserve.

Noting that the Turkish Cypriots are in a very different position compared to the past, they have a structure that can engage in all kinds of relations with the world with much more experience, Tatar said, "The obstacle is now in the minds, we are overcoming them, the injustice that the world has done to us is their embarrassment."

Tatar announced that he will meet

with the High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Josep Borrell on Friday 5th March, and also meet with the UN's Special Envoy to Cyprus Jane Holl Lute, on Monday 8th March, and he will then meet with political parties one by one during the following week. Tatar also said that he would inform the Parliament before and after going to Geneva.

Expressing that a meeting with the Greek Cypriot Administration leader Nikos Anastasiades is not on his agenda before going to Geneva, Tatar said that they do not need anything to weaken the meeting in Geneva.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



Girne Open Market re-opened with Covid-19 measures



The Open Market in Girne was opened with the controls made by the Girne Municipality Teams in line with the TRNC Gradual Opening Decisions.

According to the information received from the Girne Municipality, the Girne Open Market was opened in line with the measures taken by the Girne Municipality Health and Zabıta police teams. During the checks carried out by the Girne Municipality teams, with the

bilateral entrance and exit established in the open market, the citizens coming to the shopping area are checked for masks and temperature is being taken by using non-contact thermometers.

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Oktaay: “We will not tolerate unfair embargoes imposed on TRNC”

Prime Minister Ersan Saner and Turkish Vice President Fuat Oktay held a joint press conference following the signing of Turkey-TRNC 2021 Economic and Monetary Cooperation Agreement. Speaking at the press conference, Oktay said “The agreement is a significant outcome of the close contact maintained with the TRNC.

Our main goal in this agreement is investments. Our aim is to contribute to the formation of a self-sufficient TRNC economy by strengthening the areas with a high multiplier effect in the TRNC”

Underlining that solidarity, sincerity and brotherhood comprise the basis of the agreement, Oktay said: "In many fields, we will provide support which is sustainable and which transforms the aspects that hamper and hinder society in the TRNC, and we have already determined these fields. The 2021 Turkey-TRNC Economic and Monetary Cooperation Agreement, with its investment-oriented structure, consists of

actions that will strengthen the current infrastructure in especially transportation, communication, trade, industry and youth and sports as well as the field of local administrations”.

Oktay also added that the TRNC could no longer be made to suffer under unjust international embargoes and isolations. “Turkey, as a guarantor country will continue to do all it can for the peace, development and prosperity of the Turkish Cypriot people and the TRNC.

Touching upon the Cyprus Problem, the Turkish Vice President said Ankara’s position regarding the upcoming 5+UN meeting was clear, that the only way for a solution in Cyprus was a two-state model based on sovereign equality. Oktay also said that it was out of the question for the EU, one of the leading actors responsible for the deadlock on the Cyprus Problem, to take part in the informal meeting set to take place in late April. “There is very little or

nothing the EU can bring to the table,” he said, adding that there was a full agreement with the TRNC on this issue. Oktay said that Turkey will continue its struggle until Turkish Cypriots are awarded their legitimate and just rights on the island. Regarding the issue of Maraş, Oktay said it was out of the question to take any steps on the issue and that the fenced-off city was part of TRNC soil. The Turkish Vice President said that the Greek Cypriot side had failed to reciprocate all efforts made in goodwill by the Turkish side for the past 45 years. He stated

that the area from now on will be used for the welfare and benefit of the TRNC, its youth and future generations. “We will not abandon our vision for a two-state solution nor will we tolerate the unjust embargoes imposed on our Turkish Cypriot brethren,” Oktay said. The Turkish Vice President Fuat Oktay concluded his remarks by stating that Turkey will continue to support the TRNC and the Turkish Cypriot people in all fields.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



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Girne Open Market re-opened

The Girne Municipality Police Teams, which inspect the negative PCR tests of the Market Craftsmen taken in at least 3 days, ensure that measures are taken at the entrances and exits to avoid density in the market, and that hand disinfectants are available for the use of citizens at checkpoints to ensure hygiene.



**Source (Turkish):
Girne Municipality**



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Doğruyol: The President has received the invitation

Presidential Spokesperson of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Berna Çelik Doğruyol, stated that the invitation for the 5+UN unofficial meeting in Geneva on April 27-29 of the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, has reached the TRNC President Ersin Tatar.

In her written statement, Spokesperson Doğruyol recorded that in the letter of invitation it is underlined that the purpose of the

meeting is to determine whether a common ground exists between the sides, in order for formal negotiations to be started.

Doğruyol also added that President Ersin Tatar will be responding positively to the invitation which will be conveyed to Secretary General Guterres via the TRNC Representative Office in New York today (1st March 2021).

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu met with Di Carlo and Lacroix

TRNC Minister of Foreign Affairs Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu held separate video-conference meetings with Rosemary Di Carlo, United Nations Under-Secretary General

for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Jean-Pierre Lacroix, United Nations Under-Secretary General for Peacekeeping Operations, on 1 March 2021 and

conveyed the views of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, prior to the 5+UN informal meeting to be held in Geneva between 27-29 April 2021.

Minister Ertuğruloğlu stated that this time should be different and a possible negotiation process entered into on the basis of sovereign equality of the two sides which would result in a sustainable and lasting settlement.

During the meeting, Ertuğruloğlu stressed that as the United Nations Secretary-General correctly stated, the purpose of the meeting would be to determine whether common ground exists between the parties and added that the TRNC is ready to participate in the 5+UN informal meeting with goodwill and a constructive approach.

During his meeting with Lacroix, Minister Ertuğruloğlu also put on record the viewpoints of the TRNC regarding the operations of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in our country.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



Saner : World countries have IMF, we don't, yet we have Turkey

Prime Minister of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Ersan Saner, and Vice President of the Turkish Republic, Fuat Oktay, held a joint press conference on the '2021 Turkey-TRNC Economic and Financial Cooperation Agreement.'

Prime Minister Saner stated in the joint press conference: 'It is clear that the negotiations have not been able to resolve the Cyprus issue. With the support of our

motherland Turkey we conveyed that we are ready for a two-state settlement based on sovereign equality. I would like to share with the world that our main aim continues to be a two-state settlement based on sovereign equality. We are thankful to Turkey for the support they have provided to us. The world countries have IMF, we don't, yet we have Turkey'.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



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Statement by Special Representative of the President, Ergün Olgun

Ergün Olgun, Special Representative of the TRNC President, made a statement on the 5+UN unofficial meeting, which will be held in Geneva on April 27-29.

In his written statement, Olgun said that a fair, realistic and

permanent solution to the over half century long Cyprus Problem can only be achieved through the recognition of the current situation, with the recognition of the sovereign equality and equal international status of the two states on the island. Olgun pointed out that the Turkish

Cypriot side is continuing preparations for the 5+UN unofficial meeting. The President's Special Representative stated that last week they had a meeting with experts and academics and decided to have three more meetings on March 1st, 3rd and 9th with the group of 15 experts who participated in the previous negotiations and academics who study the Cyprus Issue, as part of the preparations for the upcoming meeting. Olgun added that the Turkish Cypriot side is working for determining the basis of the process for making stability, consensus and cooperation possible. Olgun said

'Confirmation of the sovereign equality and equal international status of the two sides in Cyprus in the 5+UN unofficial meeting will make it possible to find common ground for the start of official talks'.

Olgun lastly said that the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy Jane Holl Lute will be meeting with President Ersin Tatar on 8th March and she will hold a working meeting with Olgun on 9th March.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



Ertuğruloğlu: Turkish Cypriots should not partner Greek Cypriots

Minister of Foreign Affairs Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu stated that in the event that a negotiation ground is not established towards a solution in Geneva on the basis of sovereign equality, we will decide how to proceed in Cyprus together with Turkey which is the heart of the security and interests of the Turkish nation in the Eastern Mediterranean. Ertuğruloğlu added "The only option for the Turkish Cypriots is not to be a partner of the Greek Cypriots"

In his interview with the Turkish News Agency (TAK), regarding his expectations about the 5+UN unofficial meeting planned to be held in April, Minister Ertuğruloğlu said that he does not expect to experience anything different from the processes that have been carried out in various ways in the past 50 years. Upon reminding the "loose federation" discussions of the Greek Cypriot side and the UN Secretary General's statement "I am open to new ideas", Minister Ertuğruloğlu said "I hope I'm wrong but I think

that the Greek Cypriot side will not give up this advantageous position regarding its unjust EU membership and unjust treatment as the 'Republic of Cyprus' at the UN Security Council."

Furthermore, Minister Ertuğruloğlu stressed that in the event that a common ground to start the negotiation process is not established in Geneva, we will decide what to do together with motherland Turkey. "The Cyprus issue is a national cause and not only the cause of the Turkish Cypriots".

Foreign Minister Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu also pointed out that the Turkish Cypriot side had been thrown out of the partnership by force of arms despite the fact that it was based on political equality, the Turkish Cypriot side has been negotiating for the goal of a bi-communal, bi-zonal federation based on political equality for 52 years.

Minister Ertuğruloğlu said, "It is

naive to aim at only political equality because the results of the 1960 Republic are obvious. Why would the Greek Cypriots say yes to such a partnership in their current position?"

Noting that demanding a more strong ground which the Greek Cypriot side cannot disrupt and if it does, both sides will be able to take part in the international community with their own status, and that this is only possible with sovereign equality, Foreign Minister Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu said, "Therefore, our only option in life is not to be partners with the Greek Cypriots".

Regarding the Maraş initiative, Ertuğruloğlu pointed out that it is not an initiative that affects any personal property, but that it will continue.

Minister Ertuğruloğlu said, "The important thing here is that Maraş will be opened under the Turkish Cypriot Administration. The Greek Cypriots can forget Maraş, which has always been proposed to them as a bargaining element in the negotiations. Those who now want to claim their property and live there will be allowed to come and live under the Turkish Cypriot Administration".

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



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I have a dream that everyone has clean water



By Ahmet Abdulaziz

Usually we ignore the fact that almost 11% of the world population do not have access to improved water facilities. The term “improved water facility” is open to discussion. There are various clauses and sub-clauses of this classification, yet the fact does not change. A very large number of human beings do not have access to drinking and/or usable water.

According to the World Health Organisation it has been estimated that by the year 2025 almost half of the world population would be living in “water-stressed areas”. There is no need to dig into the meaning of this, since the fact remains the same. The world is going to have serious problems about availability of water in the very near future.

So what is the world doing about this? Unfortunately right now the world is too busy in fighting with Covid-19. But what was the world doing before the start of the pandemic? Unfortunately, nothing very concrete.

The fact is that the developed world does not have any shortage of drinking water. It is the poor countries, mostly in undeveloped areas of the world, who have been passing through such hardships for a long period of time. That’s the

reason why the world is not showing much concern about shortage of drinking water in those areas. Just think for a moment, if the American or European countries come to know that almost 50% of their population would not be having any facility to drinking water, in the near future, what would be the reaction? I am sure the wealthy countries of the world would have instantly channeled their finances in finding ways and means to meet the expected catastrophe.

Unfortunately, this is the naked truth. Lives of the “haves” is more precious than the lives of the “have nots”. This is how the justice in this world stands presently.

I believe that there are certain things in this world, which are not supposed to exist at all. The world as a whole must think over the reasons, instead of only tackling a problem when it surfaces. This is the reason, why all the problems of the world come up again and again, in different parts of the world. To me all organisations who appear to deal with world problems are biased, since they tackle with the problems, whereas they are supposed to tackle with the reasons for the problem. They do not know the reasons, but do not want to tackle them, since they are beyond their power.

So those who have the real power in their hands, should rise up to tackle the reasons of all problems existing today. This way they will not only get rid of the existing ones, but would also be able to develop a structure and a system that would never allow any such problems to erupt again in the future.

But the way I think is I am sure, nothing is going to happen. There are many other people who think like me, but are not heard. Still, I am hopeful that one day sense will prevail, and all humans existing on earth will become equal to each other.

This is the dream I have. This is my dream.



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KAR - News Update



AN INSIGHT INTO OUR OFFICE ANGELS

What on earth is one of those? Well, let me tell you there are not many around who can tick all the boxes!

They need to be polite, friendly, confident, a good communicator and have excellent skills in gesticulating with their hands (while talking in their best pigeon Turkish) no matter how many times someone asks the same question!

They need to be calm, organised and a mind reader (very important)!

They need to be PC Literate and have an honours degree in fixing the printers!

They need to love animals (very important) and people (not so vital but good to have all the same)!

They need to answer the phone politely and in a timely manner whilst dealing with face to face customers who will not accept that we don't give discounts in the shop (need to be thick skinned at times too)!

They pass emails and WhatsApp messages on to the relevant departments and deal with upset customers who email back fifteen minutes later demanding why they haven't had a reply yet!

They need to have a sense of humour (often seen as hysteria)!

OH AND MOST IMPORTANT OF THE LOT THEY NEED TO BE ABLE TO MAKE A NICE CUPPA TEA

They are a godsend in anybody's book and we are lucky enough to have 3. Thank you ladies, please take a bow!



AN ODE TO OUR CHARITY SHOP VOLUNTEERS (written by our budding poetess JW - Shop Volunteer)

It's half past nine, We turn the sign - 'open'
 We are open for sales,
 Whether or not there are gales.
 It's a great place to make friends,
 And we try to set trends,
 Displaying clothes in a fashionable way...
 And hoping the customers will pay
 Oh, here's a donation, we need to sort,
 We thank the kind person the way we are taught,
 There are items for the centre....
 And items for the rails,
 We all hope today we'll have good sales.
 Did I hear some one say 'coffee'?
 We always welcome a drink,
 We take a few minutes giving us time to think.
 Within the shop, you become part of the team,
 As looking after hundreds of dogs is not just a dream.
 How time has flown it's almost 1,
 We cash up the money to see how we've done.
 We say our goodbyes and smile as we leave.
 We have had some fun
 And now it's time for some sun.
 Don't forget to turn the sign... 'closed'

KAR are always looking for additional volunteers for their Charity Shops. There are 3 shops in total. Gladrags is situated in Karakum, on the main road out of Kyrenia, together with our office. The other two, Shop 1 and House and Home, are behind the fire station in the centre of Kyrenia. Due to Covid restrictions they are all currently closed but once the restrictions have been lifted they will re-open. The opening hours depend on what the government will allow AND the number of volunteers we have. There have been times when KAR have had to close a shop because there was no-one to man it! The Charity Shops are one of our main sources of income to pay for the food and medications needed by our rescue centre, that's how important they and our shop volunteers are!

If you would like to volunteer in one of our shops it doesn't need to be a huge commitment. 3.5 hours a week would be great, any more would be fantastic. Please e-mail the office on kartnc@gmail.com and we will contact you once we are open again.



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KAR - News Update



BERYL (was Irimi)

Let me take you back 2 short weeks when we posted a video of Irimi waiting for her forever home. Well her hopes and prayers were answered on Monday when Alex and Jeanette came to the centre and took her to her forever home. Update Tuesday morning is as follows:

"Hi Elaine

Just to let you know our little gem Beryl (Irimi) is settling in great. She loves TV. Doesn't like the dog in the mirror too much. Eating, drinking etc all good. Made friends with the cat. Even had a paddle in the sea this morning.

Thanks Alex and Jeanette"

Irimi had been in the centre for over 6 years and we know many of you are nervous of rehoming a dog that has been in the centre for some time. But just read that testimony! Elaine has spoken with Alex and Jeanette and they have confirmed that Beryl has settled into her new home very quickly and there has been no mess at all. She "asks" to go out when the need arises. This is a dog that has never had the luxury of a home before never mind house-training.

If you have room in your home and in your heart for a furry friend please do not think our animals are not ideal for re-homing or that they will be too much trouble as they're used to life in the centre. Please come along and have a look around. There is a furry friend waiting for you there.

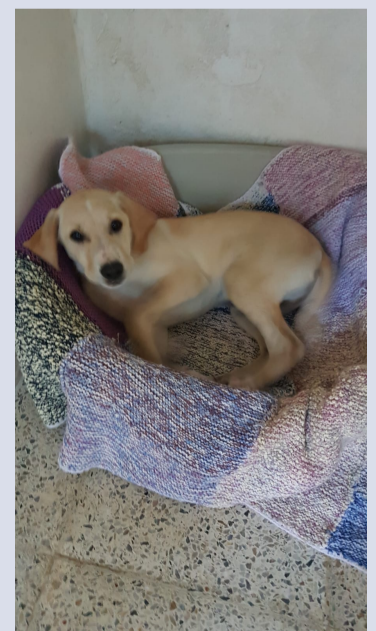
If you are interested in re-homing one of our over 300 animals at the Rescue Centre please contact our office by email at kartnc@gmail.com and we will make an appointment with the centre manager for you to visit the centre to have a look around.



This lovable boy is **Murphy** - we can assure you he is a dog, not a bear! He came to us last summer after a road traffic accident left him with a broken back leg. After lots of rest and recuperation, his leg healed beautifully and he was all set to go to his promised forever home. Unfortunately, Murphy was let down through no fault of his own and he is looking for a home. He is about 1 year old, neutered, microchipped and vaccinated. Please watch our video until the end so you can see how big he is and also just how well his back leg has healed. Get in touch if you are interested in Murphy and we can arrange for you to meet him once the centre is able to re-open.



This sweet young pup is **Jake**. Poor Jake was found wandering around in Catalkoy - yet another unwanted, frightened puppy. He's now about 4½ months old and vaccinated, he will be neutered once he is old enough. As you can see, he loves a cuddle and he has a very waggy tail! Despite the loving care he gets at the centre, we really don't want him to spend his whole life here. If you are interested in welcoming Jake into your family, please get in touch and let's hope he finds a home very soon.



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BRS News: Latest changes to Curfew/Lockdown

We are sharing for readers who are seeking the latest facts and information news recently provided by the British Residents' Society to their members.

MARCH NEWSLETTER

CHANGES TO CURRENT LOCKDOWN/CURFEW

In brief :

* Curfew now between 9pm and 5am

* Restaurants etc now able to provide 'take-away' services Monday – Saturday.

* Hairdressers and barbers allowed to open from Thursday 4th March.

* Does not include Beauty salons, massage parlours or spas.

* Travel between Girne and Lefkosa Districts allowed but other districts access and egress controlled by Police.

* Businesses remain closed on Sundays, except pharmacies and petrol stations.

For the full details please see the Government Liaison section below.

RECENT STATEMENT MADE BY THE REPUBLIC of CYPRUS ADMINISTRATION REGARDING NON-EU CITIZENS ACCESS OR EGRESS

By now I think most UK residents of the TRNC will be aware of 'noises' coming out of the Republic of Cyprus regarding a refusal to allow UK citizens to enter OR leave the South to access the TRNC after 1st April.

Whilst the RoC administration has not issued a definitive statement regarding this matter, members of your Committee have regular contact with the British High Commission, in particular the Consular Services team but also meetings with the British High Commissioner and since 'Brexit' actually happened in January 2020 we have been trying to get some response from the RoC administration regarding the travel rights of UK citizens.

We saw last year that the RoC intended to change the Green Line regulations to restrict the movement of UK citizens, as well as other nationalities, from the TRNC. So unfortunately this does not really come as a total surprise.

We are aware that the President and the Foreign Minister have requested urgent discussions with Stephen Lillie, the British High Commissioner, to discuss the matter.

Once we have any response from the BHC we will advise you.

VACCINATION PROGRAM

The vaccination program continues and is now 'accepting' those aged between 55 and 65, and those with Chronic Illnesses.

For those of you who are being treated for chronic conditions we would suggest that you obtain some evidence to show that your condition is currently being treated.

TURKISH AIRLINES REFUSAL TO ACCEPT 'OLD' SHORT-TERM RESIDENCY DOCUMENT TO ALLOW RETURN TO TRNC

We recently were made aware that a UK citizen who resides in the TRNC was refused boarding at Manchester Airport on a flight to the TRNC. Turkish Airlines explained that the person was in possession of a 'Short-Term' residency permit which they stated was not acceptable.

In fact this had been previously investigated by the BRS and we were informed that it would be accepted. The 'short-term' residency documents were issued under the 'old' paper-based system, whereas the new 'online' permits purely states that it is 'for Residency'.

We have asked the Government to ensure that this anomaly is rectified by informing Turkish Airlines that both types are acceptable.

If anyone has experienced a similar experience with Pegasus please can you let us know.

GOVERNMENT LIAISON

LATEST CHANGES TO CURFEW/LOCKDOWN

FROM MONDAY 1st MARCH UNTIL FRIDAY 5th MARCH

The full curfew has been changed to become a 'Night Curfew' between the hours of 9pm and 5am.

Food Markets will be open between 8am and 8pm

Retail and merchandising services will open between 10am and 8pm.

The supply chain will operate which will include taking orders, shelf arrangements and displays. Orders, sales, and distribution will be allowed between 8am and 6pm. Shelf arrangement and such will be done after 6pm.

ESTABLISHMENTS THAT WILL REMAIN CLOSED:

Theatres and cinemas, performance centres, concert halls, engagement/wedding and birthdays halls, casinos, bars, taverns, coffeeshouses, cafeterias, hookah cafes and halls, internet cafes, all kinds of game halls, indoor playgrounds, swimming pools, massage parlours, spas, indoor sports halls, open buffet restaurants, beauty salons, tattooists, open markets, night clubs, clubs, Turkish baths, and saunas.

Hairdressers and barbers will remain closed until THURSDAY 4th MARCH (to allow ALL staff to be PCR tested to ensure they return a negative result) when they will be 'moved' to establishments that will be allowed to open. N.B. this does NOT include beauty salons, massage parlours or spas.



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continued BRS - Latest changes to Curfew/Lockdown

ESTABLISHMENTS THAT WILL NOW BE ALLOWED TO OPEN:

All businesses and activities that are not included above may be open under the conditions stated below.

Restaurants, cafes, buffets, sandwich shops, bagel sellers, etc. services will only be provided in the form of takeaways, online sales, and deliveries. Seating areas will not be used in these sectors. Takeaway/delivery services will be provided between 7am and 9pm.

(NB – Under previous regulations provided by the Police takeaways were allowed provided that the customer collecting is able to be at home before the curfew time of 9pm. After that only deliveries can be made. Please check with the outlet at the time of ordering which service they are providing.)

There will be no trying on of products in the clothing industry.

Betting offices will be able to operate at the door without using seating areas.

In open businesses, the total number of customers and employees will be 1 person in a maximum of 5 m².

In order to protect the social distance, these businesses will display information at entrances explaining the m² areas and how many people can be in the business, including employees at any one time.

In addition, businesses that provide services will work on a staff rotation method or with reduced personnel.

People working in open sectors will

repeat PCR tests every fifteen days.

INDIVIDUALS ARE ASKED TO MEET THEIR ESSENTIAL NEEDS FROM BUSINESSES CLOSEST TO THEIR RESIDENCE.

SATURDAY 6th MARCH

Markets, bakeries, butchers, greengrocers, petrol stations, pharmacies and open markets will be open on Saturday.

Also restaurants, cafes, buffets, sandwich shops, bagel sellers, etc. services will only be provided in the form of takeaways, online sales, and deliveries. Seating areas will not be used in these sectors. Takeaway/delivery services will be provided between 7am and 9pm.

(NB – Under previous regulations provided by the Police takeaways were allowed provided that the customer collecting is able to be at home before the curfew time of 8pm. After that only deliveries can be made up until 9pm. Please check with the outlet at the time of ordering which service they are providing.)

SUNDAY 7th MARCH

All businesses and activities will be closed on Sunday, except pharmacies, bakeries, and petrol stations.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Since the number of infections is less in the Lefke, Güzelyurt, Iskele and Famagusta districts, and in order to prevent the further spread of infection to these districts, it has been deemed appropriate that travel from Lefkosa and Girne districts to the above-mentioned districts will be controlled by the District Police Boards. Travel between Girne and Lefkosa Districts will be allowed.

Only TRNC citizens and permanent

residents who travelled from the United Kingdom, Netherlands, Brazil, Denmark, and South Africa where they had been for the previous 14 days are allowed to enter the country, provided that they remain in central quarantine for 14 days.

Certain Institutions will remain open and these are,

** Essential departments of the Ministry of Health and health personnel, the Ministry of Finance, police, fire brigade, municipality, civil defence, district police boards, Customs, Central Prison, BRTK, TAK, TÜK, KIBTEK, Milk Institution, press employees and / or universities with yellow press cards will be able to work at full capacity.

** The Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Public Works and Transportation offices are open to the public between Monday and Friday. (Please note that they are operating it will be with reduced staff.)

** The personnel deemed essential to work in the Ministries, departments and institutions affiliated with the ministries will continue their duties as determined by the senior management.

** In order not to interrupt all services at the Air and Sea Ports, minimum personnel will be employed.

** All institutions and workplaces are obliged to measure temperatures at the entrances, to comply with the social distancing rules, use markings in order to maintain social distancing in accordance with square meters, and to apply hygiene and disinfection conditions both inside the workplace and at the entrances and exits. It is the employer's responsibility to implement these measures.

** Until March 8, 2021, there will

be no face-to-face education (including private lessons and course activities) in public and private schools, all pre-school, primary and secondary education, and to switch to online education. Considering the prevalence of the epidemic in the society and the curfew, it was decided to stop the services of private education centres. However, in sectors that will remain open, creches may be open on demand in order not to interrupt the services.

** It has been deemed appropriate for people residing in Northern Cyprus and required to travel to Southern Cyprus for treatment purposes, to cross without daily quarantine as long as they document their appointments at the border gates.

** The patient and their attendant (if necessary) will be required to submit a negative PCR test result taken within the last 3 days upon arrival. In addition, patients and companions returning to our country following treatment should repeat their PCR tests again on the seventh and fourteenth days of their entry into the country and submit the results to our Ministry.

** Funerals will be held with the participation of only first-degree relatives.

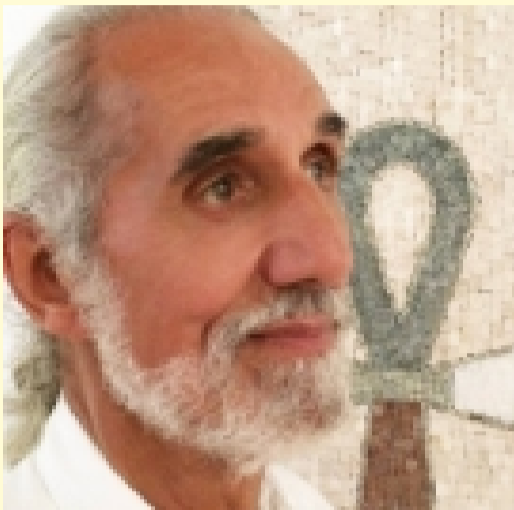
** Travel between different districts at any time still requires an application to be made for a Curfew Exemption Permit Application to be submitted.

** People can now go to open spaces for exercise, but the TRNC Government urges people to use the closest option to their homes.

** With effect from the 1 March travel within the same district does not require a Curfew Exemption Permit request to be submitted, however, the TRNC Government urges people to use the closest option available to their homes, wherever possible.

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Poets Corner



Poem by Nick Vye - Sanctuary

RAINDROPS

Raindrops beating on my window pane,
None of them look the same,
Into rivulets they start to flow,
I can't guess which way they go,

I hear the sound and the beat,
Want to start to tap my feet,
It comes down now even harder,
Raiding on my window like a marauder,

Pitter - patter, what's the matter,
Is the rain's idle chatter,
Watching patterns form on the glass,
None of them stay or last,

Oh those raindrops all day long,
When will they cease and be gone,
Will I be sad to see them go,
Those raindrops and their endless flow....



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Podcast, Equal status and legitimacy required between the 2 sides

By Chris Elliott...

In this latest Podcast, we feature Special Representative of President Ersin Tatar, Ergün Olgun who gives a summary of the key requirements needed to ensure a progressive move forward to solve the Cyprus Issue.

This is the latest CyprusScene feature to share news and reviews from Northern Cyprus.

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<https://open.spotify.com/episode/60hXo2NHPhCnFHNAqCYrIY>

TRNC Podcast: Talking to a Yank in North Cyprus

Introduction by Chris Elliott...

Our friend Sara Palmer has shared news of her joint Podcast made with Roger Bara where they chat to another friend, a Yank in North Cyprus.

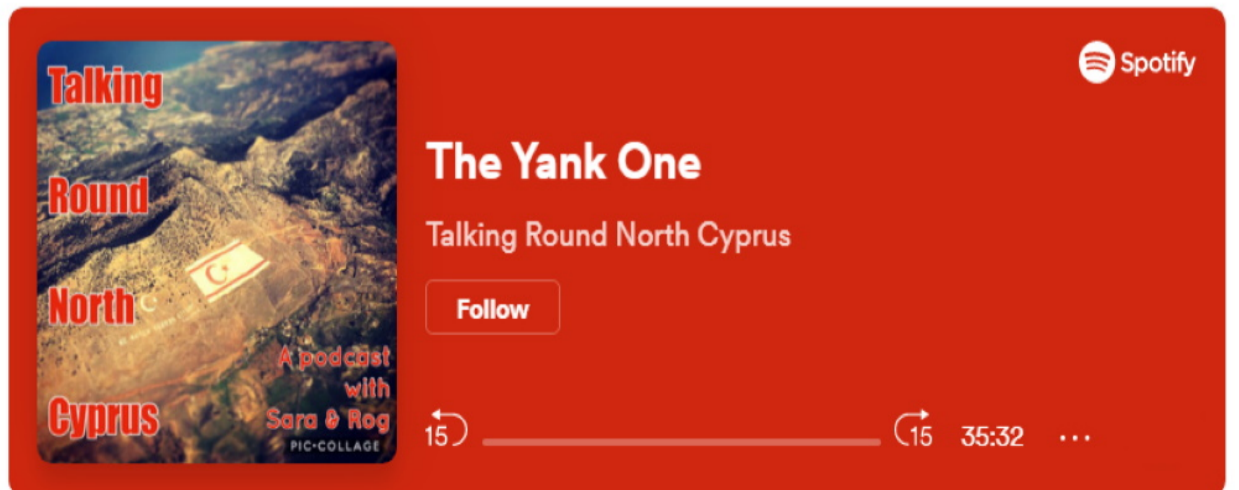
*"How did an American, married to a Russian come to live in North Cyprus? Sara and Roger chat with Bogaz resident Dean Lewis about why he and his wife have made the TRNC their home and what they enjoy about it. *This interview*

was recorded before the current covid restrictions.

We are both great fans of the country, warts and all!, and want to share all aspects of life, living, and holidaying here.

Would love plenty of support as we get this project going, and would be very happy to hear from anyone who would like to contribute on any subject concerning North Cyprus.

Hope you enjoy it...the first three episodes are now available."



<https://open.spotify.com/episode/3WunldqQ8pvVzwHcNO3XrP>

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Hope 4 Pets - News Update



Elizabeth Stowell - 17th February

Help **Yelken** to get to his UK home, organised by Elizabeth Stowell.

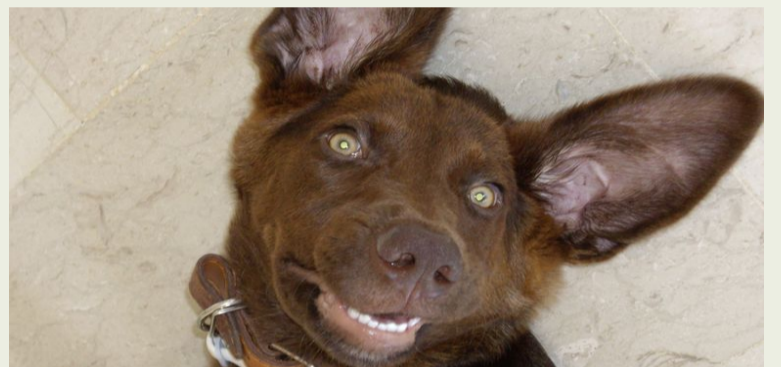
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-yelken-get-to-his-uk-home>



Elizabeth Stowell - 1st March

Elizabeth's Birthday fundraiser for Hope 4 Pets North Cyprus.

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/184988836394726/4380554068627042/>



Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 19th February

More puppies

They are still too young to leave their Mum but if anyone is "seriously" interested in homing them when they are old enough please pm me!

There are 5 puppies in total. 2 Grey and 3 Black in colour.

It may be possible for them to go to the UK but the whole process would take at least 6/7 months preparation so we are initially looking for kind and loving homes here in the TRNC.



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Hope 4 Pets - News Update



Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 21st February

I had a message from Jessica Louise last night after being referred to me from Robert Astley who was unable to help in any way until Monday due to the curfew restrictions. It was quite obvious the poor dog needed emergency help from the videos sent.

My problem was it was dark, curfew and my car is in the dock yet again!

This morning I contacted Yeliz Osman Cin from Altin Patiler to ask if she could help with transport to the vets. She immediately applied for permission to travel and offered to help me get him to the vets. Thank You Yeliz. I quite simply could not have managed without you and it's always a pleasure to work with you xxx

Within half an hour we had located the dog and were all on our way to the vets.

This poor poor dog is in a dreadful state. He has Leishmania Ehrlichia and Anaemia. He has infections oozing from his eyes and nasal passages. The anaemia is so bad that Sibel Guzen his vet from Animates said that if he were able to walk then he might have a heart attack as his heart is not pumping the blood efficiently enough even in his prostate state. He would not have survived much longer had we not rescued him.

As it stands he is extremely poorly and his chances are extremely slim but we had to give him that CHANCE, which is now his name, but if he doesn't improve or deteriorate then the kindest thing for him will be to let him go peacefully and pain free.

Altin Patiler and Hope4Pets are again working together to raise funds for this gorgeous boy and any donations will be much appreciated and can be made through our links or directly to Sibel at Animates in the name of Chance please.

Stephanie Harrison-Croft – 1st March - UPDATE

I have some very sad news and I am so sorry to say we had to let Chance go to a better place this afternoon.

His vet called me this morning and asked me to go see him as he wasn't looking too good. His bloods had improved a tiny bit but he had become unresponsive and it was the kindest thing for him to let him go peacefully. Absolutely gutted. If we had got to him sooner his chances may have been greater. So many people must have seen and walked past him but did nothing to help despite his obvious pain and skeletal state.

You were a sweet gentle boy Chance and your tail still wagged despite your terrible illness and your lack of compassion from the human race. You were loved in your final days but I just wished that time on earth could have been longer and happier for you. You earned your wings the hard way lovely boy but now you fly free with no pain or suffering away from this world that was so cruel to you.

Thank you Sibel Guzen for all his veterinary care, Yeliz Osman Cin for everything, Jessica Louise and to everyone who donated towards his vet bills x



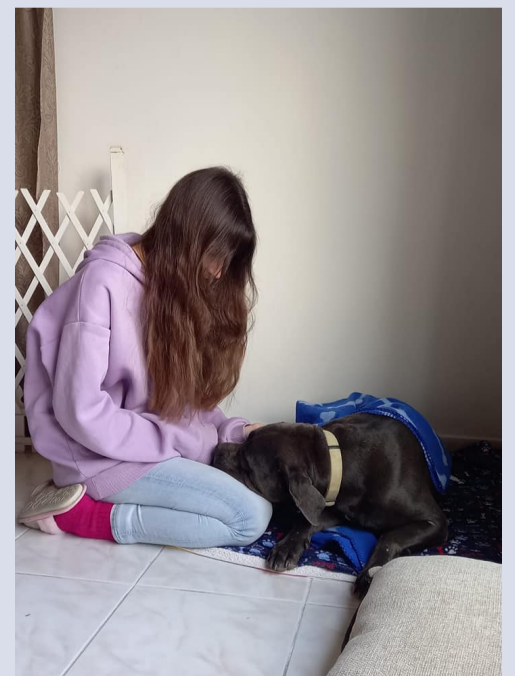
Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 1st March

Lovely Mum of the Shar Pei fathered puppies we recently homed was caught this morning thanks to Emma Eminsoy and Isabella.

She was spayed by H4P after having her flea /tick and worming treatments the other day. Despite all the beautiful pups that we homed she will thankfully have no more after apparently being on the streets for 2 years.

She is now recovering after her op with Isabella and her lovely daughter Adora. Thank you.

Speedy recovery lovely girl.



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RUSUK ask - What is my country afraid of?

Roger



What is my country afraid of?

From the above title, I am probably expected to consider subjects like the fallout from Brexit, or the fears that normality may never return following Covid-19. I shall resist the urge.

Instead, I'm here, writing, to tell you what the British people are really most afraid of.

Spiders. Well, two things actually. Spiders and heights. A fairly recent survey I came across found that a staggering amount (over 30 per cent) of Brits have Arachnophobia, and a similar amount have Acrophobia. Which probably means a fair proportion have both, the poor buggers.

The fear of heights is understandable, considering that gravity ensures falling from anywhere over three floors up

means death. I must admit to being a tad Acrophobic. Going up Table Mountain in a cliff-edge lift almost saw me off, and even going up to just the second stage of the Eiffel Tower had every molecule of my body shaking. Even watching one of those videos that show a chap climbing up a 1,500 metre telephone tower makes me want to vomit.

But spiders? Well, some of them can look real mean, and I suppose anything that hides among a bunch of bananas on supermarket shelves needs to be treated with complete distrust. However, only 0.1 per cent of spiders are actually venomous enough to harm us, and it appears that most people aren't afraid of any dangers they may pose, rather they are freaked out by their weird looks.

And however harmless a spider might be, they sure do look utterly revolting and unpredictable. Which is a good reason to fear the little blighters.

So what's worse? Another term of Boris Johnson and his measly toads of morally decrepit followers, or a spider in the bath. You decide.

Sergey



What my country is afraid of?

I wouldn't waste your time and so I put it straight: the biggest thing of all Russia is afraid of is FOREIGN ENEMY.

This is an ancient foe of the country. But not only this: this is a very comfortable foe for Russian authorities. If any problem happens, it is the Rule #1: write off your past, current and future problems to Foreign Enemy. This is a very good tool.

So we've got the Mongols, the Teutonic knights, the Polish, The Swedes, the Turks, the Crimean Tatars, the British, The French with Napoleon, the Germans, the Chinese, the West in general and the Americans in particular, the Chechens (if you count them in as an external power), the Moslem terrorists, etc.

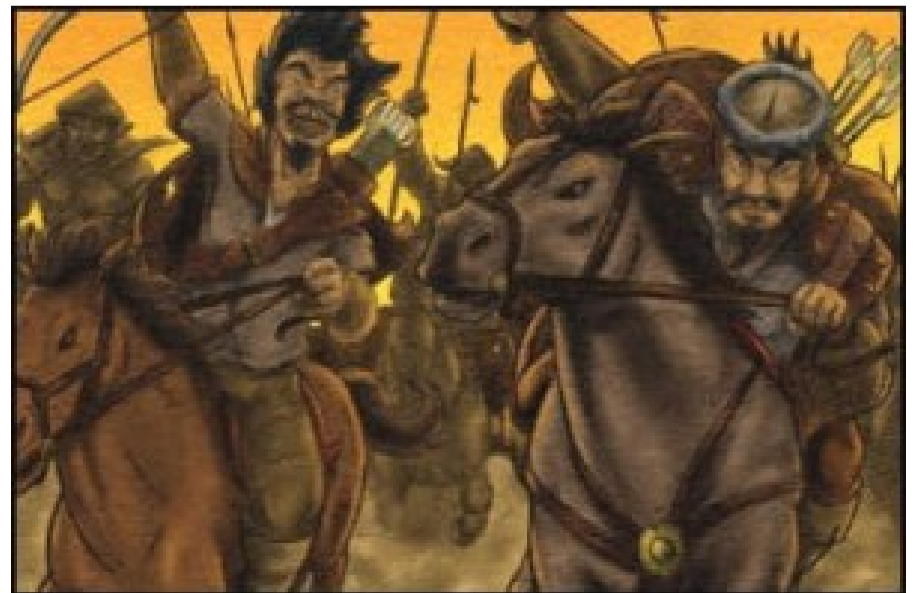
Not all of them were ghosts, sure. I personally believe the Mongols, the Golden Horde have made the biggest harm, transforming an integral part of Europe what the Kievan Russia has been before, into an autocratic state Russia became ever after. This harm exceeds, to me, even what the Nazis have done. The Mongols have re-programmed the country's destiny making it the Golden Horde's province with its laws and lifestyle.

The Mongol's biggest harm was to antagonize society and the state: from those times anybody opposing the authorities was committing treason.

This is how it has worked since then.

Let's jump into present times: now, just like in the Soviet times, if you oppose the authorities, you're the enemy of Russia, not an opponent of these men in power as you naively might imagine. This is exactly what Putin's propaganda machine is saying: if you're against the president, you're against the state and the country. They consider the state and the country synonyms making those in power look sacred.

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continued **RUSUK ask : What is my country afraid of?**

Plus, if you're in opposition to those in power, you must be some foreign power spy or asset.

What a load of BS!

To me, the state and the country/society is different. The state is just the current regime. The country is homeland.

But from a typical Russian ruler's point of view, If you're against him, you're against the Mother-Russia and, sure, today, an American spy. Otherwise, you just can't oppose the authorities by your own will.

P.S. 'Yuri Vladimirovich', dude, if you happen to read these lines, go find some real spies and kiss my ass in the process.



A Nine Dashed With Mountains

Oh, this is an easy question: China. A couple of weeks ago RUSUK did an article on the power of the press. How the press can mould and shape a population into believing crazy shit. The people of China are the perfect example.

I wonder what kind of word gymnastics the Chinese press must go through to explain how a Communist country is right to practice a style of imperialism not

seen since the late 1800's. Every last nation bordering the Pacific needs to fear China – and almost all do – North Korea being the major exception and I think several minor islands are also sorta' impartial.

Now, I need to be absolutely clear here, I have been truly fortunate to have met and worked shoulder to shoulder with some terrific folks from China. I really like the Chinese people – no! I love these people, they are kind to a fault.

The West has nobody to blame but themselves when it comes to a belligerent China. We built the place. The rich in North America and Europe threw mountains of cash at China. They demanded more profit and ever higher dividends, which forced major employers to fire their workers, shutter factories and look to China to build cheap ... mmm ... products.

Of course, now the chickens have come home to roost. The former middle class in these countries elect ever more extreme politicians and China is making territorial claims against almost all her neighbors.

As they say: Chinese chickens come to roost in Cow-Pie. Actually, I don't think anybody says that.

I do not believe the Americans and Chinese will have a shooting war. Nope, India and China will also work things out; as will the Japanese. China is not only powerful but they are also smart. If they fight any one of these countries, they are likely to have most of the major nations of the world frothing at the mouth. Hard to be the world's factory like that.

They may "lease" some border provinces from minor nations to their south but this is unlikely to bring the world to seek blood. I think as long as they don't send in the Army and take these areas at gun-point we will still buy their stuff. Yeah, yeah... embarrassed at the UN, blah, blah, blah; cry me a river.

On the other hand, there is one country; a vast nation that borders China. A nation that is unlikely to get the Yankees to come to their defense. It's a nation with less than eight million people in its far east while China has over one-hundred-thirty million in the neighboring provinces alone.

China and Russia spilled blood arguing over this area in 1969. China sent troops over the dividing river and fumbled around for a bit, allowing the outnumbered Russians to hold on until things cooled down.

Golly, lots of natural resources and space just over that river. Sure would be nice to have. Oh, and Vladivostok is a city China lays historic claims too, so yeah, there's that. Kind of like the Nine Dash line except with mountains.

So who would ride to Putin's rescue? I don't know.



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Girne Municipality add 3 more books to its Library

Girne Municipality has published 2 International Olive Caricatures Albums and the 2nd International Sculpture Symposium Booklet in one year and added 3 new books to its Library.

According to the information given by the Girne Municipality, it has enriched its library by publishing 3 more books in a year, caricature album books, sculpture symposium booklets, as well as Osman Türkay's three poetry books, olive-themed seminar books, conference papers, action books, story contest book entitled Girne in my Dreams, cultural and touristic books introducing Girne.

In his speech on the subject Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü said "Books are our greatest wealth and the most important vehicle carrying today to the future. I believe that it is very important to

bring 3 new books to our library within one year with the work we have done during the pandemic we live in. Books are undoubtedly the most important element that is permanent and carries what has been done to the future. We will continue our efforts to promote the love of books, reading habits and research culture, with the aim of publishing the books with qualified narrative, visual art works, presentations and seminar result reports.

As it is known, the International 'Olive Cartoons' album books belonging to the Municipality of Girne consist of the cartoons that won and were deemed worthy to be exhibited according to the results of the cartoon competition held every year, the jury's promotional pages, statements about the competition and the photographs of historical places

promoting our country. Albums are sent by mail to 60 countries, over 200 cartoon artists and to important book stores all over the world, and they make very important contributions to the promotion of our country abroad in both artistic and cultural terms. In addition, album books are sent to many institutions, organisations, libraries, schools and universities in our country. On this occasion, I

would like to draw attention to the importance of reading books in order to spend good quality time in our homes during this period we are facing due to the pandemic. I would like to thank all our readers who showed interest in our publications and wish everyone a healthy day."

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality



Girne Municipality : New Business and Owners registration

In accordance with the "Special Zoning Order" published under the Zoning Law in the Official Gazette on 2nd February 2021, "USE CHANGE AUTHORISATION" has been given to the Municipalities within

the framework of the Girne-Çatalköy Zoning Plan.

According to the information given by Girne Municipality, the Municipalities have been authorised within the framework

of the laws and regulations for the workplaces that are planned to be opened within the boundaries of the Girne Municipality by obtaining approval from the City Planning Department.

In this context, for the workplaces to be opened, it is necessary to get the permission of the Zoning Department of our Municipality in any building/office to be rented and/or purchased.

In his statement on the subject, Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü pointed out that with this law, the traffic load created by businesses in the city will decrease, and the effect of the commercial work to be carried out in the region for the people of the region will be

determined and allowed accordingly. At the same time, he explained that taking into account the complaints of the landlord and neighbours, the permit will be the determining factor.

Güngördü said, within the scope of this law, within the boundaries of our municipality, for the workplace, office, etc. to be opened it is a legal obligation to apply to our Municipality before buying or renting the businesses. He noted that the entire public must comply with this important legal rule in order to avoid problems, as well as obeying all other rules.

Source (Turkish) Girne Municipality





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MEDI Foundation Student Mental Health and Addiction Helpline

As communities across Europe and the Mediterranean grapple with second wave COVID-19 surges, the nefarious impact of the pandemic on mental health has become a growing concern. With lockdowns, and curfews reinstated in some countries to curb the spread, stress and anxiety is on the rise.

A survey carried out by the World Health Organisation during the first wave of the pandemic revealed 93% of the country surveyed suffered disruptions to one or more critical mental health services. Across Europe, 40% of participating countries reported worse outcomes with the closure

of three out of every four mental health services. This has had an adverse effect on 84 million people with mental health issues.

TRNC is currently undergoing a lockdown and full curfew in all districts as part of its efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19. This has engendered unintended consequences such as fear of infection, isolation, loneliness, loss of income, and general anxiety about the future which are huge triggers to mental stress and other psychological issues. This situation is all the more worrisome amongst students for whom school provides not just a learning platform but an ideal environment

for socialization, relaxation, recreation, and camaraderie.

Against this backdrop, the MEDI Foundation Student Society in partnership with the ADDICTION COUNSELING & SUPPORT program of the TRNC Prime Ministry's Anti-Drugs Commission is extending a helpline to those going through

mental stress, addiction, or psychological issues.

Please, if you are going through any of the above, or know and want to help someone involved, you can call this toll-free number to get professional assistance:

Telephone : 1191



**Student
Helpline
Tel 1191**

Artificial Intelligence seminar hosted online by Levent College

A seminar on "Artificial Intelligence Applications in Engineering" was held online with the moderator on 19th February 2021 at 14:00, hosted by Levent College. The guest of the seminar was Cyprus International University, Computer Engineering Department, Faculty of Engineering Vice Dean, Assist. Assoc. Dr. Kamil Yurtkan.

Asst. Assoc. Dr. Kamil Yurtkan opened the seminar with : "Can

machines think?", which was put forward by Alan Turing in the 1940s on the subject of artificial intelligence. He mentioned that he started with the question and that he has now developed up to advanced methods such as evolutionary artificial neural networks. He made a presentation on Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Natural Language Processing, Pattern Recognition, Computer Vision, which are concepts used in artificial

intelligence and its subfields today. Then he explained the artificial intelligence applications with examples, providing information about applications in all areas of engineering, selected applications such as Building Modelling, Face Recognition and Autonomous driving in different engineering fields such as Industrial Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical - Electronics Engineering and Bioengineering. Examples from the studies completed in the Faculty of Engineering of Cyprus International University with selected applications were also presented.

In the seminar, which continued with the questions and opinions of the students, the answers to the questions such as where the artificial intelligence that the participants were curious about in our daily lives were sought and the current applications were discussed. In addition to the

applications in our daily lives, examples of artificial intelligence applications that are expected to enter our lives in the near future, such as autonomous driving, building modelling, and robots in home work, were discussed.

Providing information about the Faculty of Engineering, education, department and programs, Asst. Assoc. Dr. Kamil Yurtkan touched upon the issue of quality in education and explained the accreditation processes of the faculty and its accredited programs. The seminar concluded with advice to students who are planning higher study in engineering.

At the end of the seminar, as a result of the intense interest of Levent College students, Dr. Yurtkan continued with a second session.

Source (Turkish): Levent College



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Minister Ataoğlu: We are committed to the whole tourism sector

Tourism and Environment Minister Fikri Ataoğlu reminded that the new type of coronavirus pandemic, which threatens the TRNC as well as the world, has resulted in the country struggling since March 2020 in terms of both health and economics.

Minister Ataoğlu pointed out that the most effective way to combat the new type of coronavirus pandemic is to stop the circulation, "The first step taken in our country, together with the world countries struggling with pandemic, was to stop the circulation. The main source of tourism is people moving around. Yet, the pandemic had the most serious impact on the tourism sectors," he said.

"I think that the importance of the phrase 'the locomotive of the TRNC Economy', which was said for tourism before the pandemic, gained more importance in this process. The tourism sector, which has come to a halt with the pandemic, the economic difficulties it creates on the country's economy, and especially how vital tourism is for the TRNC economy, is an indisputable fact," Minister Ataoğlu said, adding that the tourism industry can overcome this extraordinary process and will change after the pandemic. He stated that they are working very seriously as the Ministry in order to create a tourism structure suitable for tourism movements.

Minister Ataoğlu emphasised that the country's tourism is integrated with all its stakeholders and said,

"From 5-star hotels to small-scale hostels, from tour guides to tourism agencies, from restaurants to entertainment venues that are an indispensable part of the tourism sector, from transportation to our businesses that carry out transportation activities, all of our stakeholder sectors have the same importance and value for us".

Underlining that the work carried out is aimed at the whole of the tourism industry, Minister Ataoğlu said, "Nobody should have any doubts that we are working hard to overcome this extraordinary process together and to prepare for the future in a better way."

Source (Turkish): TRNC Ministry of Tourism and Environment



Chris Krzentsz video of the Nicosia, Armenian quarter

By Chris Elliott....

These days most of us have experienced the difficulties of living with Covid-19 restrictions and lockdown and our social lives being restricted, perhaps many of us are watching more TV and recently for a change I went to

Youtube and spotted a video by Chris Krzentsz.

In the past, we had published articles contributed by Chris Krzentsz with his videos which were very interesting and entertaining and the video I watched reminded me of when I

walked many times the same streets wondering about the buildings I saw and this is what Chris had to say about the video.

"Chris Krzentsz

This is a video of my two Armenian documentaries of the Armenian quarter, in the north part of Nicosia, Cyprus. They were filmed on Oct 21, 2016, and on Oct 27, 2017. If you like the videos, please subscribe to the Chris Krzentsz global YouTube channel"

What I also found interesting about this video is places mentioned had also been mentioned in past contributed articles by Turkish Cypriots and in the video by Chris for me some of the limelights were the wide range of old buildings, some sadly in very poor condition but others renovated and beautiful to behold.

Please take time to watch and enjoy this video and learn much of past Nicosia and its people.



<https://youtu.be/aX-ET9xNip4>

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Food inspections and Covid-19 controls continue in Girne

In February, a total of 783 businesses were inspected for hygiene and Covid-19 Measures.

A total of 783 workplaces were inspected in the audits carried out by the Girne Municipality Health Branch and Police Municipality Security Unit teams between 12th and 24th February 2021.

Girne Municipality, in respect of health and hygiene controls : In food-related businesses, the cleaning of the general work areas, to ensure the hygiene and Covid measures are effective, and the hygiene measures and food safety elements of the employees increased. In addition to the warnings given to businesses to eliminate the detected nonconformities, in the detection of situations that endanger human health in the enterprise, closing penalties were imposed on the business.

In the second half of February, within the scope of inspections, 11 workplaces were notified regarding their deficiencies, 4 workplaces were closed, and 6 workplaces were fined for not complying with the Covid-19 rules.

In the inspections carried out with the coordinated work of Girne Municipality Health Department and Police Department, the teams that give the necessary warnings initially, can impose various sanctions, including warning and closing the workplaces that do not comply.

Health Branch Chief Naile Soyel said, the Covid-19 Pandemic, which has been going on for over a year in our country, has affected the dynamics in the food sector as well as the whole of life. It has also redefined the audit criteria of the municipalities. Inspections made on the basis of human health include the application of Covid Pandemic rules as well as Food Safety conditions. In food businesses, besides the general hygiene conditions, the use of correct masks and the personal hygiene of the personnel is of great importance.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü said in order to protect the health of both the people of the region and the whole of society, the inspections carried out by our control teams in the field for the

last year have been carried out intensively and during the following critical days when closures and partial openings take place, intense controls are an important motivation for the whole society to act in accordance with the rules. It is essential for the success of the pandemic process to ensure that all the decisions taken by the Council of Ministers are fully implemented in our region in order to properly manage the pressures created not only in health but also economic difficulties due to the pandemic.

At this point, closing down businesses that do not comply with the rules as required by law is again to ensure public health. In order to successfully survive these difficult days, for both businesses and individuals, they must carefully follow the mask, social distance and hygiene rules. Protecting ourselves means protecting the whole of society; Therefore, I ask all our people to obey the rules.

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality



5th to 11th March 2021

Emergency Telephone Numbers

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
Guzelyurt 714 2140
Lapta 821 8512

FIRE

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

AMBULANCE

Emergencies **112**

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 : 8-day Forecast

(from 6th to 13th March 2021)

Sat 6th  19° 10°	Sun 7th  19° 10°	Mon 8th  19° 10°	Tue 9th  18° 11°
Wed 10th  19° 10°	Thu 11th  19° 11°	Fri 12th  18° 12°	Sat 13th  18° 10°

Forthcoming Events



EASTER FUN DAY
SATURDAY 3RD APRIL
NOON – 4PM

- CRAFT STALLS
- FACE PAINTING
- TOMBOLA
- RAFFLE
- BEST EASTER BONNET COMPETITION
- EASTER TRAIL HUNT
- AND SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE FROM THE EASTER BUNNY!

and bouncy castle!

Plus Other Stalls & Attractions

Face painting
Glitter tattoos
Henna tattoos
Kids Jewellery

Homemade cakes & sandwiches will be available

In aid of shelter and abandoned dogs

Come & Enjoy some Easter Fun

Gonyeli Guardian Angels
At Sultan's Çatalköy



An exciting opportunity to discover the hidden gems of Alsancak Village on our

Wild Goose Chase
18th April 2021
11am

In teams of up to 4 people you will walk to and around the village for a max of 2 hours. Not only will you have a great time but you will complete easy challenges.

Starting and finishing at The Black Olive where lunch will be served.

Approx 5-6kms (max 4 miles)
100TL per person (incl lunch and a donation to Tulips)

For further info: 0542 854 8714

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THE BLACK OLIVE



The 11/11 Challenge

Each Committee member has taken on the challenge to raise 1100TL every month

Thursday 1st - Sunday 11th July 2021

The July Challenge has been organised by

Sharon Garfield

(Membership Secretary)



Sharon will be running 11km per day for 11 days

For more information and to sponsor Sharon please contact her on 0533 85301 39
email:membershiprblkyrenia@gmail.com



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