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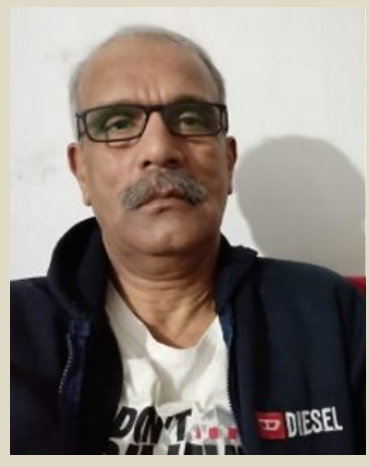
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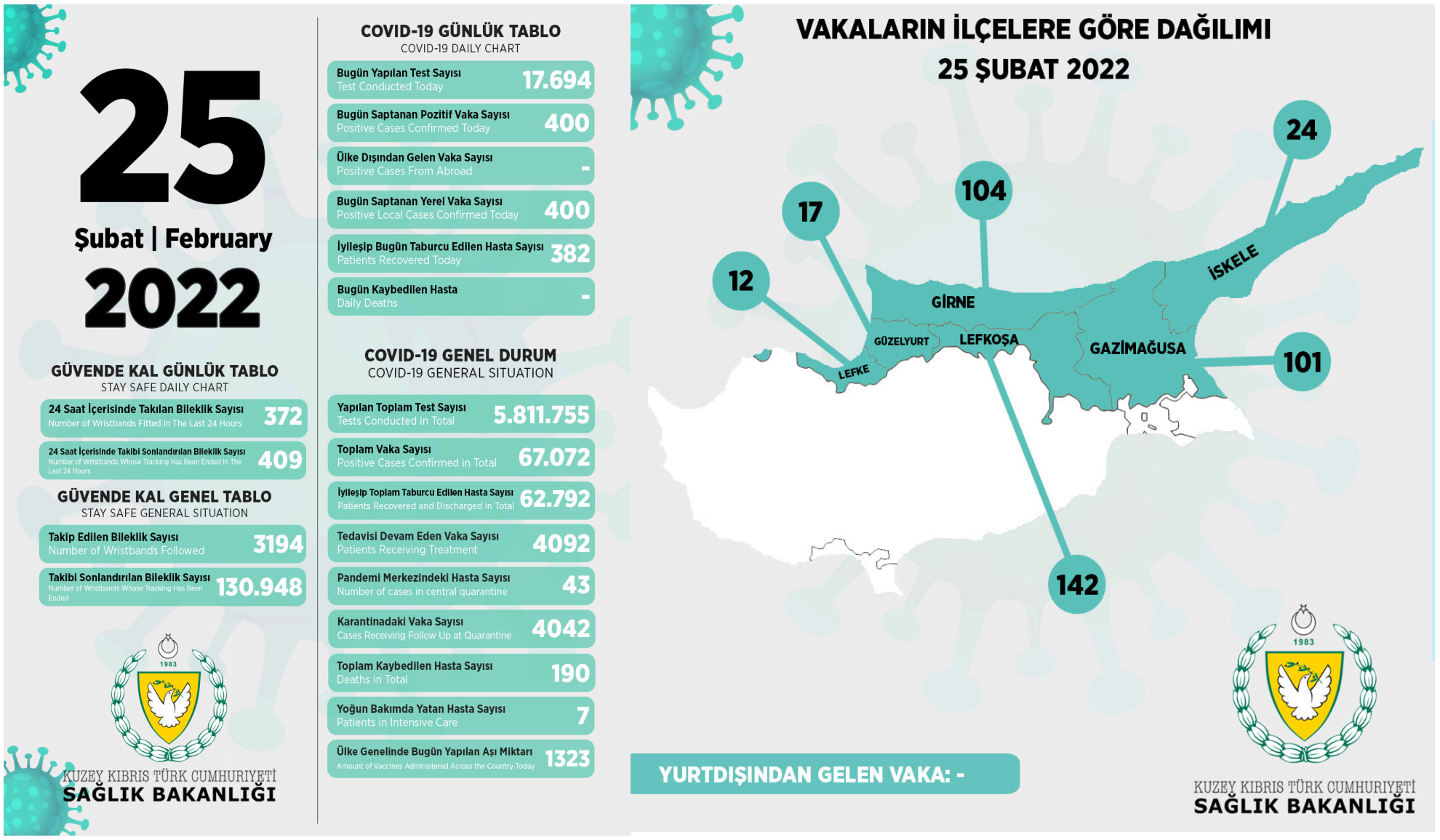
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The Higher Coordination Board, under the head of President Ersin Tatar, evaluated the Ukraine-Russia war. Making a statement following the meeting, Tatar stated that they wish this crisis to come to an end.

President Tatar stated that they evaluated the latest developments in the region and the Ukraine-Russia war at the meeting held at the Presidency.

Stating that the world's agenda is the war between Ukraine and Russia that started on 24th February, Tatar said that they also evaluated the possible effects of the war to the TRNC and the whole island, and he wished this crisis to come to an end.

Emphasising that innocent civilians suffered the most in war, President Tatar said that the ongoing war between Ukraine and Russia once again showed that concepts such as peace, tranquility, and security are very important.

Drawing attention to the sovereignty rights of the Turkish Cypriots stemming from the 1960 treaties, President Tatar reminded that Turkey is one of the 3 guarantors of the partnership republic formed in 1960, and under the guarantor of Turkey, they defend the rights and interests of the TRNC and struggle for the Turkish Cypriot people to live in stability and security.

Pointing out the importance of a cooperative, fair, permanent, and sustainable agreement between two sovereign equal states, President Tatar drew attention to Russia's attack on Ukraine and stated that Russia carried out an attack on Ukraine in front of NATO, the EU, and the USA. He noted that the USA, NATO, and the



EU could not actually say "stop" to Russia, except for the sanctions.

President Tatar underlined that it has seen once again with the war between Russia and Ukraine that it is very valuable for us to live in peace and a secure atmosphere that has been established in Cyprus since the 1974 Peace Operation, which Turkey carried out using its guarantor rights.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

British Turkish Cypriots to demonstrate in Waltham Forest again

Introduction by Chris Elliott…

We have published 4 articles that highlighted the dreadful racism perpetrated by the Waltham Forest Council against Turkish Cypriots by taking down the TRNC flag under the direction of Council Leader Grace Williams and such is the anger of British Turkish Cypriots that they will be protesting again as detailed under by the Council of Turkish Cypriot Associations (UK).

British Turkish Cypriots will be staging the second demonstration outside Waltham Forest Town Hall (E17 4JF) on Thursday, 3 March 2022, to protest against Council Leader Grace Williams for discrimination and racially insulting the British Turkish Cypriot community. The protest centres on Cllr Williams' decision to exclude communities from its social cohesion flag raising programme which have their countries of cultural heritage from "a territory that is not recognised by the UK government". This exclusion applies not only to UK Turkish Cypriots, but also the Kashmiri and Tibetan communities.

Ayse Osman, Chair of Council of Turkish Cypriot Associations said "This is plain discrimination. Whether communities of the UK have a recognised or unrecognised country of cultural heritage has got nothing to do with their right to their cultural identity through their flag. We demand that our flag is hoisted in exactly the same way as all other flags in Fellowship Square. Many minority groups in Waltham Forest have raised their flags in similar ceremonies, including those originating from Kosovo, Albania, Tibet, Dominica and Antigua & Barbuda, as well as the LGBT and transgender communities without any issue. We demand the same treatment".

Through the Council's formal decision making procedures, it was agreed that the Turkish Cypriot flag would be raised on the 15th November 2021. This was a proud ceremony that was attended by 50 Turkish Cypriots, including the CTCA.

However, two hours later, following illegal interference by a foreign government, the "Republic of Cyprus", which has not represented Turkish Cypriots since 1964, Cllr Williams took it upon herself to make this event into a political issue. Subsequently, she ordered the flag to be taken down and apologised to "anyone who is offended" for raising the flag, stating that the Turkish Cypriot community's flag will be removed because it is not recognised by the UK government.

The removal of the flag - considered sacred in Turkish culture - was carried out in a highly disrespectful and degrading manner, where it was dragged across the floor and dumped it in a council storeroom, next to a dustbin.

The first protest was organised on 9th December 2021 by the umbrella body the Council of Turkish Cypriot Associations UK (CTCA) with 30 member associations, following outrage amongst the UK's 300,000 strong Turkish Cypriot community.



Ayse Osman said "To date 3,218 people have signed a petition demanding the resignation of the Council Leader and hundreds more have written in to complain, but neither Cllr Grace Williams nor Waltham Forest Council has seen it fit to apologise for their behaviour"

"Turkish Cypriots exist and Northern Cyprus is our ethnic homeland. Like other communities, we are proud of our identity and our flag. No one has the right to discriminate against us and to racially insult us", continued Mrs Osman, adding "We've already seen how the Council Leader's behavior has incited racial hatred of Turkish Cypriots and created a hostile environment for the borough's estimated 10,000 residents of Turkish Cypriot origin. We need urgent action from the Council to remedy this, yet they have done nothing whatsoever to date".

The CTCA asked to have a meeting with the council on the 16th of November 2021, but although Cllr Williams stated that she had scheduled a meeting, no such action was taken, as confirmed by her own officers. The Council has never explained why the international status of some communities' cultural heritage countries is relevant to raising of their flags.

We are seeking legal advice to further our case.

Due to the council's disrespectful, humiliating and unacceptable behavior of Cllr Williams, have we scheduled our 2nd protest demonstration for March 3, 2022 between 18:00 and 20:30.

WHY WE ARE PROTESTING:

3RD MARCH 2022 - Waltham Forest Council Protest 2!

Here is why we are protesting again:

1. Grace Williams has still not apologised for the offence caused to the Turkish Cypriot people
2. The racist statement against Turkish Cypriots on the Waltham Forest Council website has still not been removed
3. A transparent investigation into the events before and after the flag raising on November 15th 2021 has still not been carried out / The report produced by the council unjustifiably absolved her of any wrong doing
4. Grace Williams and her staff have still not undergone anti-racism training, specifically anti- Turkish racism, in order to prevent such behaviour from being repeated

The last protest was a massive success with numbers reaching 400! This time we hope for even more! We will not allow the Waltham Forest Council to continue discriminating against Turkish Cypriots.

Source: Council of Turkish Cypriot Associations (UK).

Tatar: Isolation of Turkish Cypriots is human rights violation

TRNC President Ersin Tatar received a delegation from the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission chaired by Dr. Hacı Ali Açıkgül on 19th February.

During the meeting President Tatar stated that the unjust isolation imposed on the Turkish Cypriot people is a violation of the human rights and added:

"It is important to visit our country and to see the facts on the ground. The Turkish Cypriot people are as sovereign as the Greek Cypriot side because we are co-owners of this island which is our inherent right. The unjust isolation has prevented us from being able to express our position in the international arena. The restrictions on our people have a negative effect on our right to development. It is our expectation for the OIC to stand in solidarity with their Turkish Cypriot brothers because we are the victims of a great injustice".

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



TRNC Prime Minister presented new cabinet to President Tatar



Prime Minister Sucuoğlu presented the new cabinet of the UBP-DP-YDP Government to President Ersin Tatar and received his approval.

The list of the Council of Ministers is as follows:

* Prime Minister Faiz Sucuoğlu (UBP)
* Minister of Economy and Energy Kutlu Evren (UBP)
* Minister of Foreign Affairs Hasan Taçoy (UBP)
* Minister of Interior Ünal Üstel (UBP)
* Minister of Finance Sunat Atun (UBP)
* Minister of National Education and Culture Nazım Çavuşoğlu (UBP)
* Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources Dursun Oğuz (UBP)
* Minister of Public Works and Transport Erhan Arıklı (YDP)
* Minister of Health Ali Pilli (UBP)
* Minister of Tourism and Environment Fikri Ataoğlu (DP)
* Minister of Labour and Social Security Oğuzhan Hasipoğlu (UBP)

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

Taçoy takes over from Ertuğruloğlu at the TRNC Foreign Ministry

Hasan Taçoy, who was appointed as the Minister of Foreign Affairs, took over the duty of Minister of Foreign Affairs from Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu with a ceremony.

Speaking at the handover ceremony at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ertuğruloğlu wished Taçoy success in his duty and said that he believed that Taçoy would fulfill the responsibilities of the Ministry.

Ertuğruloğlu stated that the bureaucrats who have been working in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for years are a very successful team and said that Taçoy is lucky to work with a conscientious and determined team that will make a serious contribution to him.

At the handover ceremony, Minister Taçoy also stated that he is happy and proud to know that Ertuğruloğlu will share his experience and knowledge on the Cyprus issue with him.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



Revised entry rules for vaccinated and unvaccinated people at 1 March



The Communicable Diseases Supreme Committee announced that people aged 18 and over, who have passed 14 days and 270 days (9 months) after the second dose of vaccine (single dose for Johnson) according to the definition of the vaccinated person, will be considered fully vaccinated and will be able to enter the country without showing a PCR/antigen test.

On the other hand, people aged 18 years and older, 270 days (9 months) after their second dose (single dose for Johnson), will be able to enter the country without showing a PCR/antigen test if they have had their reminder dose.

The Infectious Diseases Supreme Committee, which convened last week within the scope of the 45/2018 Communicable Diseases Law, of the Ministry of Health, rearranged the entry rules for vaccinated and unvaccinated people as of March 1 and shared it with the public.

According to the decisions, people under the age of 18 will be able to enter the country without showing a PCR/antigen test, if 14 days have passed since the second dose of vaccine (single dose for Johnson) without a reminder dose.

People who have had the disease at least 10 days after the positive PCR test, but who have not passed 180 days, will be able to enter the country without showing a PCR/antigen test.

On the other hand, unvaccinated people who do not meet the definitions of the vaccine will be able to enter the country without quarantine with the last 72 hours of negative PCR or the last 24 hours of negative antigen test, and these people will repeat their PCR tests within 72-120 hours of their entry into the country.

As for inter-island transit rules, "Level 3" rules will continue to be applied in crossings as a result of the epidemiological situation assessment within the island.

After the second dose of vaccination, if 3-7 months have not passed, or if it has passed, those who have made the reminder dose, secondary education students, and children aged 5-11 will be able to pass with a 7-day PCR / Antigen test.

People who have never been vaccinated and people who are 12 years old and older, whose reminder dose is due and who do not take the reminder dose, have to show 72-hour PCR and 48-hour antigen test.

Source:
TRNC Public Information Office

Ministry of Foreign Affairs message to Turkish Cypriots in Ukraine

Ministry of Foreign Affairs made an announcement for the TRNC citizens in Ukraine.

“Due to the increasing tension in the region, it is recommended that our citizens, which are permanently and/or temporarily residing in Ukraine, take all possible measures for their personal safety. Because of the fact that Ukrainian airspace is still closed, the necessary support and guidance will be provided for those who wish to leave the country.

In case of emergency, it is possible to reach the phone number: +905338514006 or TRNC Representative Office in Budapest: +3613010183.

This is an important announcement to all our people”.





Blue March is coming in support of men's cancer

Readers mail…
From Helen L. Karayman....

Hello Readers,

Some of you will probably remember my 'Green December' quest...

Well, now it's time for the 'Blue March' – a month that will be dedicated to raising awareness of the issue of cancer in men. As most of us know, men are not really talking about their health issues, so this is the time we give them a hand and at the same time let them know that we care!

For this purpose, I have decided to dye my hair BLUE, in this way trying again to raise some funds for Tulips (Help Those With Cancer Association). And this time I won't be alone! My partner will not only dye his hair blue but his beard as well! For those of you that don't know it, he is an actor in Lefkoşa Municipality Theater – he will actually play his roles on stage with blue hair and beard (LOL)!!!

Also, if you have male friends that have survived or still fighting cancer, and if they agree, of course, I would like to post some articles about them and their stories.

On this quest, I will need again all the support I can get. To start with, I am looking for a hairdresser to help both me and my partner to turn blue. If there are any other nutters out there willing to do this, then welcome to the 'Team Blue'!

I am also looking for sponsors, so this way we can start raising some funds for the cancer patients.

If there are venues (bars, restaurants)





that wish to organise fundraising nights, please get in touch with me so we can arrange for some entertaining evenings with music, food and raffle draws.

Spring is knocking at our door so let us make this March a month to remember!

Thank you and with best wishes,

Helen

Contact Helen L. Karayman on Facebook on link below.

https://www.facebook.com/helenkarayman

Covid and Hygiene Audit in Girne



Between 21 January and 21 February 2022, a total of 145 businesses were inspected by the Girne Municipality Health Branch teams regarding food hygiene, general hygiene and Covid-19 Pandemic measures, 7 businesses were fined 12,052 TL in total.

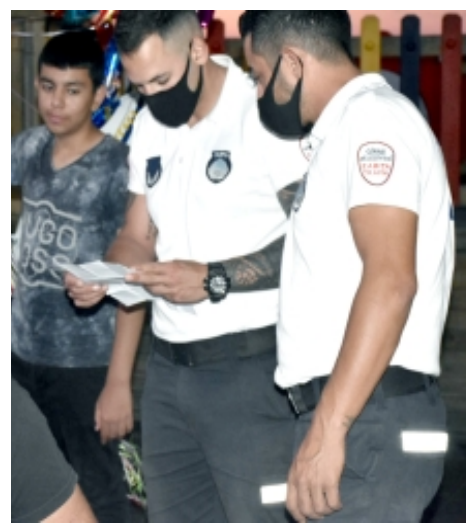
A restaurant business that did not fulfill its legal obligations regarding the Covid pandemic and its official legal records were found to be missing, a hotel business, a butcher and two cafe businesses, an off-license business whose food storage conditions was not suitable for food hygiene, and a supermarket that was found to be working against the hygiene rules regarding environmental health;

Girne Municipality continues the inspections of the Covid-19 pandemic measures, as well as the routine hygiene controls of the food-related businesses operating in the city. In addition to the social places that are in demand with the dense population, the controls of all commercial enterprises that are open for the public to eat, drink and enjoy are maintained intensively.

Within the scope of the controls made to all food businesses routinely, in three supermarkets: Various food products, which were found to be unsuitable for human consumption, expired and not meeting the legal requirements, were confiscated for destruction. Within the scope of the controls where non-compliances were subject to penal actions, a total of 60 workplaces were reported for their deficiencies, 10 businesses were warned to close if the deficiencies were not corrected, and a total of 7.000 TL was fined for one workplace for not fulfilling the Covid-19 Pandemic measures; Six different businesses were fined 5,052 TL in total for their deficiencies in food hygiene and legal obligations. In addition, it was stated that the controls for the sales in the Girne Municipality Open Market, which is established every Wednesday, are continued within the framework of the Covid-19 Pandemic measures.

Girne Municipality Mayor Nidai Güngördü said: Covid inspections will continue: "While the official controls, which have been carried out as Girne Municipality since the beginning of the pandemic, have continued uninterrupted, our primary goal is to protect public health. In this struggle, the issue of applying the rules with the participation of our tradesmen and our people is also of vital importance. In addition, every member of the society regarding vaccination should bear his/her own responsibility."

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality



March is Prostate Cancer Month with Tulips

Reader's mail....
From Sue Tilt ....Tulips....

Hello readers,

As the saying goes: 3rd time lucky. We have tried to promote Prostate Cancer for the last 2 years but due to lockdown happening each March we have been unable to, however this year we are up and running (well not literally), we have the Treadmill Challenge to help raise awareness which is our aim for this year.

Our treadmill will be in different places around Girne and Lefkoşa and we need you all to take part. What do you have to do? Join us and walk 1 minute on the treadmill, we need to keep this going for 4 hours on the days we are out on the road.

Men from every part of our community are facing men's health concerns, such as prostate or testicular cancers.

A BBC news article dated 27.01.2020 stated that 'Prostate overtakes breast as most common cancer' and we are seeing increasing numbers here in the TRNC so we need to work towards addressing this situation.

The prostate can be a troublesome little gland. It is prone to painful infections and inflammation, enlargement that interferes with urination and cancer and though prostate cancer is common worldwide, it is not often discussed. Many men are hesitant about screening for prostate cancer or are unsure of what they need to know related to detecting cancer and talking with their doctor about screening. Seeking help and advice at an early stage aids early detection, therefore giving the best possible chance of recovery.

Age is the main risk factor for prostate cancer which explains why we have seen a sudden rise in cases within our expat community here in the TRNC.

Early prostate cancer usually causes no symptoms. Men who have prostate cancer can be symptom-free for years which is why it is important to attend regular screening

Tulips have produced a leaflet explaining who is at risk and some of the basic symptoms. It is important to be aware that conditions other than prostate cancer can also have these symptoms however the only way to know what might be causing them is to see a doctor and get some testing done.

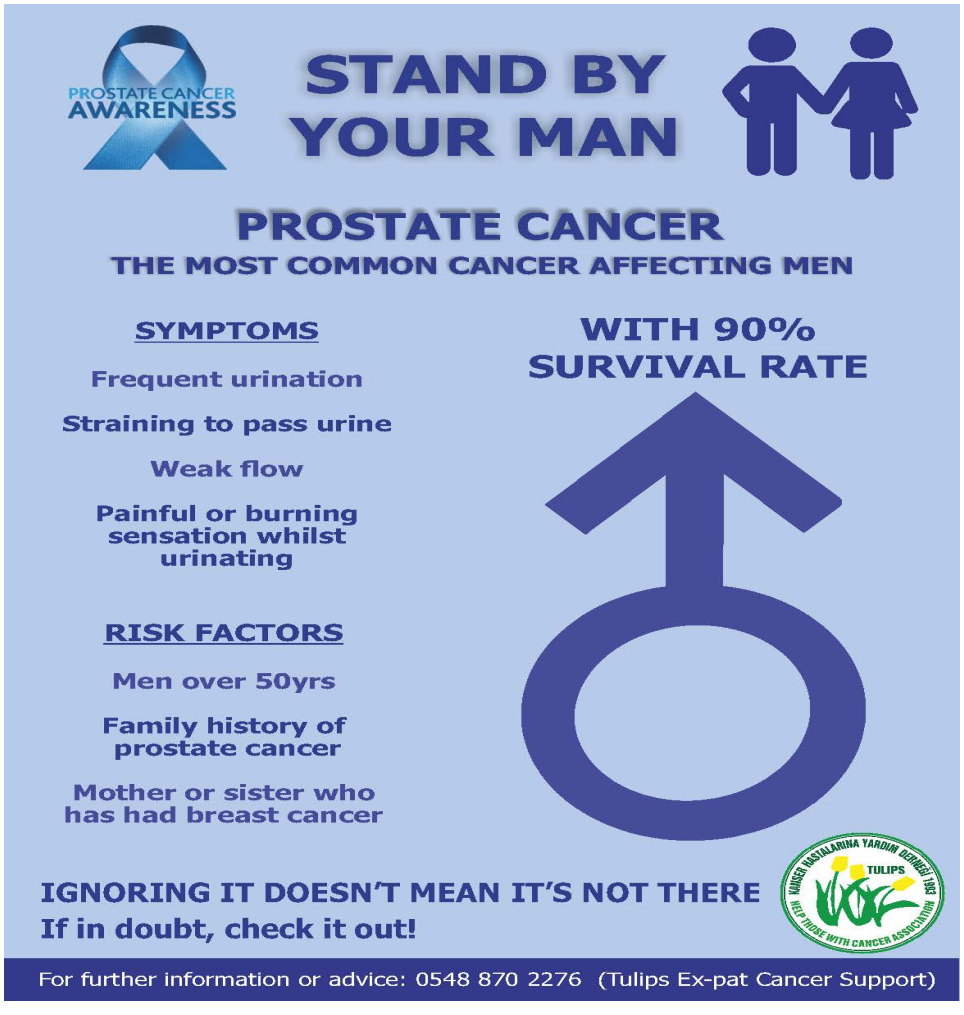
Learn all you can about your personal risk for prostate cancer and how to know if testing is right for you. Why bury your head in the sand and potentially self endure heavy and costly treatment when early detection can reduce this and give you a huge chance of survival?

'What can a woman do about prostate cancer?' Make sure the men in her family know the facts about the disease. Be sure they talk with a doctor about the steps they can take to help reduce their risk of prostate cancer or find it early.

Ignoring it doesn't mean it's not there.

Sue Tilt
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Tulips/ Help Those With Cancer Association (Kanser Hastalarina Yardim Dernegi)





TFR celebrated Valentines Night at the Driftwood Restaurant





Readers mail …
From Ralph Kratzer …
The Foreign Residents in the TRNC (TFR)

Here is a report of our Events Manager Pamela Tschersich:

" With the easing of the Covid restrictions, 97 TFR members gathered to celebrate Valentines Night at DRIFTWOOD. The food, service & music made the evening another event to remember…

Thank you Team Driftwood for the superb help with planning the event & showing us, although a full house, you still maintained the quality service & food that we have all become accustomed to…..your reputation goes before you !!

Thank you also to James Smile for the great entertainment he knew just what to sing to get us all up dancing ... .a very popular entertainer who, fear not, we will see again.

The table roses which I purchased locally came from the very small Garden Centre almost opposite the Atakara Supermarket (Alsancak). It looks nothing from the outside but she keeps fresh cut flowers in her cooler room as well as a lovely range of pot plants….14 members pulled the lucky ticket to take one home with them.

The onsite photographer from Foto Kibris (Alsancak) also did well taking photos and developing them onsite for people to purchase."

ATA talk on getting ready for death and after death

This week, Alsancak solicitor Ayten Birkaya, gave members of the Anglo Turkish Association of Northern Cyprus (ATA) and their guests a very informative talk on the prickly subject of Wills and Probate at a packed Blue Song Restaurant, Lapta.

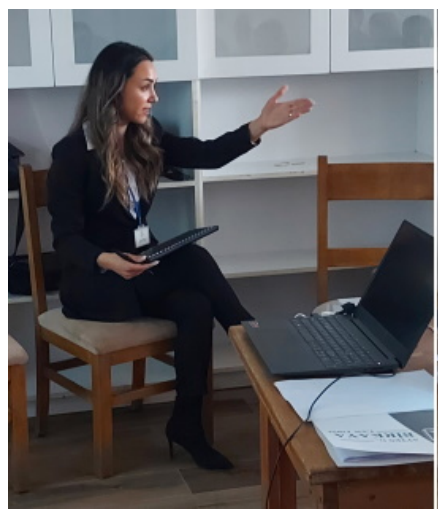
Debbie Bird of the ATA said; the comments from those on the day were that the talk had been so informative and useful for them, and, that Ayten had impressed everyone by presenting a talk in a professional but friendly manner rather than lecturing everyone. Something which resulted in the talk over-running by a long way due to Ayten's willingness to answer question upon question from those attending the talk.

After the talk, everyone enjoyed a wonderful three course meal with the conversation around the dining tables being about what they had learned from Ayten and what they must now do!

In the days after the talk, both the ATA and Ayten have received numerous congratulations on providing such useful information and asking if another could be organised on other subjects of importance to the expat community.

For information on this ATA event visit the 2022 Events Page of the ATA website: Facebook Group or Facebook Page click on the link below

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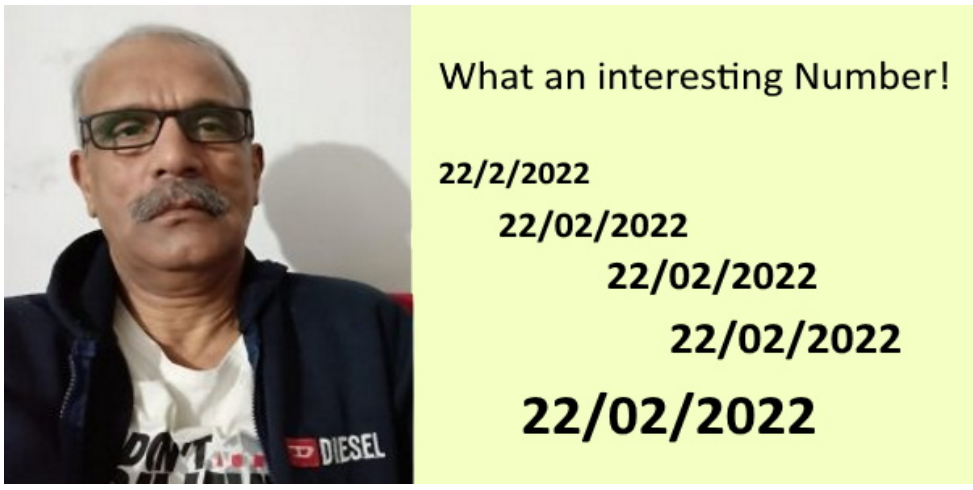






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22/02/2022 What an interesting date



By Ahmet Abdulaziz....

Whether numbers do play a role in our lives or not, which is always open to debate, however the date of 22nd February 2022 is indeed one very special and unique date. For sure, in our lives, we are not going to see such a repetition of a single digit. This is what makes it unique and very special for all of the present generation.

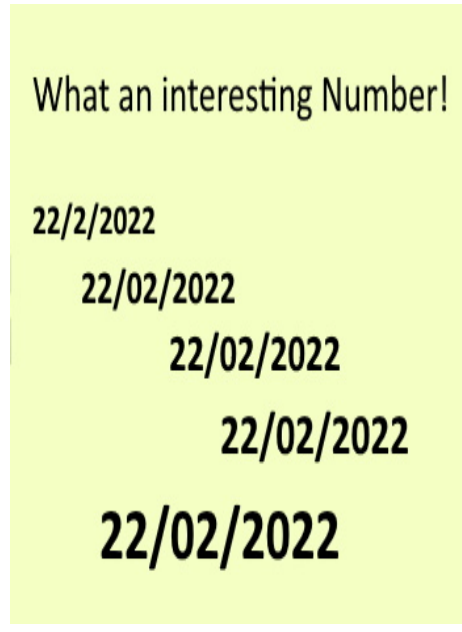
Though there still is one chance of improving this array of numbers. Exactly after 200 years, there will be the best possible repetition of the same digit, i.e. 22-02-2222. Humans living on this planet will see the best possible combination of 2 in the form of date, after 200 years. I wonder if humans would be interested in this repetition of one single digit, after 200 years.

Putting the same question in an adverse way is whether human beings had tried to understand or got excited in the last possible array of the same digit, in the year 22. exactly two thousand years back from today, the date was 22-02-022. Did this date mean anything to the people at that time? Most probably not. But now a lot of people got excited by seeing the 22-02-2022 on their calendar.

I personally do not believe in numerology or the spiritual side of numbers, but for sure there are thousands and thousands of people the world over who do believe in numerology fully or to a great extent. I tried to look at it on the internet and found out that the repeating sequence of numbers are known as "MASTER NUMBERS" in numerology. Greece is said to be the place where numerology came into existence and was researched upon. Since the inception of numerology, the numbers like 11 or 22 or 33 have been considered as the sequence "commanding an extra-strength presence in the cosmos".

These numbers (11, 22 , 33) represent a very special sequence of digits in numerology, since they cannot be reduced to a single number. This uniqueness of these thus have a special impact of themselves, known as "the triangle of enlightenment". Strangely enough of these three the number 2 has been considered as the most powerful one.

With all this information it's not difficult to understand that the 22022022 date is one unique date which a very large number of people around the globe, had been waiting eagerly. The ultimate interpretation and impact on individual lives of course differ from person to person. However, I am sure it would be really an important topic to research in the future.



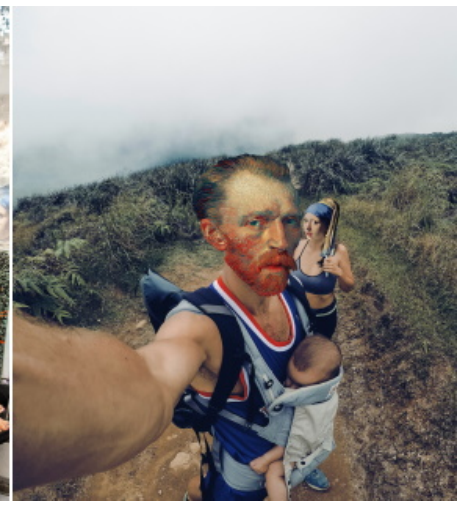
"Universe of Life" Exhibition opened in Girne Art Rooms Gallery

Hayati Evren's first solo exhibition, entitled "THE UNIVERSE OF LIFE", met with art lovers in collaboration with Arkın Creative Arts and Design University (ARUCAD) at the Art Rooms Gallery in Girne, with the reception held on Thursday, February 17th at 18.30.

Born in 1991 in Famagusta, young artist Hayati Evren is a graduate of Visual Communication and Design Department. The works of the artist, which combines important and popular works in art history with frames from today's daily life using digital manipulation methods, with an 'anachronistic' approach, contain a lot of humour.

Thinking that his freedom and originality were restricted in the advertising agencies he worked for after university, he decided to continue his working life as a freelancer. In 2017, he established the website Hayati'nin Evreni (@hayatininevreni) and blended more than 1000 images from popular culture with humor. As his audience increased, he gained worldwide recognition and became the subject of many international magazines, newspapers, websites and theses.





The exhibition entitled "UNIVERSE OF LIFE", organized in collaboration with ARUCAD, can be visited at Art Rooms Gallery in Girne between 13.30-20.30 every day except Sunday, until Thursday, March 17th.

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

Registration for Spring Semester Quarterly Course and Workshops



The registration of the course and workshop program for adults and children for the three-month spring term covering the dates of March 1 - May 30, 2022 of Girne Municipality Social Life Center has started.

In the statement made by Girne Municipality, in the Social Life Center (Former Girne Municipality Service Building) affiliated to the Social Affairs Branch; For adults; Computer Course, Basic Sewing and Sewing Course, Cocoon & Patchwork Course, Macrame Course, Jewelry Course, Pilates Course for Over 60s, Turkish Course is organized. For children, the program includes Dance Course, English Course and Chess Course. During the program, various workshops will be organized for children.

Call 0 (392) 815 15 08 to obtain information about the course and workshop program and to register. It was stated that the participation in courses and workshops will be limited due to the pandemic and that the courses will start if sufficient participation is provided.

Girne Municipality Social Affairs Branch Supervisor Misli Kadıoğlu stated that people from all walks of life can find courses and development opportunities in the Social Life Center, adding that they had an intense and productive program in the past period, and that the center has time for the development and socialization of people in this spring. She said that it is one of the important points of the city where they can spend their life.

Kadıoğlu said, “By embracing all our people, children, young, adults and old people; We aim to contribute to the development of both individuals and our society, from language courses to technology courses, from culture to art, to various handicraft courses and workshops," She said, adding that they want everyone to benefit from the services offered at very affordable prices.

Mayor of Girne, Nidai Güngördü, pointed out the importance of Girne Municipality to create opportunities that will bring innovation to people's lives, and drew attention to the fact that the advantage of the existence of educational institutions in the city was provided to the public in cooperation with the regional universities.

Güngördü said, “Education, learning and production are very important for our lives, especially for children and women. I believe that those who show interest and participate in these courses and workshops will make a difference in their lives with what they have learned and the information they have reinforced.”

Güngördü thanked those who will contribute to the spring program of the Social Life Center and the course instructors for their contribution and wished the trainees success in advance.

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality

Girne Municipality Photo Contest deadline is 1st March 2022

The deadline for participation in the first photography contest, which will be held in Girne for the first time this year, in addition to various cultural and artistic events, is Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

The aim of the photography competition, which will be held for the first time this year by the Municipality of Girne, is to keep the records of Girne and the settlements of Girne from the perspective of photographers, to carry them to the future with photographs, and to add value to the art environment by supporting the Turkish Cypriot photography art and exhibiting the works of Turkish Cypriot photographers together.

In the competition, which will be held within the Municipality of Girne, it is expected that elements such as natural beauty, cultural values, historical and touristic places, urban texture and life in Girne and the settlements of Girne Municipality will be photographed through the eyes of the photographer. The competition will be held in one category, Digital-(Digital). Colour or Black and White, all photos will be evaluated together (in one category).

All photos must be taken within the boundaries of Girne Municipality. Girne Center and settlements affiliated to the Municipality (Beylerbeyi, (Bellapais) Ozanköy, Karmi, Doğanköy, Karaoğlanoğlu, Zeytinlik) are within the scope of the competition area.



* 1st PRIZE 5.000 TL
* 2nd PRIZE 3.000 TL

The last date of participation in the competition which was set as March 01, 2022, The 3rd PRIZE has been announced as 2.000 TL

For participation conditions and information, contact link below or Tel: (0392) 650 01 00

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality

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Art lovers to have fill of theatre in Girne and Çatalköy in March

In March, when 27 March World Theatre Day and Week takes place, the Theatre Days activities, which are the traditional activities of Girne and Çatalköy Municipalities, which were interrupted due to the pandemic, are restarting.

Çatalköy Municipality Beşparmaklar Theatre Days, which will have the slogan “This is the whole point on stage or in life”, will take place at Erol Avgören Cultural Center between March 4 and 31.

The Girne Municipality Theatre Days event, which will take place with the slogan "play or reality, that's the question", will take place at the Girne Municipality Chamber Theater between March 11-27.

Within the scope of Theater Days, theatre lovers will meet with folk dance shows and 15 plays in 2 halls in both towns.

Çatalköy Mayor Mehmet Hulusioğlu stated that due to the pandemic, cultural and artistic activities could not be held for 2 years and emphasized that the two municipalities signed a cooperation to create a start in the interrupted culture and art life.

Reminding that the theatre activities in both municipalities have been carried out for more than 20 years on a voluntary basis and with great devotion, Hulusioğlu said that this year, with the participation of 5 different theatre teams and the Çatalköy Municipality Veteran Folk Dance Ensemble, 15 performances and 1 folk dance, will take place, between 4-31 March, and noted that the show will meet with art lovers.

Reminding that one of the main duties of municipalities is to offer culture, art and social activities to the public, Hulusioğlu emphasized that they are trying to fulfill this duty in the most economical and safe conditions in terms of pandemic, despite the economic conditions in the country.

Hulusioğlu said that there are cooperation and joint projects between the two municipalities in culture and arts and in many different fields, and emphasised that the cooperation will continue as the two mayors, who believe that the existing resources should be used correctly, with the awareness that the economic conditions, human resources and other opportunities of the country are limited.

Hulusioğlu thanked everyone who contributed to the organisation of the Theatre Days and invited all citizens to the events.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü reminded that cultural and artistic activities have been suspended for 2 years due to the pandemic or that they have come to life on the digital platform, and expressed that they are happy to bring the Theatre Days event back to life with the relaxation of the pandemic rules, in cooperation with Çatalköy Municipality.

Güngördü said that they are proud that the play "Şerefine Insanoğlu" was staged by the Maltepe Municipality Theater within the scope of the Eurasian Theater Union project and that Girne and Çatalköy Municipalities Art Director Derman Atik was the director of the play. .

Emphasizing the importance of



inter-municipal cooperation, Güngördü emphasized that the Girne and Çatalköy Municipalities have implemented many important joint projects such as the zoning plan, and thanked everyone who contributed to bringing the Theatre Days to life.

Derman Atik, Art Director of Girne and Çatalköy Municipalities, emphasized the unifying power of art and expressed his belief that the cooperation of Girne and Çatalköy Municipalities will set an example for other Municipalities.

Atik said that Güzelyurt and Beyarmudu Municipalities also wanted to be a partner in the organization, but this was not possible this year, andLefkosa Turkish Municipality Mayor Mehmet Harmancı expressed his opinion that this organization should be held in cooperation with the municipalities next year. and stated that it can come to life as an organization.

Noting that the tension between Russia and Ukraine turning into a war is worrisome for humanity, Derman Atik once again emphasized the importance of peace with the play "Şerefine Insanoğlu", which tells about the negativities of war, and the play "Waiting for Godot", in which a Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot actor took the stage together.

Derman Atik, stated that the play "Pygmalion A Democracy Musical", written by Burçhan Göze from Bursa and won the 1st Musical and Musical Playwriting Competition of Girne Municipality, will also be staged as part of the Theatre Days, and gave information about the Theatre Days program.

Noting that Çatalköy Municipality Beşparmaklar Theatre Days will take place between March 4-31 and Girne Municipality Theatre Days will take place between March 11-27, Atik said, with the participation of 5 theaters, 1 folk dance group, 17 performances and a themed "Henna Night", he explained that the folk dance show will be enjoyed by art lovers.

According to the pandemic rules, Çatalköy Erol Avgören Cultural Center which has a capacity of 200 people will have an audience of 100 people and the Girne Municipality Chamber Theater with a capacity of 150 people will have an audience of 70-80 people.

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality

Martin's Bingo at Hati's Cafe, Esentepe on 22nd February





Readers mail ....
From Susie L Ford ....

We had another great night at Hati's Cafe in Esentepe with Martin's Bingo on the 22nd February 2022.

Hati's Cafe has a lovely warm and welcoming atmosphere, plus great service and wonderful food with Hati's home-made soups which are so delicious.

Martin had a little helper by the name of Ertug who called out the numbers in Turkish so we had not only in English but Turkish as well and we also had the numbers on a big screen which made everyone feel welcome and easy to play. Thank you Ertug for your great help.

Booking is advised as seating is limited due to Covid restrictions until we can go outside in the warmer weather.

So QUACK QUACK, WOBBLE WOBBLE, LEGS ELEVEN and so on and we will be here every Tuesday with eyes down at 7.00pm so please book early to ensure your seat.

SUSIE Q Xxxxxx

Susie's Quiz results for 24th February at the Diiva Restaurant

Readers mail ….
From Susie L Ford ….. Quiz master ….

Diiva Restaurant, Esentepe is the place to be on a Thursday night and we had a packed house for Susie's Quiz on the 24th February 2022

The rounds consisted of, Easy 5, Multiple Choice, Danger Zone, The Letter Round which this week was the 1960s, A Table Top, A Music Round, Bump and Nominate.

The results were:

* 1st Tyke That
* 2nd Dunne and Dusted
* 3rd Girls Aloud
* 4th The Socialites

* 5th JOINT the Foundations and the Shebells
* The famous Susie Lemon went to The Fork Handles.

Thank you all as always, for joining us, and thank you to Clarisse for her continual help. Thank you also to Aliyah for some brilliant photos and a big thank you to Ali Raza and his team at the Diiva Restaurant for hosting us.

We have another full night booked for next week with only a couple of tables left so do please book early.

Keep Quizzing and Keep Safe

SUSIE Q Xxxx

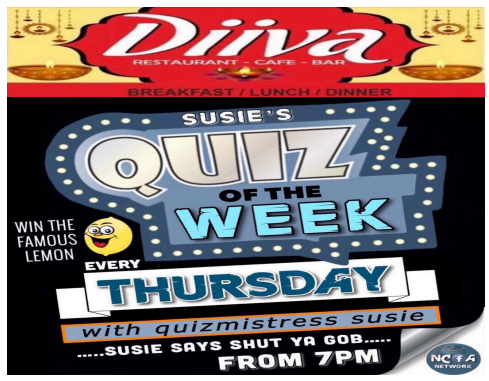




2nd Dunne and Dusted



3rd Girls Aloud





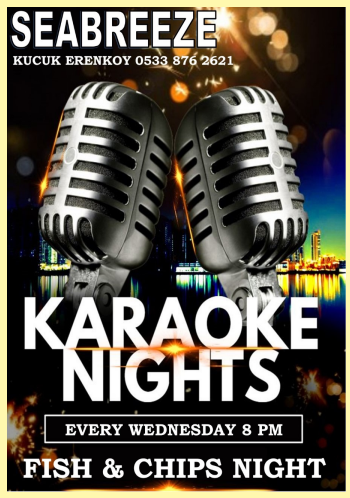
4th The Socialites

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The Leisure Line

Be in the Spotlight!

We had a fantastic night for Sumarts Karaoke at Seabreeze Restaurant, Kucuk Erenkoy















What a night, there were some great singers and some great dancing with some great fish and chips, which as always were so YUMMY.

Happy birthday to Mairead Sweeney Malone, we know you had a good night and thank you so very much for a piece of yummy birthday cake …….. Thank you to Claire & Mehmet for hosting us and we hope to see all our Karaoke singers next week so please book early.

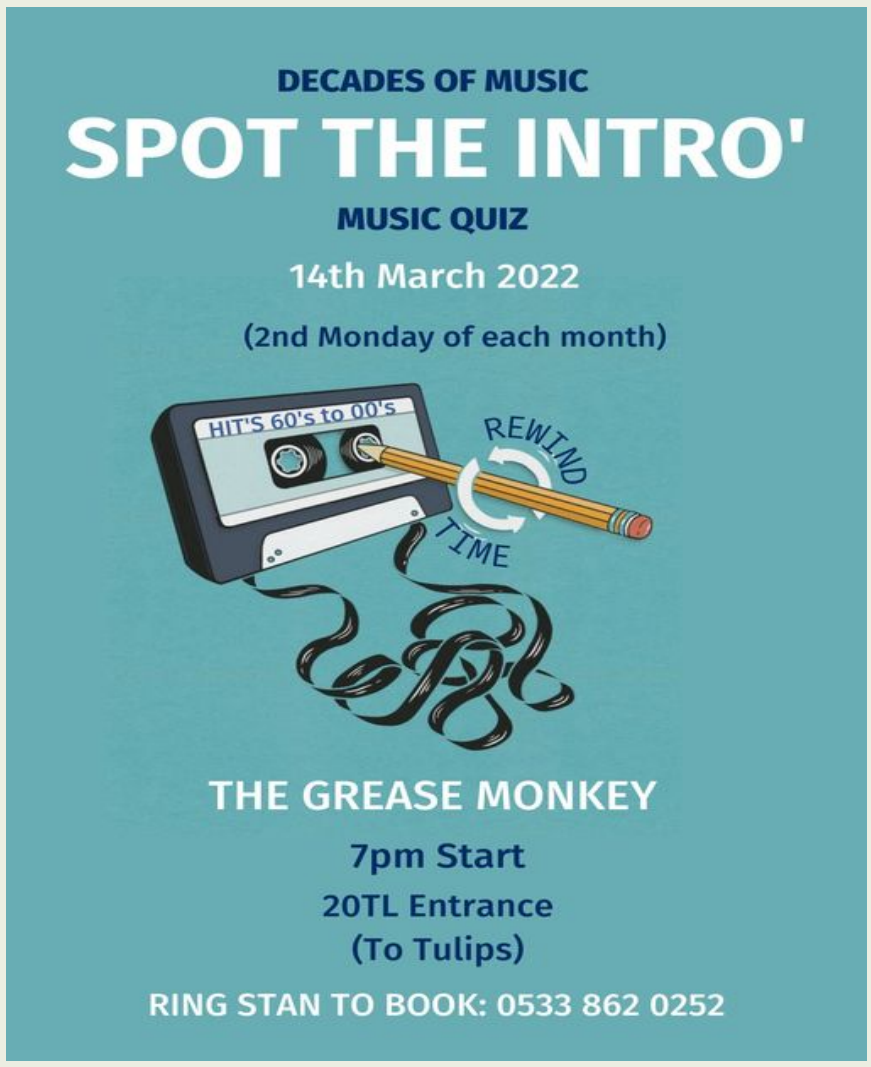
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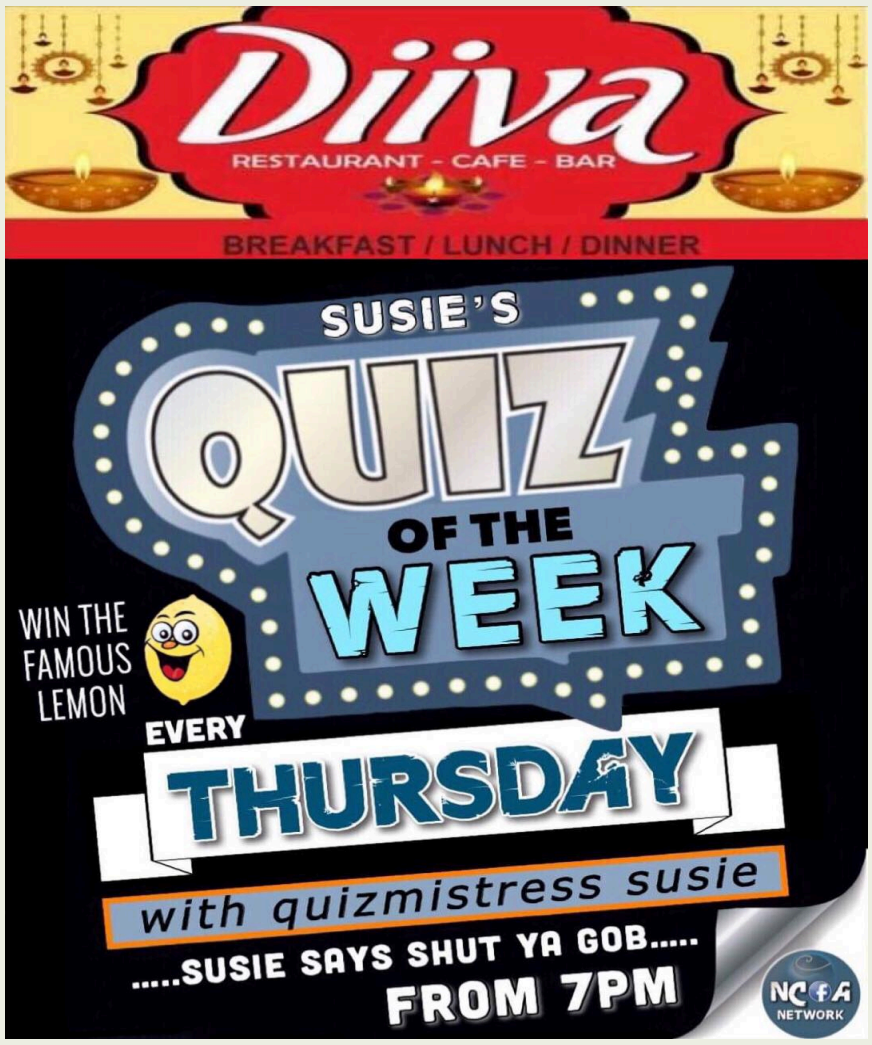








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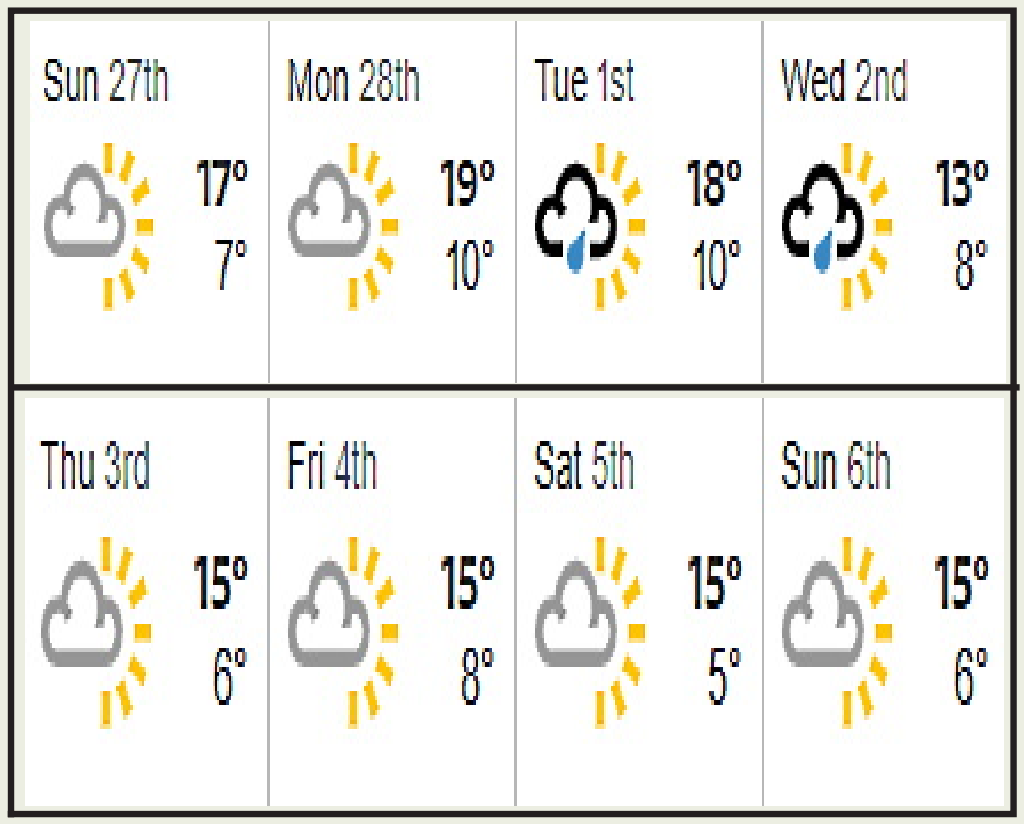
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8-day Weather Forecast

27th February to 6th March 2022



Happy Weekend begins with a Youngsters Win

Result: ESENTEPE KKSK U21 2 SFC DÖRTYOL U21 0



Esentepe in the black strip

By Richard Beale....

Before the main event the Under 21 team won their match and of course afterwards the first team won to complete a double and make Esentepe a very happy village last weekend.

Saturday, February 19: AKSA U21 League 1; Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadium.

Two very similar teams, 2 football-crazy villages, 2 clubs that have excellent football Academies, 2 teams that have superb youth coaches (Gökhan Kim, Esentepe and Süleyman Özkoç, Dörtyol), there had to be a winner and it turned out to be Esentepe.

Esentepe have impressed this season, always being in the top 4 and they continued on their winning ways with a hard-fought victory over Dörtyol.

Esentepe have suffered in recent weeks with first team call ups, injuries, suspensions, Covid and unavailability but for this match they were able to field a much stronger team.

It certainly paid off upfront they had two physical strikers in Captain Şahin Erdoğan and Boğaçhan Ayar. In midfield Mahmut Şen was everywhere backed up by the two Karal's Dincer and Dursun Ali. In defence after injury, Halit Çulçu and Hüseyin Akcal provided strong defensive cover.

Esentepe took the lead in the 60th minute following an Ahmet Gök free kick from the left that was superbly headed in at the far post by BOĞAÇHAN AYAR.

Esentepe wrapped up the game in the 68th minute with a penalty from DURSUN ALI KARAL, his 12th goal of the season after Mehmet Ada was upended in the box by Arda.

To complete a miserable afternoon for the Dörtyol youngsters Onur was red-carded in the 85th minute after collecting 2 yellow cards.

MAN OF THE MATCH ---- MEHMET ŞEN (Esentepe) - an unsung hero, has a good motor on him was everywhere in defence, attach and midfield.



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Football Fixtures for February 26/27 and March 5/6

By Richard Beale..

Below are "selected " local football fixtures, for the next two weekends, which may be in Expats locations. Matches marked * are what I think are the "pick of the weekend" games.**

ALL MATCHES KICK-OFF AT 2-00 PM UNLESS STATED.

SL = AKSA Super League. LI = AKSA League 1. BTM = BTM League (3rd division). KC = Kibris Cup Quarter Final Ist Leg.

SatFeb 26	Türk Ocak	v	Hamitköy ŞHSK	SL	Girne 20 Temmuz Mete Adanır Stadium
SatFeb 26	Düzkaya HOSK	v	Çetinkaya TSK***	L1	Çatalköy Nihat Bağcier Stadium (behind Tempo Supermarket)
SatFeb 26	1461 İskele Trabzon	v	Yenierenköy TSK	BTM	İskele Cumhuriyet Stadium
SatFeb 26	Sadrazam Kayalar	v	Lapta TBSK ***	BTM	Lapta Şht ŞevketKadir Stad. 10-30am ko
Sun Feb 27	Küçük Kaymaklı	v	Yenicamı AK***	SL	Lefkoşa Şht Hüseyin Ruso Stadium
Sun Feb 27	Merit Alsancak Yeşilova	v	Doğan Türk Birliği ***	SL	Karaoğlanoğlu Orhan Dural Stadium (behind Mountain View Hotel)
Sun Feb 27	Yonpaş Dumlupınar	v	Gönyeli SK ***	SL	Famağusta Dr Fazıl Kücük Stadium
Sun Feb 27	L. Gençler Birliği	v	İncirli SK	L1	İskele Cumhuriyet Stadium
Sun Feb 27	Tatlısu HOBSK	v	Ortaköy SK	BTM	Beylerbeyi Dr Özsoy Stad, 10-30am ko
Sun Feb 27	Karaoğlanoğlu SK	v	Denizli SK	BTM	Karaoğlanoğlu Orhan Dural Stadium (behind Mountain View Hotel) 10-30 ko
Sun Feb 27	Geçitkale SK	v	Akova Vurdu SK ***	BTM	Geçitkale Stadium 10-30 am ko
SatMar 5	Mağusa Türk Gücü	v	Küçük Kaymaklı TSK	SL	Famağusta Dr Fazıl Kücük Stadium
SatMar 5	Girne Halk Evi	v	Mesarya SK	SL	Girne 20 Temmuz Mete Adanır Stadium
SatNar 5	Yenicamı AK	v	Türk Ocak	SL	Lefkoşa Atatürk Stadium
SatMar 5	Esentepe	v	China Bazaar Gençlik Gücü***	L1	Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadium
Sun Mar 6	Doğanın Türk Birliği	v	Baf Ülkü Yurdu	SL	Girne 20 Temmuz Mete Adanır Stadium
Sun Mar 6	Maraş	v	L.Gençler Birliği	L1	Famağusta Maraş Necip Halil Kartal St.
Sun Mar 6	Karşıyaka	v	SFC Dörtyol SK ***	L1	Karşıyaka Ergin Şahdur Stadium
Sun Mar 6	Lapta TBSK	v	Doğancı SK	BTM	Lapta Şht ŞevketKadir Stad. 10-30am ko
Sun Mar 6	Tatlisu HOBSK	v	Karaoğlanoğlu SK ***	BTM	Beylerbeyi Dr özsoy Stadium ko 10-30 am

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Young Guns Shoot Down High Flying Dörtyol

Result: ESENTEPE KKSK 3 SFC DÖRTYOL SK 1

By Richard Beale....

Another contrasting week from the lows of Esentepe dismal showing in their last match against Karşıyaka to a breathtaking performance that had promotion contenders Dörtyol chasing shadows.

Saturday February 12, 2022: AKSA League 1: Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadium.

Esentepe "young guns" provided the shock of the weekend, completely outplaying Dörtyol who have only been beaten once on their travels this season. The Esentepe squad this week has been stretched beyond its limits - with suspensions, injuries and non availability. The starting line up included three 17 year olds, two 18 year olds, and a playing replacement Gökdeniz Söyturk only 16 years old. These teenagers didn't let the side down, they provided energy, passion, and teenage exuberance not allowing Dörtyol to settle. In contrast at the back for Esentepe the experienced, seen it all before, and calm influences of 45 year old Okan Kibar and 38 year old Şenol Hacioğlu completely snuffed out the threat of the Leagues "smash and grab" leading goalscorers Berkant Istanbul and Ayberk Payas.

A good crowd of over 100, including quite a few from Dörtyol and more pleasingly for me some new ex pat faces saw Esentepe thoroughly deserve their win.

There was a surprise in the Esentepe lineup with goalkeeper Onur Özbinğul starting after being out for a long time with an injury. Esentepe could only name 6 replacements 2 of them were goalkeepers!

Esentepe never allowed Dörtyol to settle chasing and harrying them down in midfield, it came as no surprise when they took an early lead in the 7th minute. Dörtyol lost possession of the ball in their own half, in a flash Hüseyin Deynekli was onto the loose ball just when he entered the Dörtyol area his legs were taken beneath him by Emre, however, Huseyin managed to poke the ball past the advancing Cağatay and start his goal celebrations. However they were cut short as referee Zekai Töre had apparently blown his whistle for the initial penalty offence, before the ball crossed the line. There was confusion amongst the players, supporters and Esentepe coaching staff imploring the advantage rule to be enforced. The referee was adamant pointing to the spot thankfully for Esentepe ESER KAN put away the penalty for his 8th goal of the season. 1-0.

Hüseyin's speed was causing havoc and all kinds of problems, he was brought down again this time just outside the box but Eser's free kick went wide of the left hand post.

Dörtyol recovered from Esentepe opening onslaught and had fashioned a couple of chances themselves, in the 37th minute a lob over the Esentepe defence found Yasar unmarked but he shot tamely wide.

Just before the break, an Ayberk corner was met at the near post by Eren but goalkeeper Onur managed to deflect his shot away with his legs. Esentepe shifted the ball intermediately upfield where Hüseyin Deynekli outran the Dörtyol defence but his angled drive hit the outside of the left hand post.

A pulsating half and a deserved lead for Esentepe at the break. HALF TIME SCORE: 1-0



Esentepe in the red strip on the attack

The game was effectively over within the first 10 minutes of the second half and it brought 2 deserved goals for 17 year old HÜSEYIN DEYNEKLİ. Firstly in the 50th minute, he swept in a cross from the left and then in the 57th minute he scored a superb goal cutting in on the right and beating Cağatay with a low angled drive that went in at the far post 3-0.

Dörtyol looked like a frustrated and demoralised team making a number of substitutions, they rallied however earning a fortuitous penalty when Okan tackled Ayberk who fell to the ground. BERKANT ISTANBUL sent Onur the wrong way with the penalty. 3-1

The big Esentepe keeper did well in the 86th minute diving to his left to push away an Ahmet Can shot in the closing minutes.

Esentepe made a number of changes themselves including giving a 3 minute run to Gökdeniz Soytürk. FULL TIME 3-1

SUMMING UP: Esentepe well and truly banished their poor performance against Karşıyaka last week never allowing the visitors to settle. They had the upper hand in midfield with Ilyas being the creator, Emre the destroyer winning tackles and a great performance by 17 year old Salih Karal, who is maturing with every game in this match showing off his skills. He was just beaten to my "Man of the Match" by HÜSEYİN DEYNEKLI, who scored 2 and had 1 assist, playing in a more central position using his speed that completely destroyed the Dörtyol defence. Just a mention to the 2 veterans at the back Okan, and Şenol they never allowed Dörtyol's prolific forwards Berkant and Ayberk a sight of goal.



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