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Ministry of Foreign Affairs protest appointment of UN BMBG Commander

TRNC MINISTRY'S STATEMENT

The UN statement on the appointment of Norwegian Major General Ingrid Gjerde to the United Nations Peace Force (BMBG) Force Command on 24th March 2021 was met with disappointment.

It is unacceptable not to consult with the authorities of our country and not obtain our consent prior to the appointment of the BMBG Commander. Despite all our warnings during the attempts of our Ministry and New York Representation before the UN officials during the process prior to the appointment of the Force Commander, we regret that the UN announced the issue through a press release, contrary to the practices and working principles that have been formed for many years.

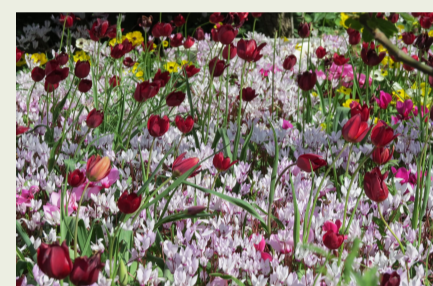
The success of BMBG's work is through cooperation with the TRNC. If a cooperation is expected, it is essential to obtain the consent of our authorities for the appointment in question and in other cases concerning our country.

Especially on the eve of the 5+UN informal meeting, we emphasise that the UN should avoid actions that could damage the delicate balance between the two sides.

Our concern and opinion regarding the said appointment has been conveyed to UN officials.

Source: (Turkish): TRNC Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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COVID-19 GÜNLÜK TABLO

COVID-19 DAILY CHART

Bugün Yapılan Test Sayısı Test Conducted Today	6991
Bugün Saptanan Pozitif Vaka Sayısı Positive Cases Confirmed Today	33
Ülke Dışından Gelen Vaka Sayısı Positive Cases From Abroad	3
Karantinada Pozitifleşen Temaslı Vaka Sayısı Contact Cases That Became Positive In Quarantine	7
Bugün Saptanan Yerel Vaka Sayısı Positive Local Cases Confirmed Today	23
İyileşip Bugün Taburcu Edilen Hasta Sayısı Patients Recovered Today	31
Bugün Kaybedilen Hasta Daily Deaths	-

COVID-19 GENEL DURUM

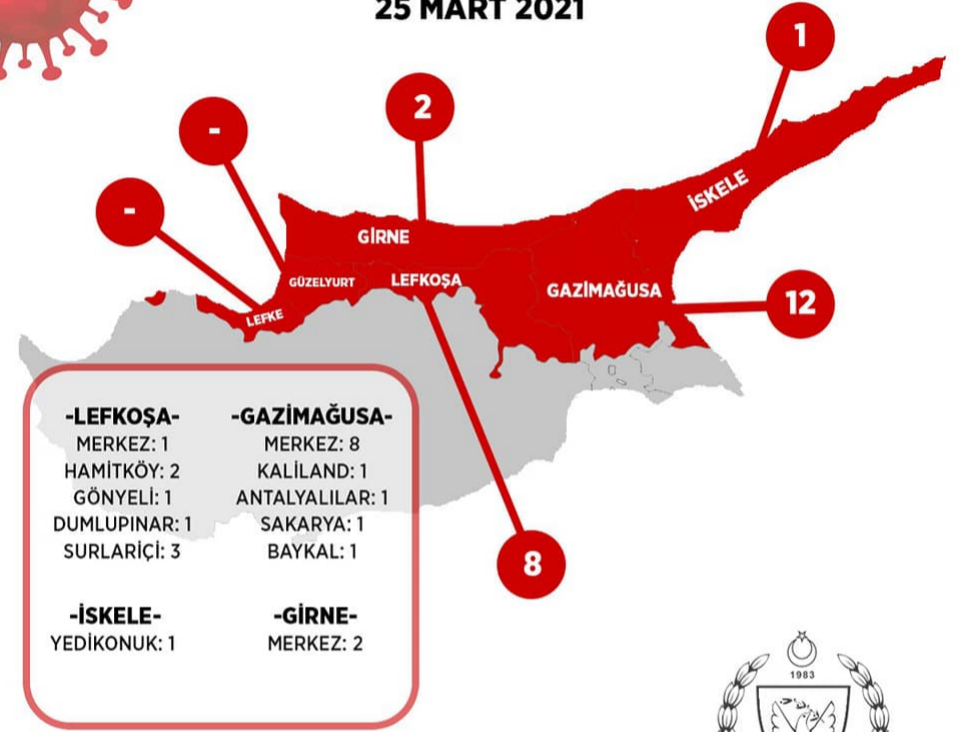
COVID-19 GENERAL SITUATION

Yapılan Toplam Test Sayısı Tests Conducted in Total	704,361
Toplam Vaka Sayısı Positive Cases Confirmed in Total	4211
İyileşip Toplam Taburcu Edilen Hasta Sayısı Patients Recovered and Discharged in Total	3754
Tedavisi Devam Eden Vaka Sayısı Patients Receiving Treatment	433
Pandemi Merkezindeki Hasta Sayısı Patients Receiving Treatment in Pandemic Center	70
Pandemi Otellerinde Takip Edilen Vaka Sayısı Cases Receiving Follow Up at Pandemic Hotels	359
Toplam Kaybedilen Hasta Sayısı Deaths in Total	24
Yoğun Bakımda Yatan Hasta Sayısı Patients in Intensive Care	4



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25 MART 2021



KARANTİNADA POZİTİFLEŞEN TEMASLI VAKA: 7

YURTDIŞINDAN GELEN VAKA: 3



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Don't forget - Clocks go forward on 28th March 2021

Daylight saving starts on Sunday 28th March, so don't forget to put your clocks forward one hour.

We can then look forward to more light in the evening



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Mayor Güngördü's message on Down Syndrome Day

21st March was Down Syndrome Awareness Day and a day where efforts in this area are concentrated, what can be done is discussed and these measures are implemented.

In 2011, the 21st March was declared as World Down Syndrome Awareness Day by the United Nations in order to raise awareness in society.

Down Syndrome is not a disease that needs to be treated, but a genetic difference. It should be known by everyone that these persons have their own interests and abilities and that they can develop these abilities if desired.

With these feelings and thoughts, I congratulate the 21st of March, World Day Down Syndrome, and I embrace all my brothers and sisters who are very happy to make a difference and be among us.

Source (Turkish) Girne Municipality



Güngördü & İzmir Karşıyaka Municipality Mayor Tugay met online

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü, and İzmir Karşıyaka Mayor Dr. Cemil Tugay met online and had a Zoom discussion.

According to the information given by the Girne Municipality, it

was stated that the works on cultural cooperation between the two cities will continue in the meeting held online via the Zoom link on the digital platform. It was informed that for the upcoming April 23rd, as in previous years,

they agreed on the will to bring the children of the two cities together with an event organised in cooperation by the two sister municipalities.

Due to the pandemic process, it was stated that a decision was made to organise the event this year with a nostalgic event where the children who were hosted by the families in İzmir, Karşıyaka in the past years will meet online with the same families.

It was also stated that according to the course of the pandemic process, it was planned to organise Girne Promotion Days in İzmir Karşıyaka, then İzmir Karşıyaka promotion days would be planned in Girne and the cooperation between the two cities would gain a new dimension both culturally and commercially.

It was stated that the two municipalities will complete their

technical studies and hold a large-scale meeting in May.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü stated that the ongoing cooperation with İzmir Karşıyaka Municipality will continue not only in the field of culture and arts but also in commercial cooperation.

Güngördü emphasised the importance of establishing good relations with sister municipalities and stated that the Municipality of Girne has carried out the necessary work in this context.

Source (Turkish) Girne Municipality



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Tatar: "It is unacceptable to isolate Turkish Cypriot youth"

President Tatar: "It is unacceptable to isolate Turkish Cypriot youth from the world with embargoes"

President Ersin Tatar attended the 2021 Black Belt Diploma ceremony held on the 44th anniversary of the TRNC Taekwondo, Judo, Karate and Aikido, Hapkido, Kungfu, Kuraş, Wushu Federation, and presented diplomas to the athletes.

Tatar said, "As the TRNC, we proclaim the just struggle of the people here and the achievements of our youth." In his speech, President Tatar strongly condemned the isolation imposed

on the Turkish Cypriot people and youth and appreciated the achievements of the athletes.

President Tatar heartily congratulated the federation for waving the TRNC flag all over the world and the successful youth who worked relentlessly despite the embargoes. Emphasising that it is unacceptable to isolate the Turkish Cypriot youth from the world with embargoes, Tatar stated that he will continue to appeal to the world that the Turkish Cypriot youth and athletes cannot be prevented from integrating with the world through embargoes.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



Minister Çavuşoğlu made evaluations to journalists in Brussels

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu stated that the EU wants to join 5+UN meeting to be held in Geneva in April as observers, and he added that it is an informal meeting, but the EU could attend as observers when the negotiations start.

Çavuşoğlu met with Turkish journalists following the NATO Foreign Ministers Meeting in Brussels, Belgium.

Giving information about his contacts in Brussels, Çavuşoğlu said that he first met with EU Foreign Relations and Security Policy High Representative Josep Borrell and conveyed his expectation on future steps such as the Eastern Mediterranean Conference.

Reminding that he had bilateral meetings with Foreign Ministers of Montenegro, France, UK, USA

and the Netherlands, and met with the US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, Çavuşoğlu stated that they discussed issues such as Syria, Libya, Afghanistan, Cyprus and the Eastern Mediterranean as well as bilateral relations.

Calling on the EU to keep its promises, Çavuşoğlu said that Turkey has kept its promises, but the EU has not fully kept its promises.

Regarding the importance of the sharing rights of the natural resources in the Eastern Mediterranean, Minister Çavuşoğlu said that Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan proposed to the EU to hold a joint Eastern Mediterranean conference including all Mediterranean countries which have companies in the Eastern Mediterranean but the EU has not responded as yet.

Adding that the participation of Cyprus seems to be a problem, Çavuşoğlu said "Since fair sharing will be discussed, we said that either both sides from Cyprus or neither of them should participate".

Furthermore, pointing out that they have spent efforts for a permanent solution in Cyprus, Çavuşoğlu said that the EU wants to participate in the 5+UN meeting as an observer but this will be an unofficial meeting so the EU can only participate as observers when the negotiations start.

Source :
TRNC Public Information
Office



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President Tatar received Sharma and Lillie

President Ersin Tatar received the UK Foreign Office Senior Official Ajay Sharma and British High Commissioner to Cyprus Stephen Lillie.

According to the written statement made by the Presidency, in his speech during the visit Sharma stated that they made this visit yesterday (23rd March) to obtain information about the preparations of the Turkish Cypriot side regarding the meeting to be held in Geneva on 27-29 April 2021, and that they held talks on the Greek Cypriot side on the previous day (22/03/21).

President Tatar said that the Turkish Cypriot side is preparing

themselves for the informal meeting intensively and constructively and, within this framework, he continues his internal and external consultations.

In his statement, Tatar explained to the UK officials that sustainable peace, stability, and cooperation on the island of Cyprus and the region can only be possible with a compromise that can be found on the basis of sovereign equality and equal international status of the two states. He also underlined that all parties expressed that the current status quo is not acceptable and sustainable and that the existence of two states on the island of Cyprus is an undeniable reality and that stability and

cooperation can only be possible with the acceptance of this reality.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



Güngördü attended Council of Europe sub committee meeting online

Girne Municipality, which is represented at the Council of Europe Local and Regional Authorities Congress Administrative Affairs Committee meetings, participated in the 40th session and Administrative Committee meeting of the Council of Europe Local and Regional Authorities Congress held online on 23-24 March.

In the meeting held online due to the global epidemic, Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü, Cyprus Turkish Municipalities Union and Güzelyurt Mayor Mahmut Özçınar and the General Coordinator of the Union of Municipalities and Secretary of the International Delegation Hüseyin Köle were also present.

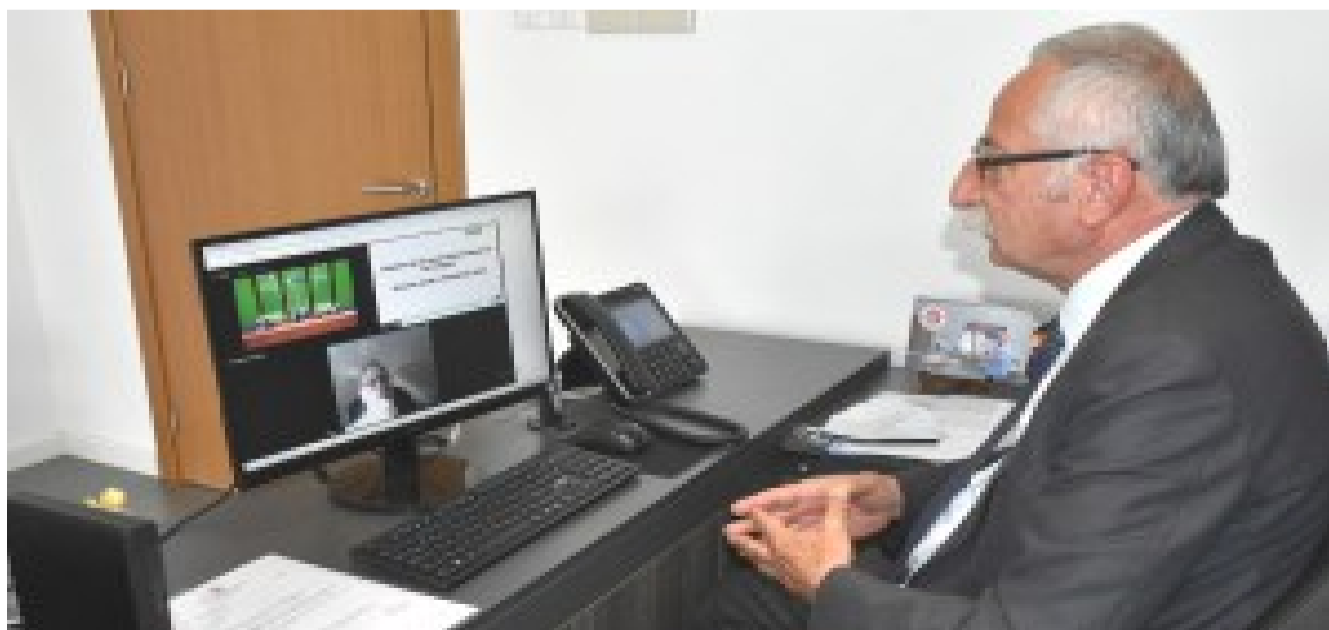
During the meeting the new President and Committee chairs of the Council of Europe's Congress of Local and Regional Authorities were determined, together with the global effects and combat of the Covid-19 pandemic, strengthening local governments, what to do for a strong Europe and the goals of the new era.

Leendert Verbeek was elected President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü wished Verbeek's Council Presidency to be beneficial and successful.

Noting that they are very excited to be represented in the Administrative Committee of the Council of Europe Local and Regional Authorities Congress, Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü said that they aim to continue their representation physically, and wishing the pandemic to come to an end in the near future.

Source (Turkish) Girne Municipality



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President Tatar visited Erenköy to commemorate martyrs

President Ersin Tatar visited Erenköy yesterday (21 March 2021) to commemorate Erenköy martyrs and 1,571 young plants were planted which represents the date of the conquest of Cyprus by the Ottoman Empire in 1571.

Arriving at Erenköy by sea, President Tatar visited the Erenköy Martyrdom and signed the martyrdom special book. Giving a speech at the Martyrdom, Tatar said that Turkish Cypriot people struggled for existence in Erenköy and the Erenköy resistance has the same importance as the Çanakkale War where Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and

fellow fighters struggled for existence. Stressing that many Turkish Cypriot students around the world and also from Anatolia interrupted their education and fought heroically in Erenköy, Tatar underlined that the Erenköy martyrs contributed support to the cause for the rights of the Turkish Cypriots.

Furthermore, stressing that thanks to the Erenköy resistance, a message was given to the world that there are two peoples in Cyprus who have the right to speak, Tatar pointed out that Turkey used its right of guarantee in 1974 to put into effect the

Peace Operation, so today, the Turkish Cypriot people continue to live in these territories under their sovereignty with the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Tatar also added that if an

agreement is desired in Cyprus, it should be based on two sovereign equal states.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



Erdoğan: ‘Realistic options for Cyprus issue should be discussed’

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan met with President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen and President of the European Council Charles Michel via videoconference.

The Presidency Communications Directorate made a statement

regarding the meeting and expressed that Turkey maintains and supports stability and cooperation in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Aegean despite the provocations and aggression of Athens and the Greek Cypriots.

Underlining that a formula for a solution must be found by the negotiations and dialogue, President Erdoğan said ‘Rather than dictating models proven to be ineffective to both sides on the island, realistic options for the Cyprus issue must be discussed.’ Also repeating his proposal for a

conference on the Eastern Mediterranean Erdoğan pointed out that the EU should not allow Athens and the Greek Cypriots to abuse the EU summit on the pretext of "union solidarity."

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



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Finland is the happiest country of the World



By Ahmet Abdulaziz

Finland has once again been declared as the happiest country of the world. This is not the first time that Finland has earned this distinction. It is the fourth time in a row that Finland has ended up on top of the world.

There are many other names in the overall list, as announced in the latest list of happy countries. Iceland, Denmark, Switzerland, Netherlands etc. following Finland. Obviously we all know very well that there are countries where on average people are happy and there are countries where on average people are not happy.

For example, Afghanistan, which ended up at the end of this list at 149th slot, where people in general are not happy. Of course, you cannot expect anybody to be happy in a country passing through an unending period of wars, and internal problems.

While going through the list, the first thing that came to mind was that it would have been better had this list been issued in reverse. So that the most unhappy country of the world would be top the list. In short, I am more interested in the countries where people are unhappy, rather than those where people are happy.

We all know that the whole world stands divided as wealthy and poor. There are countries divided on this basis and inside every country there are people divided in these two classes. These have also been further divided as “too wealthy” and “less wealthy”, countries and people. In the same way we have poor countries and “very poor countries”. The same is also with the people in general.

The problem is to analyse why some people and some countries are wealthy and some are not. Unfortunately, this is what has usually been ignored, mostly because it leads to some harsh realities of the world.

Such an analysis also brings to light what games some countries and some people play to accumulate wealth in the hands of some people and in some particular countries.

Unfortunately, if we try to start looking at things in this way, we will find that it's not a new story. For centuries, some people are using other people for their own benefit. For centuries, some nations constantly tried to transfer natural resources of one or more countries to their own country. For centuries, some countries find a way to cheat other countries, and get full benefit of the situation.

However, there are people in the world who are bound to be cheated and looted, just because they do not use their brain to understand the real reasons behind their being poor, for years and centuries. Most of them still do not understand the true reasons of their backwardness. Unfortunately, as long as they do not understand the situation, they will remain poor.

So the annual list of “happy countries” would continue to be published unless all human beings become equal, and we erase the lines called borders.



Photo by Paul Theodor Oja on Pexels.com

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KAR - News Update



23 MARCH - NATIONAL PUPPY AND CUDDLY KITTEN DAY

This follows on quite nicely from the fabulous video we posted yesterday of the puppies we have at the Rescue Centre playing with Elaine our Centre Manager. Aren't they just adorable? We never really need a reason to cuddle a puppy or a kitten but today is actually the National Puppy and Cuddly Kitten day so give your 4-legged baby an extra dose of cuddles on this very happy day!

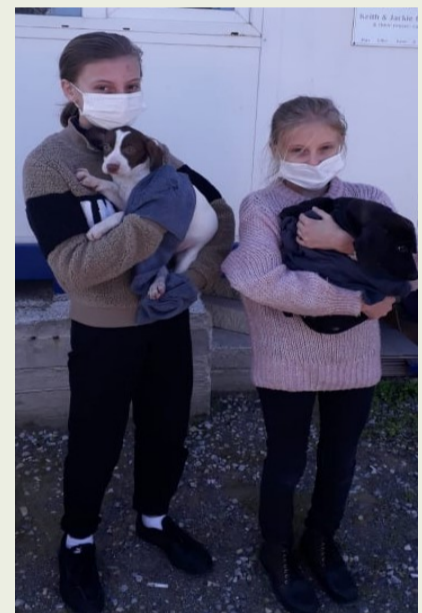
Some interesting facts about puppies:

- Puppies are born blind and deaf
- They spend 15–20 hours a day sleeping
- Puppies become 'adults' when they turn one
- They like when you sing-talk to them
- Puppies are born without teeth
- The number of puppies depends on the breed
- Puppies can be twins!
- Newborn puppies can't poop

Some interesting facts about kittens:

- Kittens are fragile and need help using the potty.
- Kittens are born with closed eyes.
- Kittens are born with blue eyes.
- Kittens have superior senses.
- Kittens see differently than humans.
- Kittens are super easy to potty train.
- Kittens knead.
- KITTENS CAN HAVE KITTENS!!!!**

So go on, give your furbabies that extra cuddle today!!



A number of the videos we have posted recently are of dogs that have lived at the centre for many years. The main reason for this is very simple - there are too many stray dogs and unwanted puppies in North Cyprus and not enough forever homes to go round. However, that does not mean that a dog who has spent most of its life at the rescue centre is institutionalised and won't settle into a home. We find that most dogs that are homed settle really well, it's almost like they are grateful to finally have a home of their own!

Here's Elaine our centre supervisor with **Evie**, who has been at the centre for 12 years but who spends many an evening relaxing by the fire. Please listen to what she has to say about homing a long-term centre resident (video on Facebook page), the video cuts off a bit at the end but what Elaine was going to say was that she is always on the end of a phone to help new owners if they have any concerns about their newly rescued four-legged friend.

So don't be put off about homing one of our beautiful dogs, it could be the best decision you have ever made!



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KAR - News Update



URGENT REQUEST FOR HELP PLEASE

KAR takes the health and well-being of the animals in the Rescue Centre very seriously. They are all neutered, micro-chipped and vaccinations are kept up to date. This keeps them healthy when they are with us and saves an expensive vet bills for the new owners when they are re-homed.

We have had a very large vet bill for vaccinations for some of the animals at the centre and, to be perfectly honest, we are going to struggle to pay it. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions on our charity shops and fund raising events, and the lack of tourists, we do not have the income we have previously had.

The bill is for **9,610 Turkish Lira** which is very nearly £900 sterling. Please could you help us by donating cash to our office/Gladrags in Karakum or either of our shops in Girne (Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm) or direct into our bank accounts as follows:

UK Bank Details:

HSBC Sort Code: 40-21-02
Account Number: 11364812
IBAN Number: GB94HBUK40210211364812
BIC Number: HBUKGB4131B

TRNC BANK DETAILS

CREDITWEST – Karaoglanoglu – GIRNE
Account Name: GIRNE HAYVANLARI KURTARMA
Sterling a/c – 37-301-0000000714
Turkish Lira a/c – 32-304-0000000056

We appreciate everyone is struggling in these uncertain times but no matter the size of your donation please be assured every penny/kurus will go towards the well-being of our centre animals.

It's puppy time! Meet **Milo, Milly & Macey** who were dumped at the centre a few weeks ago. As you can see, they are all very lively and just love to play. We're not sure what Milo thinks of his rather ill-fitting bow tie, but we're sure he didn't keep it on for long!! They have had their first vaccinations and as you can see, all 3 are in the peak of health!

If you are interested in offering one of them a home, then please e-mail our office - kartrnc@gmail.com - and they can arrange for you to meet them.

Please share for Milo, Milly & Macey as we really don't want them to spend their lives at the centre, despite the excellent care they get from the centre staff and volunteers.



Shaggy says Hello from a rather cold and windy rescue centre here in North Cyprus!

This lovely boy is 5 years old and was found in a car park in Girne when he was just a few weeks old. Shaggy is very friendly, he loves to go for walks and he gets on well with other dogs. Like all our dogs, he is neutered, microchipped and vaccinated.

If you have room in your life (or even your home!) for Shaggy then please let us know and we can arrange for you to meet him.

Please share for Shaggy (there's a bit of a tongue twister there!!) and let's find him his forever home.



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UK new trading deals threatened by human rights restrictions

By Chris Elliott...

Visiting and watching online, the UK Parliament shows extemporal social distancing as there are hardly any MPs in attendance there.

One of the items being discussed with a bit of fast footwork is to downplay the two-faced attitude of the EU over COVID-19 vaccination supplies.

What I found more interesting is the continued pressure being brought to restrict the UK government from making new trading deals with countries outside the EU who are guilty of human rights violations like China and many people would sympathise with that course of action.

If this policy would become law I wonder whether it could become a retrospective law, for as we all know the so-called Republic of Cyprus, which was allowed into the EU, have since then vetoed any efforts to help the Turkish Cypriots living in the North of the island under international embargoes.

That being the case there could be an argument that the UK was trading with a country guilty of human rights violations and that all trading should be ceased including commercial flights to and from the south of Cyprus to the UK.

No doubt the naysayers will protest that this action would be unjust victimisation and their will to have North Cyprus embargoed

is justified which is supported by the world community, the UK, UN, and EU who do not wish to accept the Truth of the Cyprus Issue.

Please have your say on this issue and perhaps the UK will finally live up to its responsibilities as

former Cyprus Colonial master and one of the guarantors of the Cyprus Independence agreement that failed in a short time and terror tactics and bloodletting by Greek Cypriots and Greeks against the Turkish Cypriots forced them into enclaves and eventually driving them all into the north of the island.



'Man behind the Camera' presents his books to Kyrenia Library

Richard Chamberlain was pleased and honoured to be able to present his books of old Cyprus photos taken in 1954 to the Kyrenia Library situated just behind the Kyrenia Post office.

Anyone visiting the Library and seeing his books will be able to learn how Cyprus was 65 years ago when the Island was united and at peace.

Richard was lucky enough to have been stationed at Famagusta, (now known as Varosha/Maras) and spent a lot of his off duty time in this once beautiful town/city.

He was able to photograph the town and the Cypriot people as they were then, and the photos have turned out to be a Modern Historical Record that many Cypriots and others do not know how things were then.

Especially now that the Varosha/Maras closed area is now being opened up after 45 years of no one being allowed in to see how the town was in those days.

Obviously, after all those years of neglect the town has fallen into disrepair, but it is very interesting to compare the photos in his book to how things look now.

The photo shows Richard presenting his books to Sheila Mawhinney



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Hikmet Uluçam's Garden in Lapta



By Heidi Trautmann
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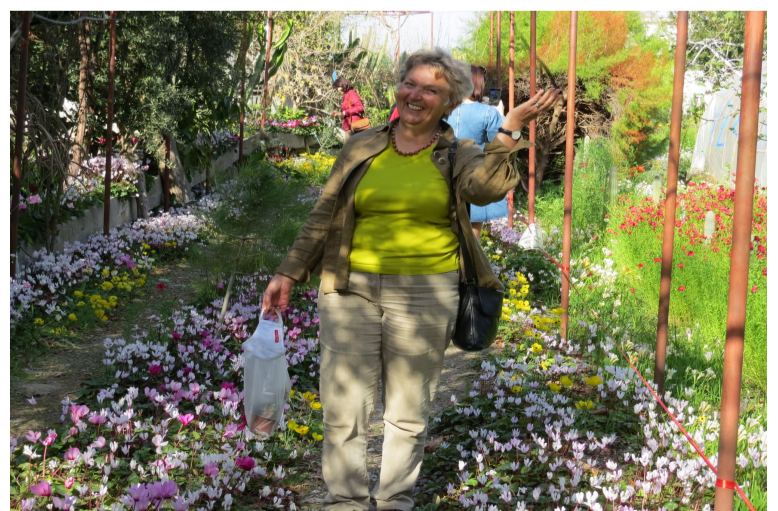
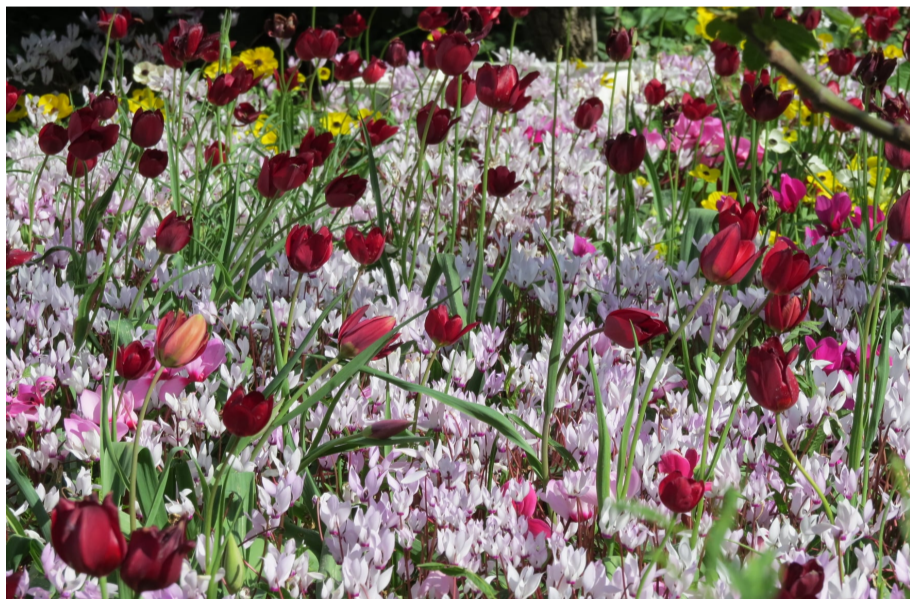
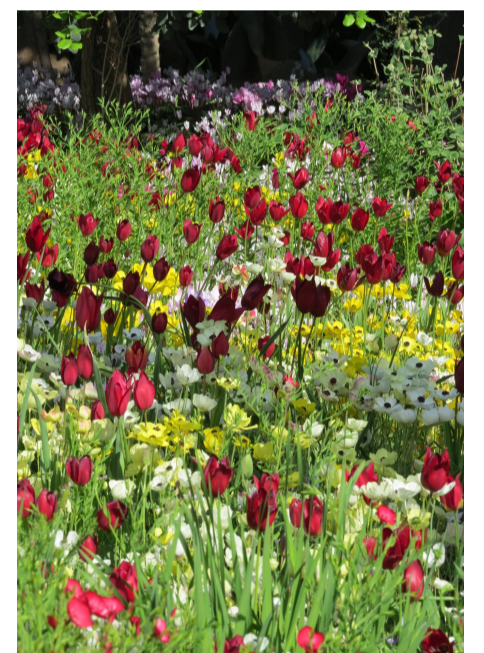
In 2019 I wrote about how deeply impressed I am every year how Hikmet Uluçam succeeds to keep his wonderland alive and how he surprises his visitors again and again with the stunning beauty of Cyprus's nature. Hikmet's Garden has become a place of pilgrimage over the years and nobody wants to miss it when Hikmet announces the doors open to his garden.

To read my article written in 2019 visit my website on the link shown and click on Cyprus Art News and then item No. 1048.

Today, Monday 22nd March, I came again together with the board members of ÇADER from Çatalköy. Hikmet has shown them around and explained the many plants he keeps growing and also new ones he has been researching.

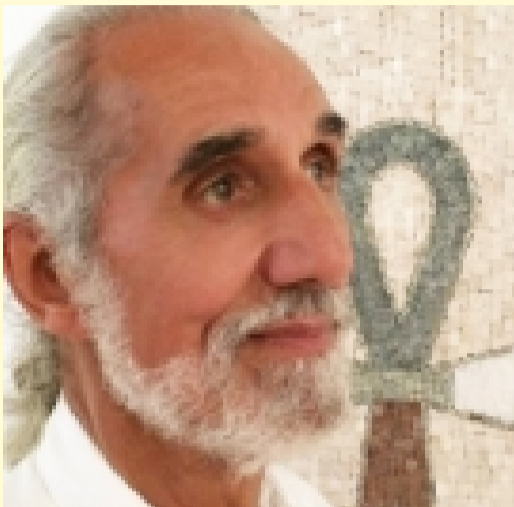
Some time ago, he started to grow proteas from seeds from South Africa and he showed us the bed with the baby proteas, it is not easy to grow them here but we'll see how they develop.

A big thank you to Hikmet for his love and dedication to keep this wonderland of his in order so we can refresh our minds and hearts every springtime.



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Poets Corner



Poem by Nick Vye - Sanctuary

I WANT TO BE

I want to be on a permanent high,
Look up and reach the sky,
I want to be with my head in the clouds,
Just to travel where you're not allowed,

I want to be open and totally free,
To know what is really truly me,
I want to be scoring my own goals,
Looking inwards to find my soul,

I want to be at heaven's gate,
Don't want to arrive and find I'm too late,
I want to be ready when I leave,
And see all those things I've already perceived,

I want to be, just like the dove,
Close to my God who is so full of love...



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CyprusScene - Podcast Page

CyprusScene Podcast:

Erenkoy, the Truth is Told! : A CyprusScene review.

A Podcast of a review based on an article we wrote with a video in 2013 about the failed siege of Erenkoy by the Greek Cypriots and Greeks in August 1964 when they were unable to sweep away the Turkish Cypriots and to this day the so-called Republic of Cyprus is trying to deny access to this village and have its memory buried forever...Will they never learn to accept the failings of the past and move forward by offering the hand of friendship and equality?

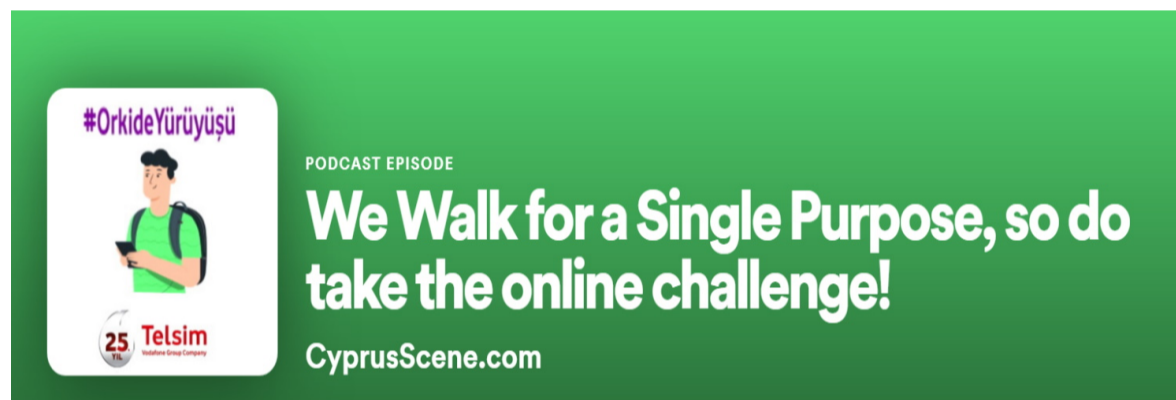


<https://open.spotify.com/episode/5aOa7LqjSBSjE7eSszaJyi>

CyprusScene Podcast:

We Walk for a Single Purpose: A CyprusScene review

Do take the online challenge for the 18th Orchid Walk and We Walk for a Single Purpose.



<https://open.spotify.com/episode/3hHBsQkC0qOoIBBMM1xfqK>

**When it comes to cancer,
we are always together whatever
the circumstances maybe.**



The Orchid Walk, which the Cancer Research Foundation (KAV) has organized every year for cancer awareness, will take place for the **18th** time this year but will run individually and virtually through social media.

Those who attend will be entered into a raffle and **10 walkers** will be given a smart bracelet (**Mi Band 5**).



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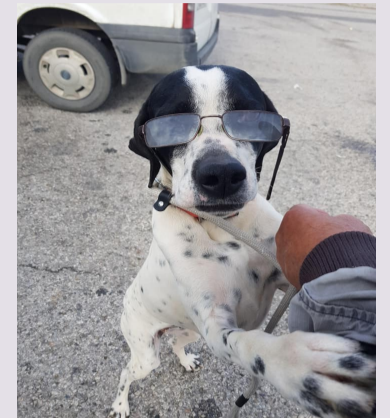


Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 16th March

What an emotional but happy start to the day it has been. Bill Harrison-Croft and I have just returned from Ercan airport after picking **Dottie** up from the kennels. She has lived there over a year now and has kindly been supported by the lovely **Sam Kitty Murray** throughout.

Dottie was always one of those for me personally who caught my eye with her beautiful gentle temperament and her good looks too. She is a rescue that I don't think Emma Eminsoy or I will forget in a hurry after we took her from a beach with a huge belly full of puppies and horrendous mastitis. Little does she know it but Dottie is now on her way to her new fantastic life with Kerry Jones in the UK.

Farewell beautiful. Have the most wonderful life ever. You so deserve it xx
Thanks go out to Hasan Aligullu from ALG Logistics for enabling the flights for her and to Joanna Bartholomew and her team at Petline kennels, Niyazi Çelebi, for looking after her so well for all this time xxx



Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 25th March

This poor poor Ginger Tom has been reported to us by Harvey Dunbar, who helps many cats, he has been trying to feed him but he is in a bad way. He has a severely horrible mouth infection and has lost an awful lot of weight. He is crying with the terrible pain he is in. His long and intensive treatment along with neutering will be roughly in the region of **1400 tl, £140**.

Would you please help us to help him by donating at any of the following links or by paying directly to Firdez Backlacı at Animates in the name of **Harvey**. Thank you.

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UPDATE.....THANK YOU To everyone who has donated. **We have now reached our goal** and YOU all will be making a huge difference to this lovely boy's life X

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Hope 4 Pets - News Update



URGENT. This cat has been collected by Sylvia Austin and Jules Hall. He has a severe leg infection and needs a month's treatment and hospitalisation. He is quite feral so he does need to be confined. The urgency is we need I500 tl (£150) to make this possible for him and get him neutered during his stay!!

Please donate on the following links or directly to Tunç Öncan in the name of "Lapta".
Thank you

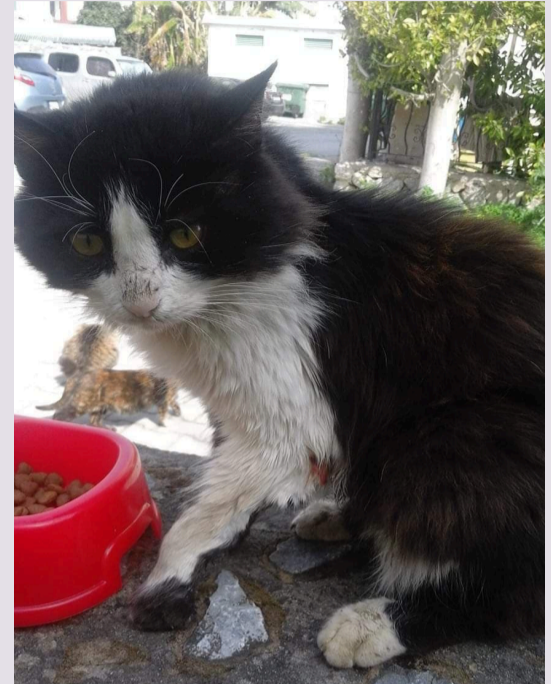
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Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 11th March

This is Nessa.

She was born October 8th 2019 after Hope4Pets rescued her heavily pregnant Mum from a beach.

She has been in kennels quite some time now and has kindly been sponsored by Sam Kitty Murray but needs her own home. She is fully travel prepped, Lishmania negative and could be homed in the UK.

She is gentle and loving and quickly adapts to new people but being in kennels for so long she has not run free in a field, nor sat on a sofa etc so she would need a little time to adapt into a new home.

She is good with other dogs and is spayed.

Please pm if you are interested in giving her a home here in the TRNC or in the UK.



Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 11th March

This is Baxter.

He was born October 9th 2019 after Hope4Pets rescued his heavily pregnant Mum from a beach.

He has been in kennels quite sometime now and has kindly been sponsored by Sam Kitty Murray but needs his own home.

He is fully travel prepped and could be homed in the UK.

He loves toys, tree branches, he needs to play. He quickly adapts to new people but being in kennels for so long he has not run free in a field, nor sat on a sofa etc so he would need a little time to adapt into a new home.

He is good with other dogs and neutered.

Please pm if you are interested in giving him a home here in the TRNC or in the UK.

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BRS News : March COVID-19 Restrictions Update

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 Updates

THIS UPDATE CONTAINS INFORMATION REGARDING LOCKDOWN/CURFEW, RETURNING TO THE TRNC AND THE NEW ONLINE VACCINATION PROGRAM

CHANGES TO CURFEW/ LOCKDOWN

PLEASE REMEMBER

A partial curfew, except to meet essential needs remains in place between

9pm Saturday 20th March and 5am Monday 22nd March.

This has now been extended until Monday 29th March.

The night-time curfew remains between 9pm and 5am - Monday to Saturday.

All businesses and activities, except for pharmacies, petrol stations, bakeries (production only) livestock, and related enterprises will continue to be closed on Sundays.

Markets will be open between 8 am and 8 pm. (Including Saturdays) Retail and merchandising services (except supermarkets and workplaces supplying all sectors) will be open between 10 am and 8 pm.

Decisions on whether or not to open closed sectors will be discussed and announced next week according to case numbers.

Starting this week, employees at betting offices will be allowed to open on March 24 having completed PCR tests by Wednesday, March 24. Only 30% of the sessions can be held within the venue.

It was decided to reopen training at swimming pools for licensed swimmers. There will be no courses (aquarobics etc) allowed in the pools.

Fitness halls can be reopened on March 24, they will be able to open if staff have the required PCR tests.

The decision was made to continue and complete work in order to move to home quarantine. From April 12, we will wait for the implementation of the wristband application in our country.

Performance artists such as theatre and concerts were deemed suitable to do their work individually. They will be able to work in groups of two.

Movement between districts will continue to be with the permission of District Police Boards.

Public transport will be allowed to operate at 50 per cent capacity. Seats behind drivers will be left empty.

Due to the higher infection rate in Girne and Lefkosa, public transport services will only be allowed to operate within their own districts.

Restaurants, cafes, and coffee shops are currently allowed to serve sit-in customers during the week in outdoor seating areas.

A decision whether or not to allow restaurants to serve sit-in customers indoors will be made following evaluations to be made by the Higher Committee for Infectious Diseases later this week.

Individual and non-contact training for sports activities is permitted.

RETURN TO THE TRNC

We are aware from the number of queries we have seen both via emails to the website and from posts and comments on our Facebook Group page that there is frustration regarding the requirement to carry ORIGINAL documents (kocan, sales and rental contracts) if returning to the TRNC, if you DO NOT have a current residency permit.

We have talked to Government officials regarding this and have asked them to reconsider but they are reluctant at present to accept copies. One of the reasons given is the ease with which copies can be 'altered'.

This past week we have met with senior Officials at the Ministry of Public Works and Transportation and the Foreign Minister to discuss this issue and were pleased to hear that they are looking at a resolution for this problem.

Added to this is the ongoing battle to secure sufficient doses of vaccines to drive the infection rate down, as we have seen in the UK. Currently the EU vaccines that were promised to be supplied to the TRNC from the Republic of Cyprus have not been delivered on time or in the correct quantities.

We have complained vociferously to the British High Commission and have requested a response from them about this issue, but we have simply received the usual non-committal reply telling us nothing.

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DECISIONS EXTENDED
coronaviruscypus.com

Curfew: Night Curfew between 21:00 and 05:00 is extended until 29th of March. (Monday to Saturday)

On Sundays (March 21st and 28th): Full Curfew will continue including only Sundays which is starting from Saturday 21:00 and ends at Monday 5:00. Only pharmacies, agriculture, bakeries and gas stations will be open.
Caution: No Curfew during the day this Saturday, curfew starts at 21:00.

March 22 - March 29: Restaurants, patisseries, taverns and meyhanes will be able to give service in **outdoor seating / open air** and take away services as before. Coffee houses, cafeterias, locals and Cafes will be open with outdoor seating, but games (okay, backgammon etc.) will not be allowed.

Sports: It is decided to allow professional swimmers and licensed swimmers of sports clubs to train in swimming pools. People working in indoor sports centers (fitness salons) will be required to have a PCR test until Wednesday 24.03.2021 to be able to start working. People working in bet offices will be required to have a PCR test until as well, to be able to start working. Bet offices will operate with 1/3 capacity in indoors.

Education: As of Monday, March 29, 2021, the 12th grade of the schools will begin face to face education (not full capacity.) Others will remain online.

COVID-19 KUZUY KIBRIS
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BRS News - March COVID-19 Update

The one exception to this is the supply of vaccines being sent to the TRNC by Turkey. We are also aware of some people's reluctance regarding the SINOVAC vaccine, but we need to appreciate that the efficacy rates of varying vaccines change dependant on the recipient. Surely some protection is better than none! The latest results for this vaccine announced this week following tests here in the TRNC are incredibly positive, particularly if you should be unlucky enough to contract the virus following inoculation, as there are NO recorded cases of people in this category becoming seriously ill or it proving fatal.

NEW VACCINATION REGISTRATION PROCESS

A new online vaccination registration process has been launched. Once registered you will subsequently receive a date and time of the appointment along with a QR code which will confirm your identity.

A PDF document which shows the registration page translated into English can be viewed on the link shown below :

https://brstrnc.com/docs/New_Vaccination_Process_210320.pdf



Latest News

BRS News: Meeting with TRNC Foreign Minister

We are sharing for readers who are seeking the latest facts and information news recently provided by the British Residents' Society to their members and this news brings fresh hopes of the ex-pats being given greater consideration..

BRITISH RESIDENTS SOCIETY MEETS WITH TAHSIN ERTUGRULOGLU TRNC FOREIGN MINISTER

Peter Wilkins and Mike Diplock met with the TRNC Foreign Minister Mr Tahsin Ertugruloglu recently and took the opportunity to welcome Mr Ertugruloglu back into the same Ministerial position that he had occupied previously.

A discussion then followed which consisted of the following items,

1. Difficulties being experienced by Property Owners and Residency Permit holders, who found themselves outside of the TRNC,

without the appropriate documentation to return, yet had complied with all of the procedures necessary to ensure that they held the correct status to reside in the TRNC.

Minister Ertugruloglu agreed that this was an area that needed looking into, and would be looking into the feasibility, of having some sort of verification procedure, where a traveller's eligibility to return to the TRNC could be checked electronically, rather than having to produce documentation.

2. Repeating a meeting, the government ministries opportunity, similar to that held in 2018 at the Acapulco Hotel for BRS members to meet and ask questions and raise concerns with senior officials across a number of different Ministries, that have an impact on an Ex-Pats life in the TRNC.

Minister Ertugruloglu who had previously been instrumental in the

setting up of the previous event, agreed that this should be looked at.

3. Allowing all Ex-Pats who are Property Owners, holding Residency Permits to have an entitlement to vote in local elections.

Minister Ertugruloglu felt very strongly that it was essential that ex-pats were given this entitlement and agreed that he would give this proposal his fullest support.

4. Minister Ertugruloglu brought to our attention information that had come into his possession, that outlines potential changes that are being implemented, specifically for holders of third part national passports, i.e., British Passport holders, when crossing into the TRNC from the Republic of Cyprus, when using either of the two border crossing points that are located within the British Sovereign Base areas.

While the changes that were highlighted are due for implementation on the 1st of April, this is currently negated by the inability to fly into the Republic of Cyprus, to return to the TRNC, until possibly the 1st of May at the earliest.

Following receipt of the details of the changes, we have immediately requested a meeting with the British High Commissioner and are expecting to meet with him w/c 22nd March, to discuss the situation with him further. We will report back on that meeting as soon as it has taken place.

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>

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We Walk for a Single Purpose, so do take the online challenge!



The 18th Orchid Walk, which is carried out with the collaboration of The Cancer Research Foundation (KAV) and Telsim, was moved to the online platform due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The walk will be held between 5th - 31st March and will be on an international platform.

The Orchid Walk, which will be held for the 18th time this year by the Cancer Research Foundation (KAV), will be held on a digital platform between 5th - 31st March under the main sponsorship of Telsim.

The Orchid Walk has been

organised for many years to raise public awareness about cancer, support cancer research and to emphasise the importance of self-care care through early diagnosis and to encourage people to live healthier lifestyles.

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, the Orchid Walk, which has been transferred to an online platform, people will be able to participate from all over the world.

Those who attend The Orchid Walk will be entered into a raffle and 10 walkers will be given a smart bracelet (Mi Band 5).

To enter, just walk a minimum of 4km during 5th-31st March. Share photos of yourself and the distance covered on Facebook or Instagram using the “#OrkideYürüyüşü” hashtag and challenge a minimum 3 of your friends also to do the Walk.

**When it comes to cancer,
we are always together whatever
the circumstances maybe.**



The Orchid Walk, which the Cancer Research Foundation (KAV) has organized every year for cancer awareness, will take place for the **18th** time this year but will run individually and virtually through social media.

Those who attend will be entered into a raffle and **10 walkers** will be given a smart bracelet (**Mi Band 5**).

TO JOIN

To enter, just walk a minimum of **4 km** during **5-31 March**.

Share photos of yourself and the distance covered to Facebook or Instagram using the “**#OrkideYürüyüşü**” hashtag.

Challenge at least **3** of your friends also to do the Walk.



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RUSUK : The most Influential Person in the World Today

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Sir David Attenborough

In his 94 years, this legendary broadcaster and inspiring naturalist has visited every continent on earth, and documented the living world in all its incredible variety. His passion has been, and still is, to explore the planet, and then to protect it for future generations.

If the world listens to what he has to say in his latest feature documentary "A Life on our Planet", it's just possible that the Earth might be saved from impending doom and disaster caused, of course, by us so-called intelligent human beings. In fact, back in January 2013, he described us all as a "plague on the Earth" and also criticised the act of sending food to famine-stricken countries while doing absolutely nothing about population control.

This man has literally seen it all in his long lifetime, and is the best equipped person in the world to explain to us what to do about the extraordinary damage done to the very place that we all call home. His latest work is an "urgent" piece of programming, outlining the devastating changes Sir David has witnessed over recent times. There is a message of hope, but my fear is that unless world leaders take the whole pollution and climate change scenario more seriously, our planet's ability to sustain life as we know it will be seriously impaired, maybe fatally.

This amazing chap has, sadly, less time than most of us left in his extraordinary life. At this moment, he is, to me, the most important person on this entire globe. We must listen, learn, and act. Not tomorrow, that's too late. Right now.

Otherwise our great-grandchildren and beyond will inherit a nightmare scenario, and I won't be around to say "Sir David told you so....."

Sergey



Elon Musk.

Yes, who is this person?

I won't talk about political world leaders, only briefly, as now there's no such figure. For example, Putin looks like a strongman but he is hated by too many and he's too edgy, he's got no positive agenda.

Joe Biden? You're kidding. I would probably say Trump had he been re-elected but... this dementia-struck dude... 100 per cent not. I'd be surprised if he would make it to the end of his term – the first and the last anyway: the weakest US President on my memory and, probably, of all time.

I could go on and on but let's just cut it short:

This man truly fascinates me. He is from another planet, another universe. His net worth is \$175,000,000,000 as of March 16, 2021.

But this is the least thing in him that impresses me.

Born in South Africa. Moved to Canada and, finally, to the United States. Invented Pay Pal. Then went on to SpaceX and Tesla.

Imagine a rocket that returns to Earth vertically, just like it blasted off. This is truly a sci-fi to me. I wouldn't have believed it could be done when I heard about it for the first time. But it's working. It's just a question of time when it will be finally smoothed out and ready for regular service.

Tesla – I love V8 engines and not sure that e-cars could fully substitute it when it comes to heavy duty cases but who knows... Technologically the future belongs to Tesla-like cars. By the way, I recently heard that Tesla's stock exchange's net worth equals the net worth of all the other carmakers combined: but this information must be fact-checked. Still, it shows Elon's potential.



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continued The most Influential Person in the World Today

His Mars/SpaceX plans to me are the biggest visionary thing I've ever heard of. I don't know if Elon would realize his colonization plans to some degree but if this happens he would make history. In 2024 he plans an unmanned mission and a manned one in 2026.

He is inspiration for so many people in the world, I guess we'd talk about millions and millions. I personally know such people in Russia. He is a unique combination of an applied science enthusiast with great business skills and something intangible that makes him a truly visionary.

Just imagine colonization of Mars: what a curious mind. Elon truly stands out.



The New Robber Barrons

One-hundred and fifty years ago, my nation was dominated by a group of incredibly rich men collectively known as The Robber Barrons. They created wealth through the construction of railroads, pipelines, oilfields, and any number of business ventures.

My point here is that they created wealth by creating needed infrastructure. Today most of the world is in the thrall of a new class

of Robber Barron, a group of men who create nothing, give nothing, and take all.

Mark Zuckerberg is the poster child of this group for a reason: he is singular in his arrogance. When summoned to appear before the UK Parliament, he simply announced that he was too busy and couldn't be bothered. Two weeks ago the nation of Australia stepped out of line; he reminded them who was actually in charge by shutting out all information outlets, including Emergency Services, from what has become the new Public Square.

The difference between Facebook and Google, Twitter, et al, is that Facebook alone considers itself to be above all laws and nations. When some fool US congress flunky, I think his title is Chairman of House Anti-trust Subcommittee or something, suggested that Facebook should be broken-up, Zuckerberg said in a staff meeting that Facebook's lawyers could deal with the US Government and Facebook will not be affected.

All this break-up stuff doesn't address the problem: Zuckerberg himself. Simply stripping Zuk of Instagram and WhatsApp will have no effect on the Facebook algorithm. Facebook is focused on keeping people on the platform as long as possible, period. The way to do that is to enrage readers.

But why make people angry? According to Technology Review "The reason is simple. Everything the company does and chooses not to do flows from a single motivation: Zuckerberg's relentless desire for growth.... Facebook leadership has also repeatedly weakened or halted many



initiatives meant to clean up misinformation on the platform because doing so would undermine that growth.

"This means every toxic post that escapes the content-moderation filters will continue to be pushed higher up the news feed and promoted to reach a larger audience. Indeed, a study from New York University recently found that among partisan publishers' Facebook pages, those that regularly posted political misinformation received the most engagement in the lead-up to the 2020 US presidential election and the Capitol riots."

The Atlantic Magazine adds "Twenty-five years ago, the political scientist Robert Putnam was already describing the decline of what he called "social capital" in the U.S.: the disappearance of clubs and committees, community and solidarity. As internet platforms allow Americans to experience the world through a lonely, personalized lens, this problem has morphed into something altogether different.

"Conversation in this new American public sphere is governed not by established customs and traditions in service of democracy but by rules set by a few for-profit companies in service of their needs and revenues. "

So, I nominate Mark Zuckerberg as the most influential person in the world today and that's no compliment. He will never accept even the slightest responsibility for what he has done but he is responsible for the destruction of social norms in my country as surely as he put that fire extinguisher through the Police Officer's skull himself. He is every bit as responsible for the deaths at the Capitol as Donald but he will never face any consequences for what he has done. And unlike the Robber Barrons of old, he gives nothing in return.

To read more of RUSUK the link is :

<http://rusuknow.com/>

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ARUCAD "CORONUS" at Toronto Animation Arts Festival

Arkin University of Creative Arts and Design (ARUCAD) first production "CORONUS", an animated short movie, directed and written by Arvin Medghalchi, who is a lecturer in the Visual Communications Design Department, has been chosen from 2,300 movies to compete in the Toronto Animation Arts Festival International (TAAFI) in Canada.

"CORONUS" tells the story of a man being chased by the virus itself, during an epidemic and quarantine. While watching, the viewers are in suspense at the thought of the story of the main character, is it just a trick or a game devised by his own mind? This ARUCAD production is written and directed by Arvin Medghalchi, a lecturer in the Visual Communications Design Department, along with Gianmarco Bozoglu, the composer.

Toronto Animation Arts Festival International (TAAFI), takes place in Toronto, Ontario, Canada which is one of the leading centres of animation in North

America to exhibit animation arts all around the world. The festival will take place from 24th to 27th March 2021. It can be accessed on the link shown below.

"CORONUS", the winner of the Horror Movie Awards Film Festival in Canada, in the category of "Top Artistic Achievements", continues to be exhibited in international festivals.

<http://taafi.com>



He has used many different techniques to get the best results in storytelling, which is one of his passions.

He has been a lecturer in the Visual Communications Design Department of ARUCAD since 2017.

Source : Arkin University of Creative Arts and Design (ARUCAD)

Who is Arvin Medghalchi?

He is a director and an illustrator from Iran. He has degrees in the branches of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design and has over 15 years of experience in independent animated movie directing.

He is known for his stop-motion animations that have been exhibited in many international movie festivals and won awards.



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