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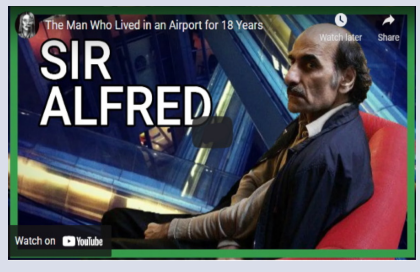
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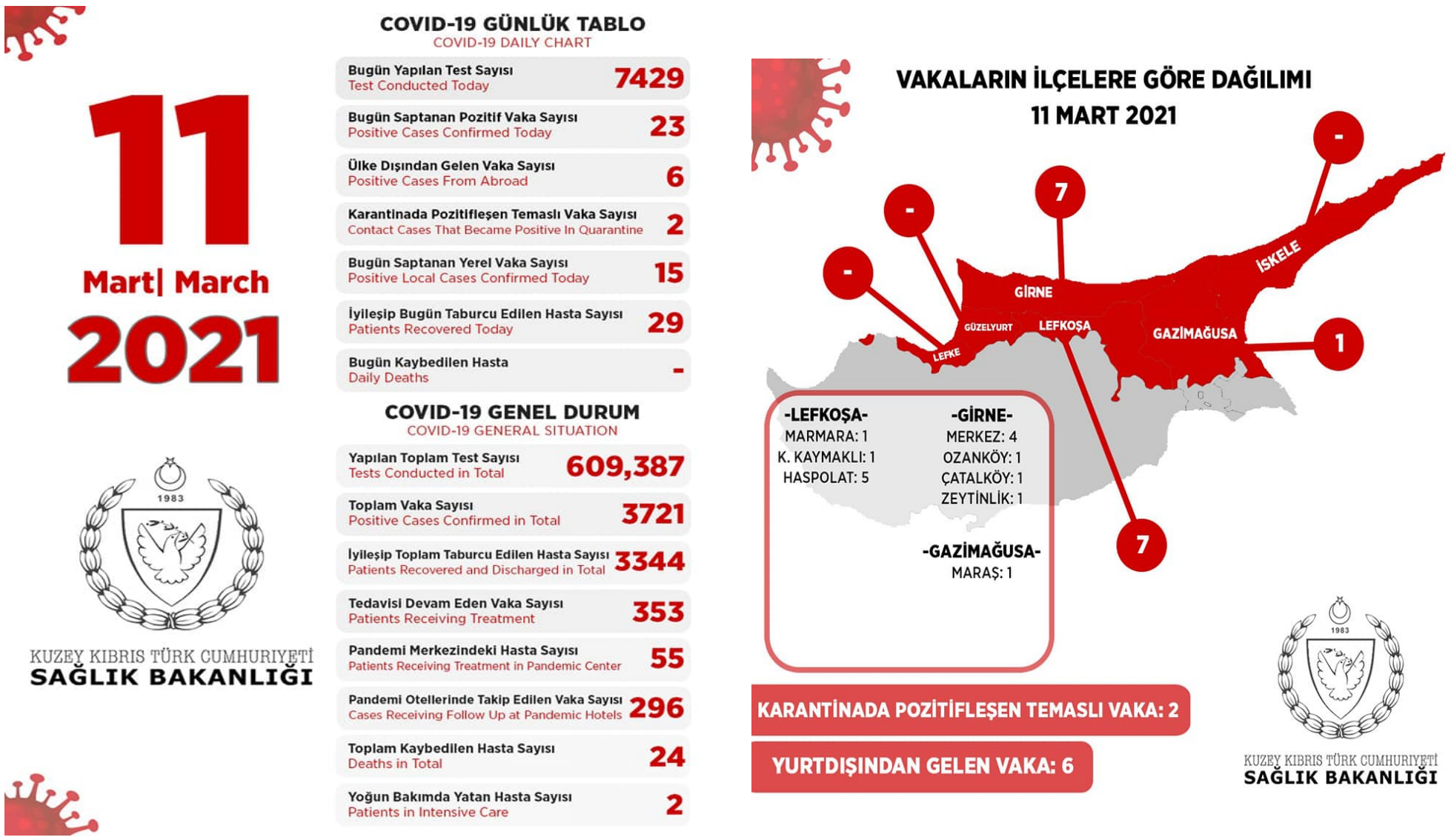
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President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ersin Tatar issued a message for the 57th anniversary of the Baf resistance and pointed out that Turkey's guarantee and Turkish Armed Forces are sine qua non in Cyprus.

In his message President Tatar stated that it is important to remember why the Greek Cypriots had unleashed a series of attacks on the Turkish quarter of Baf on 7th-9th March 1964 and expressed his gratitude to the Martyrs.

President Tatar added: 'The Greek Cypriot Administration encouraged by the UN Security Council (UNSC) political and unjust resolution dated 4th March 1964 which recognised them as the "only legitimate government of Cyprus" condensed their attacks against Turkish Cypriots. Their main target was to disable the resistance of the Turkish Cypriots and to take Turkish Cypriots under their control as their minority. However the Turkish Cypriots in Baf put forward a major resistance against the attacks of Greek Cypriots who were supported with the Greek Regiment which was using heavy artillery. In Baf 13 Turkish Cypriot resistance fighters were martyred by the Greek Cypriot atrocities.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



We insist on own state but ready to cooperate and negotiate

President Ersin Tatar said, "As the Turkish Cypriot side, we insist on continuing with our own state, but we are ready to cooperate and negotiate."

According to a statement from the Presidency, President Ersin Tatar who was the guest of the TRT World Channel stated that he had a fruitful meeting with the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' Special Envoy to Cyprus, Jane Holl Lute, and he will put forward the views which were supported by the TRNC and Turkey at the informal meeting to be held in Geneva and that they are determined about sovereign equality.

Tatar said, "Everything that was on the table so far was a federal structure. Now we are talking about two different equal states that exist side by side on the island of Cyprus, cooperating on various issues, on the basis of sovereign equality. If we get a result, all Cypriots, including Greek Cypriots will benefit because there is a lot of potential for mutual gain through agreement."

Tatar pointed out that there has been no problem, no blood has been shed and there has been a peaceful environment in Cyprus since 1974.

"We are ready to do our best for the peace that has existed on the island since 1974. There were no problems and no blood has been shed from 1974 to the present day. Therefore, it is very important to maintain this peaceful environment. Hence, we must see the facts in Cyprus. The facts in Cyprus basically show that we will continue our way with two equal states"

Stating that if a settlement cannot be reached both Turkish Cypriots and the Greek Cypriots will proceed separately in their own way, President Tatar said that he felt safe with the full support of the Republic of Turkey which is the motherland, a guarantor country, and the leading country in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



Ergün Olgun met UN Special Envoy Lute

President Ersin Tatar's Special Representative Ergün Olgun met with UN Special Envoy Jane Holl Lute yesterday (9 March 2021).

According to the statement made by the TRNC Presidency, the meeting was held in a positive atmosphere.

It was stated that the details of the 5+UN meeting was discussed during their meeting. Olgun said :

"As it is known, the 5+UN meeting will be held to determine whether there is a common ground to start the negotiations or not".

Furthermore, stressing that new creative ideas are needed to overcome the deadlock, Olgun said that the Turkish Cypriot side is making preparations in this way. Olgun added "I expressed to the UN Special Envoy Lute that it is not possible to continue the process on that ground. The reason of the deadlock continuing for about 50 years is the hegemonic attitude of the Greek Cypriot side.



I also expressed to Lute that the European Union's participation in the meeting is impossible because the Greek Cypriot side is a member of the EU so the EU will not show a balanced and unbiased stance at the 5+UN meeting.

Special Representative Olgun also added that President Ersin Tatar will sincerely convey to the participants his new vision of a win-win with the goal of a fair, equal and sustainable reconciliation in the island of Cyprus at the 5+UN informal meeting to be held in Geneva on 27-29 April.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

Erdoğan and Johnson discussed steps to improve relationship

Erdoğan and Johnson discussed steps to improve the relationship between Turkey and the United Kingdom.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan had a telephone conversation with the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Boris Johnson. The Cyprus issue was also discussed during the conversation.

According to a statement from the Directorate of Communications of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey, President Erdoğan said that Turkey appreciates the steps taken recently by the United Kingdom on the Cyprus issue and that the two-state solution would lead to a "win-win" situation in terms of new regional cooperation opportunities not only for the two sides on the island but for all.

President Erdoğan stated that Turkey continues to display a constructive stance in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Aegean as well as in Cyprus and that Turkey preserved its calm stance and its determination to continue exploratory talks despite the provocative acts and discourse of Greece.



Source : TRNC Public Information Office

Tatar: “We will claim our state and sovereignty”

President Ersin Tatar received the UN Special Envoy Jane Holl Lute yesterday (8 March 2021).

Following the meeting, President Ersin Tatar held a press meeting and answered the questions of the journalists.

Expressing that they discussed the format and the details of the 5+UN meeting to be held between 27-29 April 2021 in Geneva, Tatar said that the new policy of the Turkish Cypriot side which supports sovereign equality of two states and the cooperation of two states on the basis of equal international status for a just, realistic and sustainable solution was discussed during the meeting.

In his speech, President Tatar also stressed that the Turkish Cypriot side will participate in the meeting with good will as it has always done in the past.

Tatar pointed out that the negotiations based on a federation had collapsed several times and this time they will be trying new approaches in order to find out if the forthcoming 5+UN informal meeting will produce a result oriented base or not.

The President said "We explained to Lute that what we need in respect of Cyprus is not insisting on the same unsuccessful basis but for new approaches which will contribute to peace and stability in our region.

We explained that a cooperation model based on the sovereign equality and equal international status of two states is our new vision and we will be standing behind our state and sovereignty and we will not let the South dominate the North. The Turkish Cypriot people have established their own State."

Source : TRNC Public Information Office





Tatar: Positive Turkish Cypriots will attend 5+UN informal meeting

President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ersin Tatar attended an online meeting of the 14th Summit of the Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO).

According to the statement of the TRNC Presidency, President Tatar mentioned at the meeting that the Turkish Cypriot side will attend the 5+UN informal meeting which will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 27-29 April with an attitude of goodwill and creativity. Tatar reminded that as the UN Secretary - General Antonio Guterres has mentioned before, the aim of the 5+UN informal meeting is to determine whether there is a common ground for a negotiation between the two parties for a sustainable solution of the Cyprus issue or not.

President Tatar said 'We want a formula based on the sovereign equality and equal international status of the two sides which enable a cooperative relationship. It is an indisputable fact that there are two fully-fledged states on the island.

Referring to the isolation of Turkish Cypriot people, President Tatar said: 'The unjust and painful isolation, inflicted on every aspect of the daily lives of the Turkish Cypriot people has become more severe than ever with the pandemic. I strongly call on the brotherly member states of ECO to show determination to put an end to the isolation of the TRNC'.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



Ersan Saner: EU continue to disregard the realities on the Island

The National Unity Party (UBP) Leader, Prime Minister Ersan Saner stated that the European Union (EU) continues to disregard the realities on the Island and the unfairness to the Turkish Cypriot people.



Stressing the decisive stance of the Turkish Cypriot side, Prime Minister Saner said "We are at the same point as our motherland Turkey. We will never take a step back from our sovereign equality and two-state solution. If the European Union desires a solution in Cyprus, they should give support to discuss the alternative solution models in Cyprus".

According to the written statement made by the National Unity Party Headquarters, Prime Minister Saner said :

"The European Union's current stance, which disregards the reality that it is the Greek Cypriot side which removed all agreement possibilities in Cyprus and was responsible for the collapse of the negotiation process in Crans Montana, will neither benefit or reach an agreement in Cyprus".

Prime Minister Saner reacted to the statement of the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell that gives support to the Greek policy and said :

"The EU has made great mistakes on the issue of Cyprus and unfairly made the Greek Cypriot Administration a member of the EU. They have not put the Direct Trade Regulation into force which was promised to the Turkish Cypriot people and only taken into consideration the interests of the Greek Cypriot side".

Saner added that the EU, which disregards the realities on the Island and clearly supports the Greek Cypriots, does not need to take part in the 5+UN meeting planned to be held in Geneva at the end of April.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office

Basis of isolation & embargoes is UN decision dated 4 March 1964

President Ersin Tatar stated that the basis of the isolation and embargoes that the Turkish Cypriots are still subjected to with the solution method attempted to be imposed known as the 'UN parameters' is the resolution of the UN Security Council dated 4 March 1964.

Tatar made evaluations on the Cyprus issue on the 57th anniversary of the UN Security Council resolution 186 dated 4 March 1964.



President Tatar indicated that the Greek Cypriot side does not compromise in respect of this decision, which is still in force, and that they continue to see themselves as the sole owner of all Cyprus and maintain their dominant mentality adding that "As long as this unfair decision stands, the Greek Cypriot side will not come to an agreement."

Tatar also said: "Our preparations and initiatives for the unofficial 5+UN meeting to be held in Geneva on April 27-29 continue and the solution model we have brought to the agenda will be on the table in Geneva. We are determined and will not take a step back.

Our endeavour and wish is to achieve the solution model that we have brought to the agenda in a way that will benefit Cyprus and the region."

Source : TRNC Public Information Office

Tatar: An agreement in Cyprus must be based on two equal states

In his meeting with the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the Vice-President of the European Commission Josep Borrell, President Ersin Tatar stated that a permanent agreement in Cyprus can only be based on two equal sovereign states.

President Ersin Tatar made a statement to the press following the meeting.

President Tatar said: "I conveyed to Borrell that the informal meeting which is being planned to be held in Geneva on the Cyprus issue at the end of April will be attended by the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot sides, as well as the three guarantor countries and the United Nations. It will not be appropriate for the EU to participate in this meeting because, as it is known, Greece and South Cyprus are EU members and it is not realistic to expect the EU to be a neutral party in this meeting."

Tatar also conveyed that a solution based on a single sovereignty would not be accepted by the Turkish Cypriot side and that an agreement based on sovereign equality and living side by side would be possible.

Stating that the Turkish Cypriot side will go to Geneva with new ideas, President Tatar said that the cooperation of the two states living side by side, based on sovereign equality, can be a fair and permanent agreement in Cyprus".

Indicating that the Greek Cypriot side never wanted to share the administration and riches, that's why the only way out is through two sovereign states, Tatar stated that the Turkish Cypriot side is not without an alternative, and that if there is no solution, they will continue their way with their own state, and they will never sacrifice national interests in the face of promises.

President Tatar also said that at the meeting he asked the EU officials: "If we cannot solve a small problem like Hellim, how we will solve the Cyprus problem?"

Stating that the insufficiency of Covid-19 vaccines received from the European Union has been also brought to the agenda, Tatar stated that they also faced unfairness in vaccination, while 100,000 vaccines have been supplied to the Greek Cypriot side, 10,250 vaccines have been supplied to the TRNC from the EU, and the vaccine to be supplied should be three times as many.

Noting that they also discussed the issue of financial support provided by the EU to the Turkish Cypriot side, President Tatar stated that the European Union promised to make a regulation for trading to EU and financial support to the Turkish Cypriots in 2004 after the referendum rejected by the Greek Cypriot side, adding that the support was below the promised figures and that the financial support should be increased.



Tatar also said that the Greek Cypriot Administration imposed restrictions on product transitions on the grounds of the pandemic, which was not true and meant a violation of the Green Line Regulation.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office

I wonder how can one stay for 18 years inside an airport building



By Ahmet Abdulaziz ....

During a large part of last year, and for around the two last months, we have been going through a bad time due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Most of the time, we have remained isolated inside our houses, and have not felt ourselves as "free people". For most, being inside their houses for a long period is just like being in prison. All these periods of lockdowns are also badly affecting our psychology.

In this background, yesterday I re-read the news and articles about Mehran Karimi Nasseri, the man who spent 18 long years inside the building of Charles De Gaulle Airport. I watched "The Terminal" where Tom Hanks played the role of a person trapped inside an airport building.

Badly affected by the ongoing lockdowns, I believe that now I can understand better the psychological state of Nasseri. I recommend all of you to watch "The Terminal", just because now we are in that particular state of mind when we can understand the feeling of such a person.

Just to mention in short, Mehran Karimi Nasseri, Iranian by birth, is said to have been expelled from Iran due to his political differences with the then regime of King Raza Shah Pahlawi. Subsequently he managed to get refugee status from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Belgium. In 1988 he decided to move to the UK from Belgium. On his way from Belgium to the UK, via Paris, he allegedly lost his papers. He was sent back by the British Officials, as he did not have the proper papers to enter the country.

From there on a queer story full of suspense started. Too many legal activities, and further actions of the like, yet the ultimate result did not change. Nasseri remained inside the airport building for about 18 years. He had entered that building on 26th August 1988, and did not get out until July 2006, when he became seriously sick. At that time the authorities took him to hospital, from where he was ultimately moved to a refugee camp in Paris, where he is believed to be still living.

As per the information available in Wikipedia and many other sites, he survived for such a long period of time with the help of the people working inside the terminal building. He was said to have allotted himself a corner of the building, where he was spending most of his time, including sleeping at night. After a lapse of some years, he had become a well known person in the building, as the passengers had started recognising him as a permanent resident of the building. Youngsters often asked for his autographs and took photos.

For me, however the main question remains the same. "What had he been feeling stranded inside that building for eighteen years?"

Even prisoners who spend their time inside the prison, believing to be released on one particular day after serving their time of imprisonment. But that was not the case with Nasseri. He never knew when his ordeal would come to an end. Spending eighteen long years in a state of uncertainty is indeed something too much for a normal person.

But he survived all this. He wrote his autobiography, and film producers made movies on the basis of his ordeal.

I would recommend here to watch the film "The Terminal", to have some idea about the condition of a person stranded inside an airport for a long period of time.

Below is the link to the original film about Mehran Karimi Nasseri.

https://youtu.be/JQfXd1YlkS4



KAR - News Update

We have dogs of all shapes, sizes and breeds at the centre - everyone looking for a home.

This lovely girl is **Sandy**, one of our larger dogs. She has been with us for 5 years now, having arrived as a small puppy. As you can see, she is a big softy - she loves being walked and cuddled, not at the same time though! Sandy lives with other dogs so we know that she gets on well with them and she is also happy around children.

We would be so pleased for her if she found her forever home at last. Please contact us if you would like to come and meet her or even if you can't offer her a home, you can sponsor Sandy for just £10 a month.

Please share for Sandy and fingers crossed, we can find a forever home for her!



KAR STREET CAT NEUTERING SCHEME

In January (before we went into lockdown) our clinic managed to neuter 46 cats (26 female and 20 male) .....just think how many unwanted kittens those 46 neutering ops has prevented!! We are pleased to announce that we have re-started the above scheme after the recent lockdown.

Please contact our office on kartrnc@gmail.com or telephone 05338694098 (English) or 05338694096 (Turkish) Monday to Friday between 9am and 1pm for further information.

You too CAN make a difference by helping KAR to prevent more unwanted kittens being born.





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WILF

Hello, my name is Wilf and I am18 months old. I was 1 of 7 pups that arrived at the centre with our mum when we were just 1 day old. I'm a very friendly boy and I love a good walk.

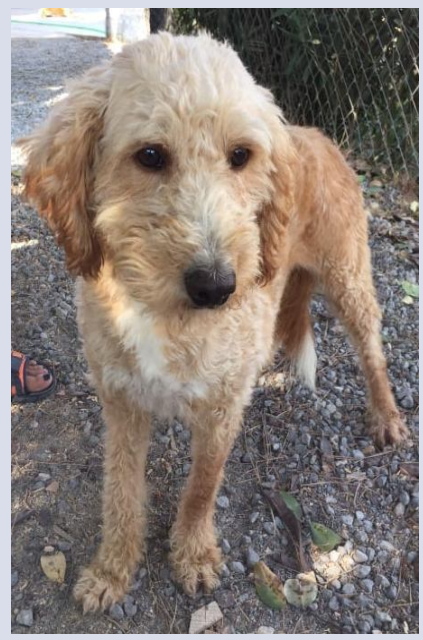
If you are interested in re-homing one of our over 300 animals at the Rescue Centre please contact our office by email at **kartrnc@gmail.com** and we will make an appointment with the centre manager for you to visit the centre to have a look around.



GOOBER

This is Goober. Goober has been with us for 6 years from being a puppy. He is very friendly and has a quiet nature. Goober is looking for a furever home.

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



KAR - News Update

Even though we are not brand new
We would all love a home with someone like you
We may have been around the block a bit
Sometimes even had nasty blow and even a kick
Starved and neglected some of our early days
Yet we are forgiving anyways
We want our chance to start anew
A home with love that we never knew
So before a kitten or puppy you're tempted to pick
Give us a look, but one not too quick
Look at the character in our face
And our bodies, older but still full of grace
Just think of us, day after day
Watching people look and then walk away
But if you say the word 'yes' we will know
Our bags will be packed and we are ready to go
So please think of us when you have the space
For a new fur babe to take up a place
We will love you forever and a day
Just take one of us home with you to stay.















If you are looking for a "furever" friend we are still looking for homes for our older dogs and cats.

Please contact if you would like to meet any of us ----

0533 8694098 or email kartrnc@gmail.com

All of our cats and dogs are neutered and vaccinated --- 2 less things for you to worry about or pay for.



BRS News: Latest COVID-19 Restrictions

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

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS CHANGES

In brief :

* Restaurants, coffee shops etc will be allowed to serve from 10th March OUTSIDE ONLY
* Travel between Girne and Lefkosa Districts allowed but other districts access and egress continues to be controlled by Police.
* Only essential businesses are allowed to open on Saturdays as well as restaurant take away service.
* Businesses remain closed on Sundays, except pharmacies and petrol stations.
* In order to ensure the transfer of people who want to go abroad via Southern Cyprus, they will be able to go to Larnaca airport with time restrictions with the PCR tests carried out in the previous 24 hours.
* Those whose driving licences have expired will be given an extension until 31st March.

For the full details please see below.

MONDAY 8th MARCH UNTIL FRIDAY 12th MARCH

The curfew remains as 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.

ESTABLISHMENTS THAT WILL REMAIN CLOSED:

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 now be used in these sectors. Takeaway/delivery services will be provided between 7am and 9pm.

FROM 10th MARCH

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Contactless sports and sports that are individual and open will begin.

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 13th 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 14th MARCH

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

ENTRY INTO TRNC

Following approaches to the TRNC Government, an amended Air Notam N0076-21 has now been issued, which no longer states, "Permanent Residency" simply Residency, which ensures that those members in possession of the old-style Residency Permits (pre-new online system) that state "Short Term Residency" should now be able to return to the TRNC, provided that the Permit is valid (not expired).

VACCINATION PROGRAM

Following a further delivery of vaccines the vaccination program for 1st injections will continue from Monday when a new 'digital' process will be introduced. Once we have the relevant information we will circulate it to our members.

HOME QUARANTINE

The Government have, since the failed GPS trial, been working with the two Mobile Telephone providers to look at a new workable system to use for 'home quarantine'. The system will be able to determine where each individual is and alarm if someone 'strays' outside of the permitted zone. This will initially be by way of a fine (Approximately 22,000tl) but for a second offence/breach the punishment will be imprisonment.

Editor's Note :

For those readers wishing to learn more of the British Residents' Society and registration as a member which can be started on-line please visit their website :

https://brstrnc.com



BRS News : Returning to the TRNC, Latest Information

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

RETURNING TO THE TRNC

There has recently been a change in the categories of those persons currently allowed to enter the TRNC.
Initially only TRNC citizens were allowed, this was then changed to include those persons with Residency, then this was again modified yesterday (10th March) to include the following -

Persons who owned property, or Persons who rented property

It was explained that in order for either of the above categories to be allowed entry to the TRNC they had to be in possession of either,

A Kocan, title deed OR a stamped Sales Contract for their property, or If renting a Rental Contract stamped by the tax office.
Following questions regarding whether or not a copy of the above documents was acceptable, we spoke to the Ministry of Public Works and Transportation for clarification. They subsequently informed us that **ONLY ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS WERE ACCEPTABLE.**

It was explained that most of the UK residents/homeowners did not carry the original documents, but we were informed that copies would not be allowed as it was possible that they could be falsified.

Our advice to those members who wish to return, but are in the above situation, would be that if they knew someone who was trusted by them and had access to where the documents were kept, they could retrieve them and possibly send them via a courier services (such as DHL) prior to them booking a return flight.

Also the fact still remains that anyone arriving in the TRNC from the UK will also be required to provide a negative PCR result prior to boarding AND must remain in quarantine for FOURTEEN days on arrival, which will be paid for by the traveller.

BRITISH RESIDENTS SOCIETY

Latest News

Forest Recreation Area planned for Girne Municipality

A protocol was signed between Girne Municipality Mayor Nidai Güngördü and Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources Nazım Çavuşoğlu for the purpose of constructing a 170-acre forest and recreation area in Ciklos, Girne.

Girne Municipality confirmed that following the approval of the preliminary project submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the protocol was signed. It was stated that the recreation area included in the preliminary project will be planned to be in harmony with nature, there will be a parking lot, tennis court, basketball court, sports equipment area, children's playground area, walking tracks according to age categories, natural paths in the interior areas, bench seating, a viewing terrace and a cafeteria. At the same time, it was stated that in the recreation area, young people, especially children, can view nature and see Cyprus endemic plants, which they have learned about from nature books.

Girne Municipality Mayor Nidai Güngördü said that the land owned by the Forestry Department was transferred to the Municipality with the signed protocol to create a beautiful area for the people of Girne and those living around Girne.

Stating that recreation areas are needed in Girne, Güngördü said, “Especially in this period, the need for people to wander in open spaces rather than indoor spaces is very important. He said, "Thank you very much to the Minister for approving the work we have carried out with the Forestry Department and we will create a beautiful place for the people of Girne."

Güngördü stated that an area suitable for the city will be created in cooperation with the Forestry Department, and that the area will be considered as a walking and recreation area, trees suitable for the island's vegetation will be planted within a certain program and children will be able to visit this place and get to know nature.
Minister Çavuşoğlu said that Girne is one of the most beautiful cities of TRNC. Drawing attention to the fact that it is one of the most highly built-up cities, he said that with the recreation area, a breathing place will be created for the people of Girne.

The Minister stated that Mayor Güngördü signed the protocol with the Forestry Department in order to support the work they carried out to create a walking area, social area and be in touch with nature.
He stated that children will develop in a better way in the recreation area, and they will get to know nature, and adults can breathe.

Minister Çavuşoğlu expressed that they will continue their support in this direction, wishing that this green area will set an example for other places and added "I believe that it will be a green area that will suit Girne,"

Source (Turkish) : Girne Municipality



Poets Corner



Poem by Nick Vye - Sanctuary

Between the Lines

If you could read between the lines,
What do you think it would say,
Can you tell what's on my mind,
Or what I'm thinking today,

If you could read between the lines,
Do you think you'll know me for sure,
Or would you still be so blind,
When there is so much more,

If you could read between the lines,
Would you ever know, where I'm at,
Dig deep and see what you find,
I'm not just an old artefact,

If you could read between the lines,
You'll see I'm not from this place,
I'm just one of a different kind,
Where there's peace and love among my race,

If you could read between the lines,
And look deep into my eyes,
I'm from another space and times,
Coming here to live and die...





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CyprusScene Podcast:

Turkish Cypriots should not partner Greek Cypriots

As reported by the TRNC Public Information Office, "Ertuğruloğlu: Turkish Cypriots should not partner Greek Cypriots" and this statement can be heard in this posting.



https://open.spotify.com/episode/6EqZee2pDnl5T4dEXYCxlZ

CyprusScene Podcast:

Famagusta Shelter (FARC) needs urgent help

The Famagusta Shelter (FARC) needs urgent help for puppies so we ask those that can to reach out and do what they can and anyone wanting to donate please call Sarah on 0533 832 0174.



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CyprusScene Podcast:

Erenköy convoy blocked by Greek Cypriots

As reported by the TRNC Public Information Office, the Convoy for supplies to Erenköy was blocked by the Greek Cypriot side and this can be heard in this posting.

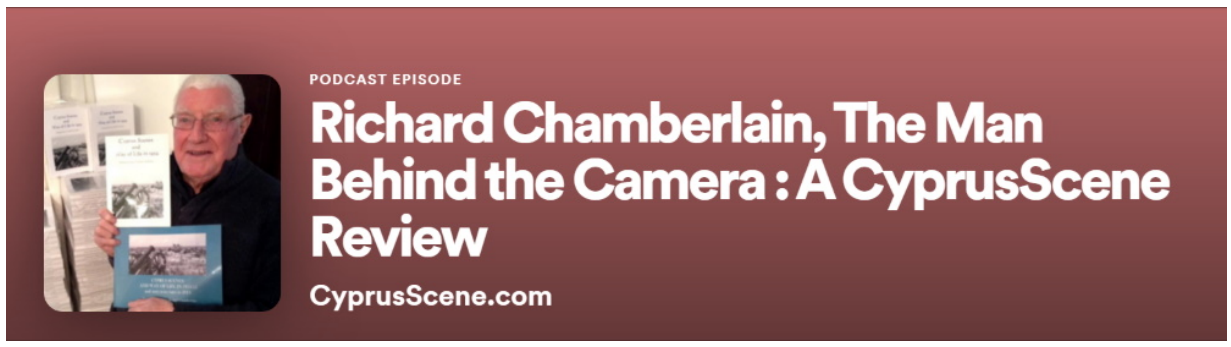


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In this CyprusScene interview, The Man Behind the Camera, Richard Chamberlain talks about his life and how he came to take up photography and continue whilst in Cyprus as a soldier and then publishing books of his photos many years later.



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Hope 4 Pets - News Update

We are having a few problems getting pics of **Precious Pirate** with her eyes open who is looking for her forever home. She is either asleep or just can't be bothered with the drama and limelight.
Born 26.12.20 she will have her primary vacs, worming and flea/tick treatments. Her Mum was poisoned when she was just a few weeks old and all her other 8 siblings are homed now. She is making little effort to promote herself but be assured she is a little lady in waiting for the right home x
Please pm me for further details if you want to walk the plank and home this gorgeous girl.



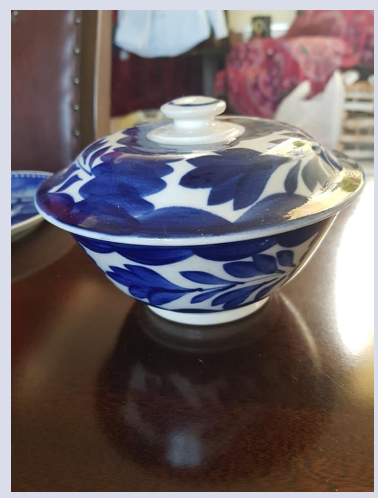

Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 2nd March - Update
Pirate now homed with her sister Forever Andi with the lovely Rachel Elizabeth Kirkham. Oh happy days. All 9 pups from this litter are now homed.
Rest Peacefully Mum, I am so sorry that you were poisoned but know all your babies will now be safe forever more.

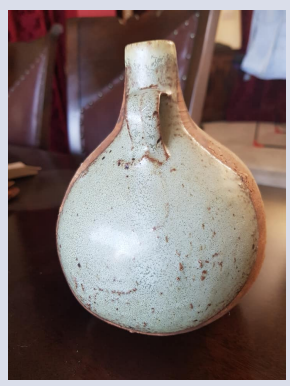
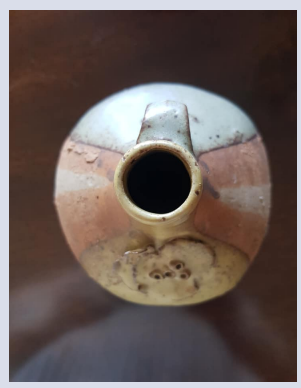
Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 7th March

Antique glazed pot lid and from Leadless Glaze. Crackle glazed due to age. Plate small chip on rim.
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Buyer to collect from Bellapais. 0533 845 0640

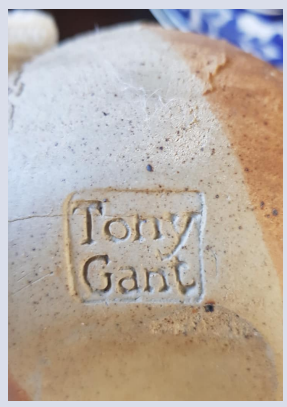
Pair of Antique Silver small candle holders with wooden bases. (Unpolished) £50 for the pair
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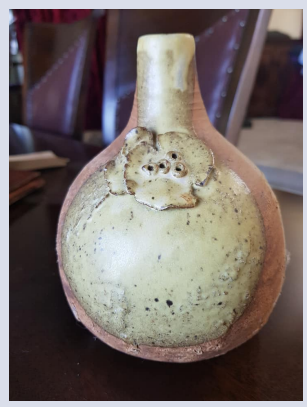
Tony Gant collector piece. Valued at £65. Will accept £55. Buyer to collect from Bellapais 0533 845 06 40







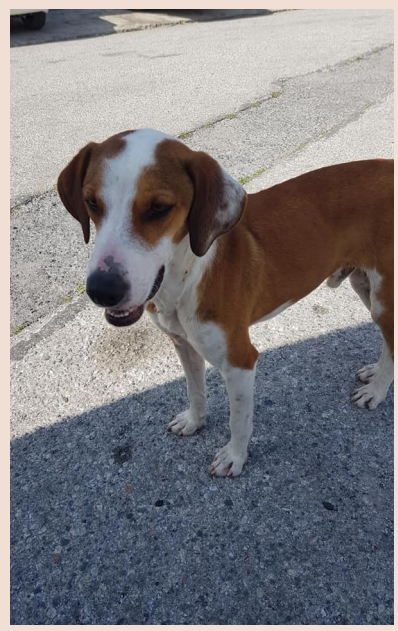




Hope 4 Pets - News Update

Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 8th March

At Ercan airport today and saw this beautiful gentle friendly young lad. He was thin and covered in ticks.
Bill Harrison-Croft and I travelled to get a supply of flea and tick treatments, worming and food for him in haste (on the way back I jammed on the brakes to the dismay of other passing drivers, as a poor pup was hovering in fields approaching the airport. Despite all my best efforts the thin and frightened dog ran far faster than I could hope to do so in the opposite direction. I left food but I could do no more).





We dispensed the first dog's veterinary needs and left a good supply of food for him with Ismail a cargo worker who was very appreciative of our efforts. He asked for more vet treatments for another dog there which we didn't see but we had no more. I called Hasan Aligullu from ALG Logistics and he kindly agreed to help with the other dog's treatments. Thank you Hasan
He was so happy to have some human contact but his eyes filled with sadness when we had to leave.

If there is anyone who could see it in their heart to give him a home then please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you xxx

Elizabeth Stowell - 28th February
THE DRAW FOR THE HOPE 4 PETS NAME THE DOG SCRATCH CARD WAS DRAWN TODAY, THE LUCKY WINNERS ARE:-
1ST PRIZE - HAZEL - Heather B
2ND PRIZE - DYLAN - Peter Kirtley





RUSUK ask - What did my father teach me that's wrong?



What did my father teach me that's wrong?

I liked my dad: he was a kind man though I didn't seen him much in my childhood: he was constantly at work. He was working for the government, being busy all the time. So I missed lots of things that every boy would've dreamt of such as going to sports events, hiking, etc. Basically, he was absent almost each Saturday and sometimes, though rare, on Sundays, too.

But there were bright moments, too. Back in 1983 we went together on a vacation to the Ukraine, spending about two weeks at a local resort by the Dnieper river. It was wonderful: we'd spend our evenings watching TV – I remember the San Remo music festival with all those Italian pop stars being so popular in the USSR.

He was a good and gentle man, a bit old-fashioned, his professional devotion showing me what can be achieved by hard work by a guy from a Russian village. We'd also argue countless times over politics: he was supporting the Soviet regime, dying out in the early 90s, I, of course, was totally opposing it. Yep, he grew up during the best time of the Soviet Union, I grew up in the 80s when the country started to collapse and that's a huge difference.

I can't remember a thing that he had taught me that was wrong. He was a very positive person by nature. I've never seen him drinking too much, for instance.

But there's one thing he'd shown me by his life: he was almost always absent and I felt like I was growing up without a father. I missed lots of going outs with him that other boys didn't. This was a bad lesson from him.

Now, being a father myself, I understand this lesson and will do my best to be there with my own kids.

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What did my father teach me that's wrong?

Not a lot; on the contrary, as someone who had his country invaded by the Nazis, he showed me a positive work ethic that stayed with me right up to retirement. Despite having to start again, living in a foreign country to that of his birth, I think he missed three days' work in his entire career; damn that appendix removal, it could have been a clean sweep! That he and mum successfully brought up three boys with the start they had was nothing short of miraculous. I have never forgotten this.

However, it came with some crap, none of which really mattered too much. For some reason, he taught me that it was dangerous to drink water after consuming cucumber. Even more bizarrely, I wasn't allowed to have a cold drink after coming in sweating following a football match. Again, it was bad for me….in fact, cold drinks with hot food was very much frowned upon in our house. I've just spoken to my big brother Henry to check that my memory was correct, and he confirmed it all. He reckons the theory was that a cold drink would cause hot food to congeal in the stomach.

Too many eggs were not good for young boys, and sitting too close to the television would seriously affect your eyesight. I wonder whether that last one is still used today?

He also threatened me that if I missed church, I would go to hell. Actually, that wasn't really him, but his bloody religion.

All in all, there is nothing important over which I was misdirected. I hope my kids think the same of me in times to come.

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Dnieper River



continued.... What did my father teach me that's wrong?



What did my father teach me that's wrong?

In many ways, we are a reflection of the times in which we live. Is it right to feed innocent people to lions? Today that would be felony murder but the Romans would consider it great entertainment. A lovely afternoon down at the Coliseum with the kids.

Turns out that morals are rather elastic and subject to change. I have on leather shoes right now. Perhaps someday I'll be judged a barbarian for wearing dead animal skins on my feet. Maybe a hundred years from now people will wonder if the house stunk of rotting animal flesh.

Of course, no reason to look out one-hundred years to see how morals have changed. One of my earliest memories as a child was my Mother singing a sweet nursery rhyme to me: Eeny, Meeny, Miny, Moe, catch a nigger by the toe… If he hollers, let him go.

Yes really, one of my earliest childhood memories. I would guess I was maybe four and I had no idea what I was actually hearing.

I also remember as a child the family had a blue station wagon with wood-grained plastic sticker paneling. Once we went to an Orange processing plant (this was in Florida) to buy directly from the place. It was a metal building with no sides, a roof with equipment and long, green slides; the oranges seemed to know where they were going. Maybe ten people worked there.

The manager looked at the back of our car and happened to see a bumper sticker that said WALLACE. George Wallace, the racist Governor of Alabama was running for president. My parents got a free crate of Oranges.

From all this, you would assume that my Father was a racist; no, I don't think so. I can't recall him ever talking about hating anybody because of their skin color. Yeah, that sounds weird to me too but perhaps it is more about being in a certain place and time than having hatred for others.

Maybe I should give you an example; I mentioned George Wallace a minute ago. He died a civil rights activist. Later in life he became a crusader for equality and I was always impressed that black folks embraced him. 1950's he was one guy and by the 1980's he grew into someone different.



I read that about one in ten couples are of mixed ethnicity in the US today. If that's true, then in a single lifetime, mine, the nation went from racist nursery rhymes to interracial dating. I'm quite sure my Father would have been appalled by the Black Lives Matter movement. I'm equally sure he would have been appalled by the Trumpsters killing a Police Officer in the Capitol, while waving Blue Lives Matter flags. Hey, don't ask me.

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St Andrew's Church, Passiontide Magazine

For those followers of St Andrew's Church, Kyrenia, we are pleased to share with you their Passiontide magazine which is so full of information.

Due to the recent Government announcement regarding the holding of religious services, the church is closed until further notice.

When church services are able to recommence there will be an announcement on the St Andrew's Church website.

Given the current and constantly changing situation, Thursday Morning Praise will revert once more to the E-Service version only.

For any further information or updates as the situation changes please see the church website or contact the Church Wardens.

Below is a link to an on-line Sunday service from St Helena's Church, Larnaca, Cyprus.
Should south Cyprus be in lockdown, St Paul's Cathedral church will be providing a zoom service, details on the link shown below.

Just a note to say that Pat Etherington is having a rest from her letters. She is in the midst of moving to a new home this month.

In this latest magazine the are many other interesting articles from around the world to keep you fascinated and entertained.



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Famagusta Shelter (FARC) needs urgent help for puppies

Introduction by Margaret Sheard ....

These are very difficult times for street animals, shelter animals and those who do their best to care for them. With the lockdowns / curfews it has resulted in the food chain being very much reduced.

We have had a plea for help from the Famagusta Shelter for food for their huge number of puppies. If anyone can help please contact Sarah Jane Purcell or make a donation at the Shelter.

Readers Mail....
From Sarah Jane Purcell ....

"I wondered if you could help us at the Famagusta shelter in regards to a shout out for puppy food please... we have been inundated with so many puppies this year that we simply have not got enough food to feed them.

Donations have been coming in from 2-3 people but with a massive population here I feel it could be more. We have over 70 pups now and most without mums. Even bags of rice can help us as this bulks the puppies up when they are so sick and tiny.

I feel that with corona and the rules and regulations it's made it so much worse than usual due to people buying from pet shops and then dumping the dogs to get pregnant. In all my years at the shelter (8 years) this is the most we have had at one time.

We so desperately need help to get puppy biscuits and rice, even cans of wet food we can mix with the food to make it go further. Any help with food will be most welcome."

Editor's Note :
Anyone wanting to donate please call Sarah on 0533 832 0174













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Girne Municipality has led the way in combating COVID-19

Girne Municipality, which has been actively working alongside the municipality police and healthcare professionals in the field in respect of the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic which was discovered on 10th March 2020 for the first time in the country, continues its work without slowing down.

According to the information given by the Girne Municipality, three people were supported for the surgery expenses during this period, while 120 people over the age of 65 were taken from their homes every month for medical treatment .

With the onset of winter, 15 people who were left homeless due to economic hardship were provided with temporary accommodation. To date, 15,000 food packages and 53 computer tablets have been distributed with the support of business people in the region.

Necessary precautions were taken during the disinfection of trucks and ferries at the Girne Tourism Port in the first period due to the busy period. All public workplaces that were decided to open after the closure were also disinfected by the municipal teams.

In cooperation with the Ministry of Health, Leymosun Culture House PCR Center, which belongs to the Girne Municipality, continues to serve as does the Girne Social Life Center as a Vaccine Center.

In this process, the Health Branch and Social Affairs Branch within the municipality were reinforced with many staff working in different departments of the municipality. In addition, the sewing workshop for mask making was activated to distribute to the municipality's own staff.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü stated that humanity is experiencing a process that is unexpected and unfamiliar, and that the whole world is involved in the fight against the pandemic, and that the municipalities have a great responsibility in this process.

Güngördü said, "The ongoing PCR tests in our region are an important opportunity for all of us. We should take advantage of this opportunity to avoid a possible problem. Vaccine is also of great importance. We also support vaccination as much as we can. In this one-year period, combating the pandemic has had a financial affect on the municipalities. Other investments in the program of our municipality have almost ceased and health has been our priority. The fact that hotels, casinos and many businesses were closed caused a serious decrease in our municipal revenues. Despite this, we will overcome the difficult process together and by following the rules. I hope our life will return to normal in a short time."

Source (Turkish) Girne Municipality





Girne Municipality refurbishments in the Girne Yukari district

Girne Municipality carried out road block paving, exterior repair and painting work in Şair Nedim Street, Meli Street and Kamil Paşa Street in the Upper Girne District within the refurbishment program.

According to the information given by the Girne Municipality, the study area is a protection zone and in this context, 1800 m2 of block paving was made in accordance with the surroundings, at the same time, the exterior repair and painting work of the houses was carried out in the region by the Girne Municipality Public Works Department. It was also informed that a landscape study in respect of the project will be initiated.

In his speech on the subject, Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü stated that efforts are being made to preserve our historical buildings and emphasised the importance of these structures to be available to future generations. Pointing out that the region of the Upper Girne District has buildings that should be protected in terms of culture, Güngördü noted that they have carried out the necessary work within the bounds of possibility.

Source (Turkish) Girne Municipality







Tims Café and Bar, Ozankoy and friends donate food parcels

Life in North Cyprus has been very difficult due to Covid-19 lockdowns and businesses have had to close and people stay in their homes so it is very refreshing to hear of people working together when they can, to help others and we are pleased to share with you news from Sandra Brennan at Tims Café and Bar in Ozankoy.

" Recently we were contacted by Hüseyin Kayışkanat from the charity Çağdaş Ayyıldız Derneği asking for help with food parcels for the hungry in Ozanköy and Catalköy. Well here at Tim's/33 we only need asking once!

Together with donations from Barry Osman, Vernon and Jackie Attwell and David and Pat James, we went shopping and, as you can see, managed to buy quite a few food parcels.

Each parcel costs approximately 150TL and we're asking for your help! If any of you would like to donate either money or food to help these poor families please let me know by calling 0548 844 9256 or messaging me."

So that was the start of community action and cooperation by a group of kind people who wanted to help others which have been most successful as we learned from Sandra.

" As you're all aware we haven't been able to open Tim's Café and Bar (apart from takeaways) for quite some time but that doesn't mean that we haven't been busy!

Here at Tim's we appreciate not only the beauty of where we live but also the acceptance of our local friends into their community. So, what better way to show our appreciation than to help support less fortunate families during the lockdown. With your extremely generous donations we managed to raise over 35,000TL in just two short weeks!! This enabled us to pay for over 230 food parcels to help these struggling families.

And, it doesn't stop there! Your very kind donations of clothing, care essentials, toys and furniture were delivered to the Lefkosa women's refuge together with 1,180tl from our collection box!

We would like to thank every single one of you including Ledi Supermarket who have helped us on this albeit short but very important journey! To all of us it really does mean the World!! "









Girne food inspections and Covid-19 controls 25 Feb to 09 March

Girne Municipality Inspected in total 678 enterprises, with hygiene and Covid-19 Measures between 25 February and 09 March 2021, and 3 workplaces were closed.

In the information received from Girne Municipality, it was stated that a total of 678 workplaces were inspected in the audits carried out by the Girne Municipality Health Branch and City Police Security Unit teams between February 25 and March 09, 2021.

Girne Municipality inspected health and hygiene controls in food-related businesses to ensure that the cleaning of the general work areas and the hygiene and Covid measures are implemented with the hygiene measures and food safety elements of the working personnel being increased. In addition to the warnings given to enterprises to eliminate any detected non-conformities, in the detection of situations that endanger human health in the enterprise, closing penalties were imposed on the business.

Within the scope of the audits, 30 workplaces were notified of their deficiencies, 3 workplaces were sealed, 2 workplaces were not obeying the Covid-19 rules; a workplace was fined for not working in accordance with hygiene rules. 30 businesses with deficiencies were warned in writing, while 5 businesses were notified of a temporary closure, and 8 kilos of meat products not suitable for human consumption were seized from one business for disposal.

In these inspections carried out with the coordinated work of the Girne Municipality Health Department and the Zabita Police Department, the teams that make the necessary warnings in the first place impose various sanctions, including warning and closing the workplaces that do not comply.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü in a statement on the subject drew attention to the fact that the inspections, which are increasingly continuing in these days when new measures continue, are of great importance in the control of the pandemic process. Güngördü pointed out that the purpose of the controls is to protect the health of both the people of the region and the whole of society.

Güngördü said that the intensive health and police controls carried out by the Girne Municipality provide a good motivation to our tradesmen to act in accordance with the rules, as well as ensuring the safety of the health of our entire society.

"Rules Must Be Followed For Public Health"

Pointing out that all the decisions taken by the Council of Ministers in order to properly manage the pressures created not only with health but also economic difficulties due to the pandemic, Güngördü stated that the rules are necessary for the success of the pandemic process.

Güngördü said, “In this critical period, stopping the activities of businesses that do not pay attention to the essential rules is again for the health of the society. In order to successfully survive these difficult days, both businesses and individuals should carefully follow the mask, social distance and hygiene rules."

Source (Turkish) Girne Municipality







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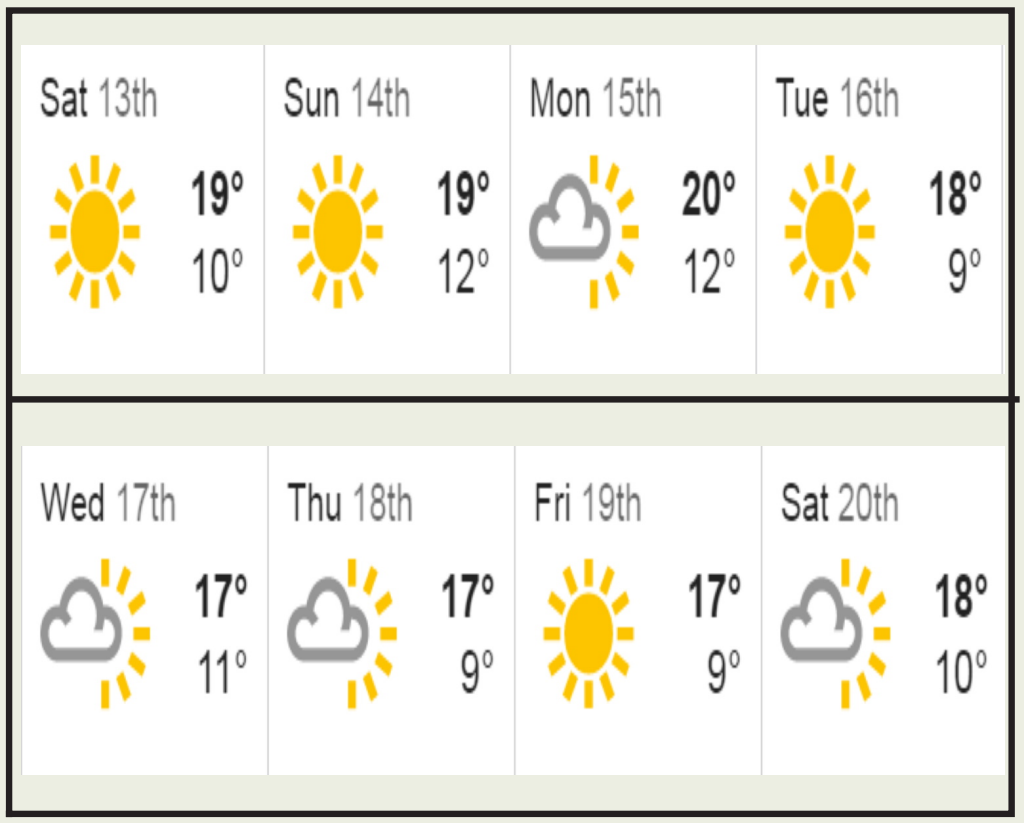
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