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CyprusScene weekly video review of the Cyprus Issue

Hello, my friends, my name is Chris Elliott and I would like to welcome you to our latest CyprusScene review from Northern Cyprus.

The weather may be about to start turning for the better and despite the repeated power cuts, we may be able to look forward to better times and weather and with the return of those annual swallow visitors and holiday makers if they can afford the horrendous flight costs and worst still the lengthy travel times and discomfort when travelling by air to the TRNC via Turkey.

So why should this be? There are lots of political arguments about this but at the end of the day Northern Cyprus is being kept in an embargoed jail by the UN, EU, UK and the world in general to suit the desires and claims of sole ownership of Cyprus by the so called Republic of Cyprus led by a Greek Cypriot administration.

Sadly it was not always like that and the Turks and Greeks of Cyprus were encouraged to sign a sharing agreement by the British Commonwealth which led to Cyprus becoming an Independent State on 16th August 1960 however the Greeks were not happy with the sharing agreement with the Turks and tensions continued with violent attacks on Turkish communities and then with the ultimate break down of the new power-sharing government which collapsed, this saw the Turkish Cypriots being forced out in fear of their lives.

Communal violence continued after the Bloody Christmas attacks by Greek Cypriots in 1963 and after a peacekeeping force was put in place by the guarantor powers of Great Britain, Greece and Turkey, this was followed by a NATO Force (UNFCYP) who separated the communities with the famous green line to this very day.

Continued violence by Greek Cypriots and Greece with published plans for ethnic cleansing of Turkish Cypriots with the UN failing to stop these activities led to Turkey using it's right as a guarantor power to intervene with a peace operation in July 1974.

Since then the UN have failed to find a peace solution mainly as a result of the Greek Cypriots not agreeing to any joint sharing proposals but then as they were being internationally recognised as the sole authority of Cyprus, why should they agree anything as they have or are getting all they can ever hope for.



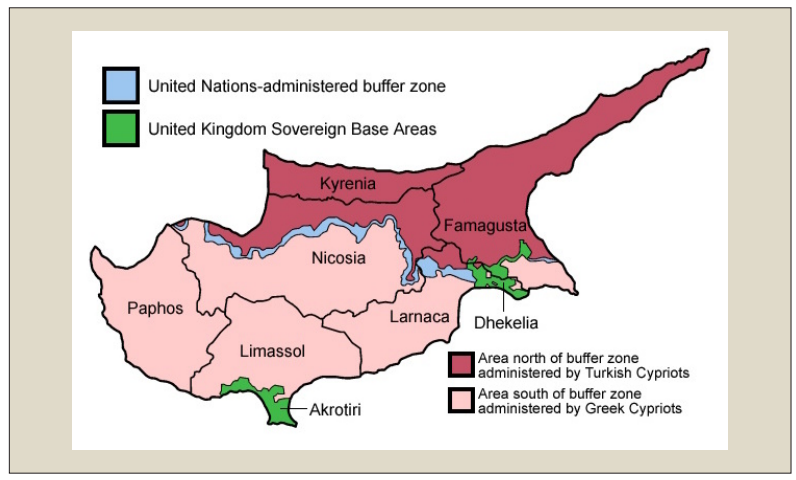
So where do we go from here as the UK are probably unwilling to rock the Cyprus boat by treating the Turkish Cypriots fairly and continue to insist they want both communities to live in a reunified Cyprus state.

Why would they want to insist on that and its without doubt that don't want the Greek Cypriots to demand back the areas occupied by the British Sovereign bases which plays a major part in international security and defence.

So that's a brief round of the Cyprus Issue which really goes back to the emergence of the mainland Greek Enosis campaign between 1882 and 1960 which led to a desire of Greek community in Cyprus to be part of Enosis without the Turkish community.

Now the UN, US, UK, EU and the world in general is facing the land grabbing antics of Russia in the Ukraine and now is perhaps the time to end the Cyprus issue by recognising that a 2 state solution is the only way back to peace and prosperity of both communities and help them live side by side and not give in to any more racist land grabbing activities.

There then my thoughts on this issue and perhaps the current UK Government lobbing campaign by the Northern Cyprus British Residents' Society may have more success than other past attempts.



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The second Girne Antique Harbour progress meeting was held



Within the scope of the Girne Antique Harbour renovation project, the second information and consultation meeting was held with the tradesmen of the region. Girne Mayor Murat Şenkul, Ministry of Tourism Project Coordinator Orhan Atasoy, Ministry of Tourism Administrative Officer and Lawyer Sertaç Özsoy, and antique harbour tradesmen and property owners attended the meeting. At the meeting, where mutual exchange of ideas took place on behalf of the harbour Regulation renewal/arrangement studies, consultations were held on what kind of ways to follow after the project completion date of 31st May 2023. During and after the project, a common language and a common goal were emphasized at the meeting.

Tradesmen and owners who took the floor at the meeting expressed the problems they experienced in the region and pointed out that the unity of opinion and action is important in order to avoid similar problems in the future. Tradesmen and landlords, who expressed the necessity of establishing a joint committee to include stakeholders such as the Ministry of Tourism, the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, the Department of Antiquities, the General Directorate of Police, and the Environment Department, underlined that the main administrative and sanctioning authority should be at the local level, the Municipality of Girne. pointed out that Girne Municipality has the most effective sanction power on the subject, the tradesmen and owners of the region emphasized that the common goal is a permanent solution.

In his speech, Girne Mayor Murat Şenkul emphasized that the project, which is progressing under the management of the Ministry of Tourism, will yield very good results, and reiterated his belief that the project will be completed on the determined date, 31st May. Şenkul once again emphasized that the main issue is post-project management, and in this sense, the municipality should assume the role of legal supervisor and implementer.

Noting that a very successful project with very serious costs has been put in place, Şenkul underlined that his wish is for these efforts to be rewarded. Emphasizing that the Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Public Works and Transport are aware that they have legal authority in the region, Şenkul said that it would be the right step for Girne Municipality to have the authority to supervise and implement the autonomous structure to be established for the port management. He also said that a joint management committee will be established within the scope of this autonomous structure, Şenkul emphasized the importance of having the legal authority in Girne Municipality in the decisions to be taken after the committee.

In his speech, Ministry of Tourism Project Coordinator Orhan Atasoy pointed out that there was great support for the project and underlined that it was aimed to eliminate all problems with the cooperation of Girne Municipality. Expressing that they aim to prevent the bad experiences of the past from happening again with the necessary cooperation, Atasoy underlined that many losses and serious costs were incurred for the completion of the project, and that they had to work hard in this regard.

Source (Turkish):

Girne Municipality

Girne Municipality General Police and City Security Unit is expanding

Girne Municipality continues to strengthen its services and investments so that its citizens receive the best possible service from the municipal police.

In the information given by Girne Municipality General Police (Zabıta) and Urban Security Unit Branch Officer Mehmet Coşar, he noted that they will continue to expand our service network as much as possible to ensure that the citizens of our city, which is growing and developing day by day, can receive the service by the municipal police in the best and fastest way possible.

Girne Mayor Murat Şenkul said in a statement; “We are planning to increase both the number of our personnel and our technical equipment opportunities in May.

Starting from Saturday, February 4th, our city security team will be in the community with the municipality police to ensure the security in the city is 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Together with our police force, we are ready as Girne Municipality to make Girne a safer city.
The Municipality Police City Security Unit will provide on-site intervention and control in the control of the parks



throughout the city, the on-site control of the **notifications coming** from the pharmacies on duty, and the complaints about the notifications from the city-wide Alo 185 system.

Source (Turkish):
Girne Municipality

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Strong TRNC Criticism Of Renewal Of UNFICYP Mandate



Statement by the TRNC Ministry of Foreign Affairs….

The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 2674 (2023) extending the mandate of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) until 31 January 2024, for a period of one year, has been adopted on 30th January 2023.

At the outset it should be emphasized that the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council, which continues to treat one side on the island as a "state" and the other side merely as a "community", are unacceptable. The continued denial of the existence of our state and the will of our people as well as the pillar principle of the consent of all parties for the functioning of the UN Peace Keeping forces in the Security Council decision, puts the existence of UNFICYP in our country in question. Moreover, the references to the consent as to the "Greek Cypriot side agrees for the extension of the mandate" discredits the reputation and the credibility of the UN.

The wording adapted in the resolution is completely detached from the realities on the ground and gives the rest of the world a misleading message by serving the interests of the Greek Cypriot side. The imposition through use of expressions such as continuation of the search for a common ground with the aim of paving the way for returning to the negotiations, as well as the resumption of official negotiations on the basis of the "bi-zonal, bi-communal federation" model, in most diplomatic terms, is a great disrespect towards the will of the Turkish Cypriot people.

Talks between the two sides on the basis of the "federation" model has collapsed for good in 2017 when the Greek Cypriot side left the negotiation table. The Security Council's insistence on this exhausted model which even the United Nations Secretary-General himself refrains from mentioning in his reports and is now defunct for the Turkish Cypriot side, is unacceptable. Such an approach pursues no other purpose than serving the interests of the Greek Cypriot side, which aims at keeping the Turkish Cypriot people under isolation and disconnected from the rest of world for an indefinite time. Unlike previous terms, the decision to extend the mandate of the United Nations on the island for a period of one year instead of six months is a direct obstacle put in place to maintain the present status-quo.

The only realistic solution on the island today is for the two existing States to come together on the basis of their sovereign equality and equal international status to reach an agreement to live side by side. At this stage, members of the UN Security Council should stop ignoring the existing realities and accept the fact that there are two separate peoples and two separate States on the island. Our expectation from the Security Council is to adopt a new approach by acknowledging the existing realities on the ground and note that there is no common ground for the commencement of the same type of negotiations between the two sides. We also expect the Security Council to review its outdated resolutions which result in disconnecting the Turkish Cypriot people from the rest of the world.

A contradiction in the resolution is the reference to international law to address the humanitarian issues such as irregular migration, which requires international solidarity. It is unacceptable that the Turkish Cypriot side is kept out of the equation on sensitive issues that require international cooperation, being excluded from international community and international law for years due to the Greek Cypriot side's obstructionist policies and the reluctance of the international community. For this reason, it is a real dilemma to refer to international law on the one hand while refraining from cooperating with the Turkish Cypriot side on the other.

The fact that the report makes no reference to the isolation inflicted upon the Turkish Cypriot people proves that we are right in our observation that the United Nations Security Council has lost sight of the realities on the ground. Exaggerated and misleading wording so as to expressing satisfaction with the increase in "intra-island trade" amounts to nothing but serving the strengthening of the obstacles for the Turkish Cypriot people for integrating with the rest of the world through direct trade.

The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, with its initiative regarding the fenced-off area of Maraş, which has become the symbol of the status quo, made a serious opening within the framework of international law. The Turkish Cypriot people regretfully condemn the threatening statements in the resolution, claiming that our steps regarding the fenced-off area of Maraş may prompt a response from the Security Council. We would like to emphasize once again that no one can have a right to say over the territory belonging to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and no one can prevent the acts by the TRNC concerning its own territory. We are determined to continue our policy regarding the fenced-off area of Maraş within the framework we have already announced and our initiatives in this direction will continue in the upcoming period. Members of the Security Council openly serve the policies of the Greek Cypriot side which tries to prevent the Greek Cypriots from returning to their properties. The fenced-off area of Maraş is an area within the territory and sovereignty of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and like other countries, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus will never accept transferring the control of its own territory to an international organization. Instead of making threats, the Security Council should support our steps in order to contribute to reconciliation on the island.

Rather than criticising the unilateral hydrocarbon activities of the Greek Cypriot side, which only serve to escalate tension and create instability in the Eastern Mediterranean, the Security Council opted to link the revenues to be obtained from hydrocarbon resources with a possible agreement on the Cyprus issue, which tantamount to ignoring the inherent rights and legitimate interests of the Turkish Cypriot people. It is unacceptable for us that the issue is degraded to a mere tension in the Eastern Mediterranean and the fact that the natural resources in and around the island belongs to both peoples on the island is overlooked.

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The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus is determined at its stance that the relationship between the United Nations and the Turkish Cypriot authorities is unsustainable and cannot continue "business as usual". The United Nations Peacekeeping Force has been maintaining its existence and carrying out its activities in our country on the basis of our goodwill and hospitality. It is crucial that the activities of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force are conducted within a legal framework. We will continue to seek a common understanding in good faith.

We have come to a point where old models for an agreement on the Cyprus issue have been exhausted and the time has come for adopting a new approach on the basis of the current realities. President of Türkiye, Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, in his speech at the 77th meeting of the United Nations General Assembly openly called the members of the Security Council to recognize the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. In light of this historic call, the international community should comprehend the realities on the island without wasting further time and start making efforts to reach a solution based on the sovereign equality of the Turkish Cypriot People.

The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus will continue to object to the resolutions of the Security Council until the Security Council revisits its decisions and refrains from treating one side on the island as a "state" and the other as a "community"

Source:

TRNC Public Information Office

Bellapais Shopkeepers Had Their Say To Girne Municipality

Girne Municipality Mayor Advisor, Mustafa İlgen, and Girne Municipality Police Department officials held a consultation meeting with Bellapais shopkeepers as part of the Village and Neighbourhood Assembly Meetings scheme. The problems faced by the tradesmen in particular and the people of Bellapais in general were discussed. At the meeting the steps taken in the 10 days since the Village and Neighbourhood Assembly Meeting held in Bellapais on Friday, January 20, regarding the demands put forward, were discussed.

Further measures to be taken within the framework of mutual goodwill with the tradesmen were also discussed. In the meeting, where it was informed that all the complaints raised at the Bellapais Village and Neighbourhood Assembly Meeting were reviewed, it was noted that the biggest problem, the lighting issue, was raised by 90 percent.

As of Monday, February 2, it was announced that a full-time police officer will be assigned to the region, and it was emphasized that this way, the region would be relieved in terms of both parking and security. Again, with the aim of relieving the parking issue, which is one of the most important problems of the region, it was discussed at the meeting that a delivery time limit should be



imposed on the companies supplying the shops in the region. At the tradesmen meeting, where a consensus was reached on this issue, consultation was also held to implement uniform signage and regulation practices for garbage bins in the region.

Source (Turkish):

Girne Municipality

Girne Municipality Park and Gardens Unit is working flat out



Girne Municipality Park and Gardens Unit continues maintenance and cleaning works in children's parks and green areas

In a statement by Girne Municipality they said cleaning works continue on the ring road as well as the cemeteries, playgrounds, green areas and side streets in the city, the authorities also noted that the renovation and cleaning works initiated in the parks and green areas will continue at full speed in order to provide a cleaner and healthier environment for children and citizens.

Source: Girne Municipality

Trevors Tips for February 2023

NORTH CYPRUS

TREVOR'S TIPS





By Trevor Hughes…

UK Passport Price Increases

If you need to renew your UK passport, application fees are set to rise from 2nd February 2023 by an average of 9%. This is the first time in five years.

The UK Government informs us, the new fees will help reduce the reliance on taxpayer money by contributing to the cost of processing applications, the fees will also support consular services overseas, like replacing lost or stolen passports, and the processing of British citizens at UK borders. Yeh right, its nothing to do about raising much needed revenue then?

The increased fees will apply to both new passport applications and renewals.

Because of the likley surge in passport applications we are advised to allow 10 weeks for your new passport to arrive until the upsurge of application has subsided.

How much are UK passport fees increasing?

The proposals, which are subject to Parliamentary scrutiny, would see the fee for a standard online passport application made from within the UK, rise from £75.50 to £82.50 for adults and from £49 to £53.50 for children. For overseas applications any price increase has not been anounced as yet, but you can bet your bottom dollar the application will be increased!

TRNC Minimum Wage

The new minimum wage has been confirmed and will come into effect on February the 1st.

The new minimum wage will be 13,563TL gross and 11,800TL after taxation and social sigorta deductions has been made.

Can the Government not see that all the minimum wage will do is increase prices in the shops and push up the rate of inflation even further (remember the winter of discontent in the UK in the early seventies?)

Not only food prices, but every thing else will go up linked to the minimum wage, including road traffic fines, driving licences, school fees, residency applications and anything else linked to the minimum wage. It won't take long for people benifiting from having their salaries increased to the new minimum wage, and eventually going back on the bread line.

This years TRNC MOT Dates, see opposite.

We have F**inally Moved!**

At last, we (Captital Insurance) have moved into our new Office whch is on the edge of Girne town centre, just off the by pass, opposite Ezic Premier, passed the row of shops on the left, passed the Extend sign and then 150 mtrs on you left is where our office located.

Gas Bottles containing LPG gas

The price of a domestic 10 kg bottle of gas has gone up by 15TL to 255TL each.

During the the last period of excessive rain and cold temperatures, if the gas bottles which are in use and are not stored in your home or stored outside under cover, their efficiency can be detrimentaly affected. For example, my gas water heater decides when to heat the water up so that I can wash up my dishes and have a shower. The heater does not heat the water enough to avoid having a cold shower and believe me the water is extremly cold.

To counter this effect and helping the gas to operate normally, wrap the cylinder with polythene or a cardboard box. This should have the desired effect.

Plastic Shopping Bags

In June this year, the facility of being given a plastic carrier bag by retail outlets when shopping, will be withdrawn. This is by way of the Governments decree in helping to save the planet from plastic polution.

Do you remember the last time the Government here did exactly the same thing some 4-5 years ago, and it only lasted a few weeks. How long will this latest initiative last, we wait and see?

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D. OZEL ARAÇLAR, MOTOSIKLETLER, HİBRİTLİ VE ELEKTRİKLİ MOTORLULAR
(Yukarıda A, B ve C paragrafları dışında kalanlar)

Motorlu Araç Plaka Numarası (Aşağıdaki harflerle başlayan)	Muayene Tarihleri (Tüm Muayene merkez
A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, AF, AG, AH, AJ, AK, AL, AN, AP, AR, BF, BG, BH, BJ, BY, BZ, CR, CS, CT, DG, DH, DJ,	02/08/2023 - 10/08/2023
DK, DL, EC, ED, EE, EF, EG, EH, EJ, EK, EL, EM, FB, FC, FD, FE, FF, GM, GN, GP, GR, GS, GT, GU,	11/08/2023 - 21/08/2023
GV,GY, GZ, HA, HB, HC, HD, HE, HF, HG, HH, HJ, HK, HL, HM, HN, HP, HR, KD, KE, KF, KG,	22/08/2023 - 31/08/2023
KH, KJ, KK, KL, KM, KN, LL, LM, LN, LP, LR,	01/09/2023 - 12/09/2023
LS, LT, LU, LV, MS, MT, MU, MV, MY, MZ,	13/09/2023 - 25/09/2023
NA, NB, NC, PD, PE, PF, PG, PH, PJ, PK,	26/09/2023 - 09/10/2023
PL, PM. PN. PP, PR, PS, PT, SA, SB,	10/10/2023 - 23/10/2023
SC, SD, SE, SF, SG, SH, SJ, SK, SL	24/10/2023 - 03/11/2023

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Dolmus and Taxi Fares

The cost of hiring a taxi or catching a bus are set to rise by some 30 – 40 %. Getting into a taxi will cost 41TL during the daytime and 50TL at night.

Travelling Girne to Lefkoşa will cost 495TL during the daytime and 575TL at night. Ercan to Girne will cost 900TL during the daytime and 1035TL at night. Night time tarriffs are between 22:00 and 06:00.

Car Theft

A lot of people here, take car security in a very relaxed way. Like me, they don't always lock their cars and even leave their engine running,with the keys in the ignition, when going into shops to do a small shop. Gone are the days when car theft was unheard of, but sadly those are fast coming to an end. All to often it's due to tourism and the modernisation of our world.

Capital Insurance Range Services

All too often, people who live here are in need of valuable and accurate information and mainly rely on expensive sources. Capital Insurance provide a wide range of additional service and have gained a reputation for providing this service at such fantastic prices !!!.

Capital Insurance is the only provider covering such a wide range of service.

Services covered:

Residence applications both first time and renewal

Comprehensive and very competitive prices on insurance for cars and property, covering the widest range of cover than any other insurance providor company!!

Last Will and Testaments

Passport applications

UK police checks, needed for first time property purchase. Don't forget, you need a UK police report whenever you puchase a property for the first time or buying an additıonal property.

Driving licence renewal

UK postal service both too and from the TRNC (envelopes only)

UK driving licence renewal

MOT payments

Tenancy agreements in both Turkish and English.

New Vehicle Registrations

If you are concidering buying a new car, be aware, you will not be able to collect your new purchase for up to 15 weeks from the date you purchased it from the dealership. Please don't blame the dealer it's not his fault, they want you to have your new purchase as quickly as possible.

One of the reasons for this delay is because of the Governments decision to reduce the cost of import taxes. The delay is because of the slow process being undertaken by the relevent offices in Lefkosa. The reduced tax will come to an end at the end of the month.

Can the Government not learn from this to keep the Tax payments rolling in?

I see from the latest report from the Public Works and Transport Ministry's Transport Department, the majority of new cars are BMW, Mercedes, and other large cars! Who said the local people are suffering from increased prices in shops or are all the new vehicles on finance? At some time in the future, there will be many more cars coming through the auction houses because of repayment failure?

Driving Licence Fees increase

From Saturday, 28th January 2023 driving licence fees will be increased to:

Driving Licence lasting 2 years – 774.80TL, 3 years – 1,034TL, 5 years – 1,589TL, 10 years – 2,639TL

Student Driver's Licence – 774.90TL Driving Test – 775TL.

Motor Vehicle Driving Exam – 1,065TL

Temporary Driving Licence – 774.90TL

International Driving Licence – 1,620TL

Replacement of lost, damaged, worn out or change of status or student driver's licence – 380TL

According to the Official Gazette the price increases came into force on 27th January, 2023.

Road Fund Licence Increases and Traffic Violation Fees

Because the minimum wage has gone up and most things here are linked to the minimum wage, traffic fines have also increased.

Tax Increases

Due to the 80% increase the Tax Office has announced on January 27th 2023, an increase on residency fees are also expected. Road tax and MOT fees are also affected.

If you wish to ask me a question, please email me as shown below.

Best wishes

Trevor Hughes

trevorhughes329@gmail.com

Just arrived - New Residency Payment Fees

1 Year Health Insurance:	1356 TL
1 Year Health + Blood Test:	2170 TL
1 Year Permit Fee:	920 TL
2 Year Health Insurance :	2712 TL
2 Year health Insurance + Blood Test:	3526 TL
2 Year Permit Fee:	1839 TL

TFR opening a new members meeting place in Kücük Erenköy

Readers mail..…

From Ralph Krazer – The Foreign Residents In The TRNC (TFR)…

In addition to our weekly get-together every Friday at BlueSong in Lapta and every Wednesday at Sultan´s in Catalköy we are trying to start a new meeting point on the east side of Girne due to the fact that TFR is getting more and more members joining over there..

The new get-together will be started every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of a month at SeaBreeze Restaurant and Bar in Kücük Erenköy (Tel. 0533 8762621) from 14:00 – 16:00 hrs.

Every TFR-member and wannabe member living in this area is welcome.

For further information please contact our Committee-member Richard "Brad" Bradley on his email address





richardpetebradley@hotmail.com

Christmas Swim at Lords Palace was a Great Success



Cheque presentation - picture courtesy of Tulips

Hello Chris,

Is it possible please for you to put this thank you review in your CyprusScene newspaper?

I would like to thank CreditWest for their sponsorship and continued support, and also Lord's Palace Hotel for letting us use their facilities for the Chrismas swim and presentation and also their sponsorship.

I would also like to mention our new swimmer Kirstin Schmitt who raised 27,000TL, and to everyone and all their friends who without your help, we could not achieved the fantastic amount of 64,860TL of which half goes to Tulip's Help Those With Cancer Association and half to Kemal Saracoglu Foundation for Children with Leukaemia and Cancer.

Thank you again and Well Done all.

Barbara ….

From Barbara Fursman….

Susie's Big Music Quiz 31st January results at Diiva Restaurant

Readers mail ….
Susie L Ford ….
Quiz Master ….

Hello readers,

We had another great night for Sumarts January BIG Music Quiz at Diivas Restaurant in Esentepe on 30th January 2023 and again, the heavens opened but it didn't stop you lovely lot of quizzers from joining us and also enjoying the lovely big open fire that kept us all snug and warm!

The rounds were, Tabletop, TV, Male Names, 1970s, Body Parts, Transport and the Big 20!

The results were.

1st The Shebells (who won by ½ a point)!
2nd Dunne N Dusted
3rd Heres Johnny

And the Famous Lemon went to Who let the dogs out!

We had lovely food, good service and enjoyed the warm and great atmosphere that was Diiva so thank you to Ali and his team and you quizzers for joining us.

The next BIG Music Quiz will be in February on a date to be arranged so watch my Facebook page for the latest news.



So, folks thats it and just keep quizzing and stay warm!

Susie Q Xxxx



Girne Children's "Reduce, reuse, recycle" art competition held

Art competition in Primary Schools with the title "Reduce, reuse, recycle" – Opening and Award Ceremony at the Municipality Art Gallery in Girne

By Heidi Trautmann….

Our Girne Municipality presented the outcome of its drawing competition on Saturday, January 28, 2023 in the Municipality Art Gallery. The competition is based on a grant from the European Union for Improving Waste Management. I spoke to the curators Burçu Veysioğlu and Aysun Çelik from the Municipality and learnt that the invitation for the competition with a formal prescription, see link, was sent to 19 primary schools in the Girne administration area and that they had a positive response from 12 schools with a participation of 251 works by students of two age categories. The best works were chosen by the jury, mentioned hereafter and put on display in the art gallery.

Murat Senkul, Mayor of Girne Municipality

Şenol Özdevrim, artist and art teacher

Özlem Ekinci Şahanoğlu, artist

Kemal Behcet Çaymaz, artist and author of the book series 'Safir'

It was a pleasure to see the many children who had come with their parents to collect their awards and little presents for their work. It is at the same time an important task, an educational programme, to make children aware of our biggest problem, which is waste management in our society in which all its citizens are being made to use prefabricated goods in tins and cartons and wrapped in plastic, yes, to become aware of it and then go home.

For more information go to the link below.

The two curators were proud to announce that further steps for a clean environment have been started by the Municipality, that is waste sorting; in future, there will be three waste bins positioned in many places in and around Girne for PAPER – PLASTIC – TINS. I sincerely hope that the citizens will get used to the idea and help the Municipality in its efforts to change things for the better. I asked what is going to happen to the materials collected, but I did not get a satisfying answer. (The final goal should be waste sorting in each household, which at the moment has not been thought of).

I can add here, that I heard rumours that Near East University thinks of building a recycling factory for paper. We know from ÇADER in Çatalköy, that there are places where plastic is being recycled, also the recycling of aluminium tins should not be a problem. But what about glass? Here, we have the positive news that there is an initiative to grind glass in Karşiaka. That means, we would need a fourth waste bin for glass…..

As of June on there are no plastic bags to be given out in supermarkets but only paper bags or preferably, it is thought, the consumers bring their own shopping bags which should be the rule anyway, and here, a place for paper recycling would be most welcome. In connection with this idea, the Girne Municipality has given out fabric bags to all visitors of the opening evening.

A further reminder of this lovely event is a desk calendar with the works of the winners of the competition, to remind us for a whole year of the importance of waste reduction and better management.

I would like to speak to the children some weeks later if they practice what they have been painting and if they are proud of having done something for our nature to become healthy and clean again.



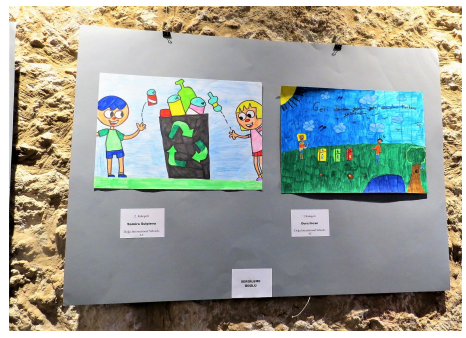
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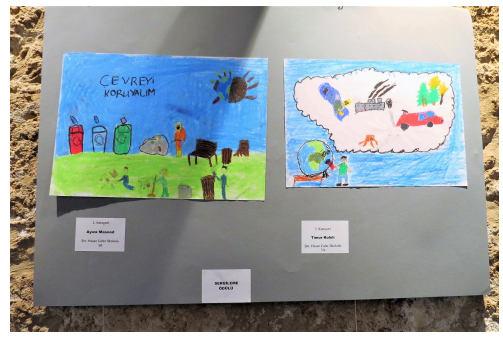
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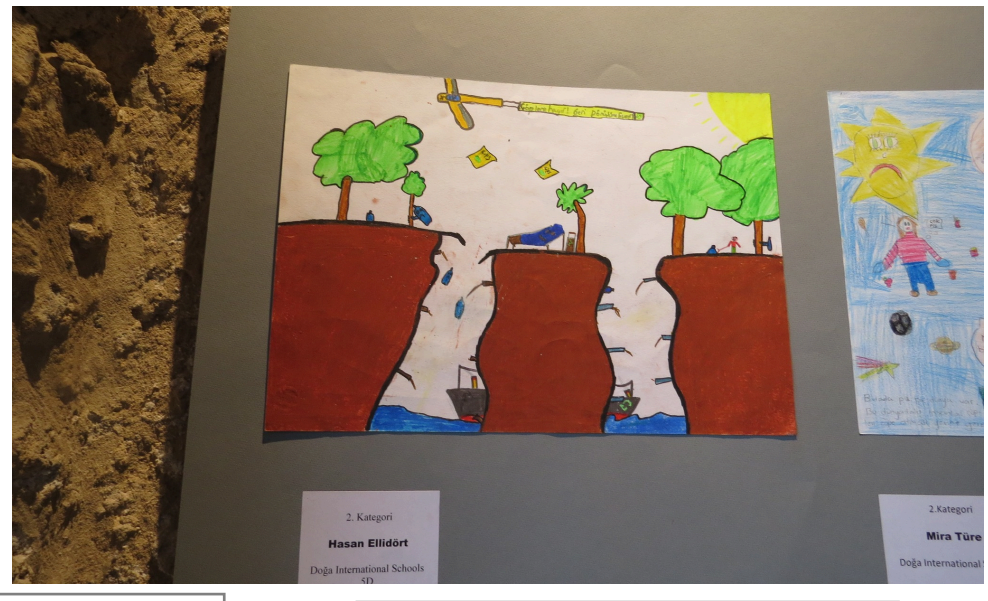












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Susie's Quiz results for 2nd February at the Diiva Restaurant

Readers mail ….
From Susie L Ford …..

Quiz mistress ….

We have brilliant nights for Sumart's Quiz at Diiva Restaurant in Esentepe and the latest quiz on 2nd February 2023 was no different and our friends and quizzers were there eager to get guessing and answering our quiz questions.

The rounds consisted of: Tabletop, Easy 5, Multiple Choice, Music Round, Danger Zone. A Letter Round which this week was February, and then Bump and EBP.

The results were:

1st Here's Johnny
2nd Dunne N Dusted
3rd Shebells
4th Joint Fork Handles and It Tykes 2 Baby
5th Foundations

And the famous Lemon went to the Clueless Lemons.

Thank you to Ali and his Diiva team for hosting and looking after us so well and also to Linda Lamb and Graham Loftus for all of their help!

Thank you all for joining us and we look forward to seeing you again every Thursday at Diiva for the best quiz on the island and do please book your table with us via my Facebook page on link below.

Susie Q Xxxx

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2nd Dunne N Dusted



3rd The Shebells



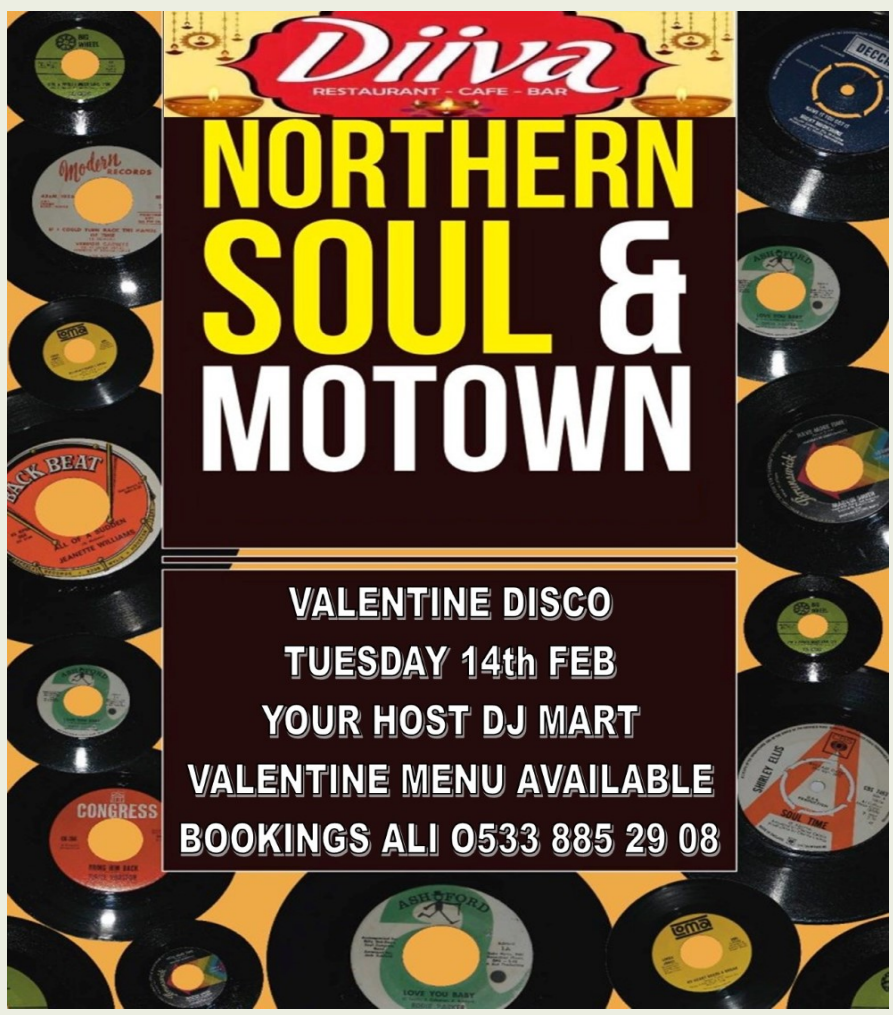
Clueless Lemons with the Lemon

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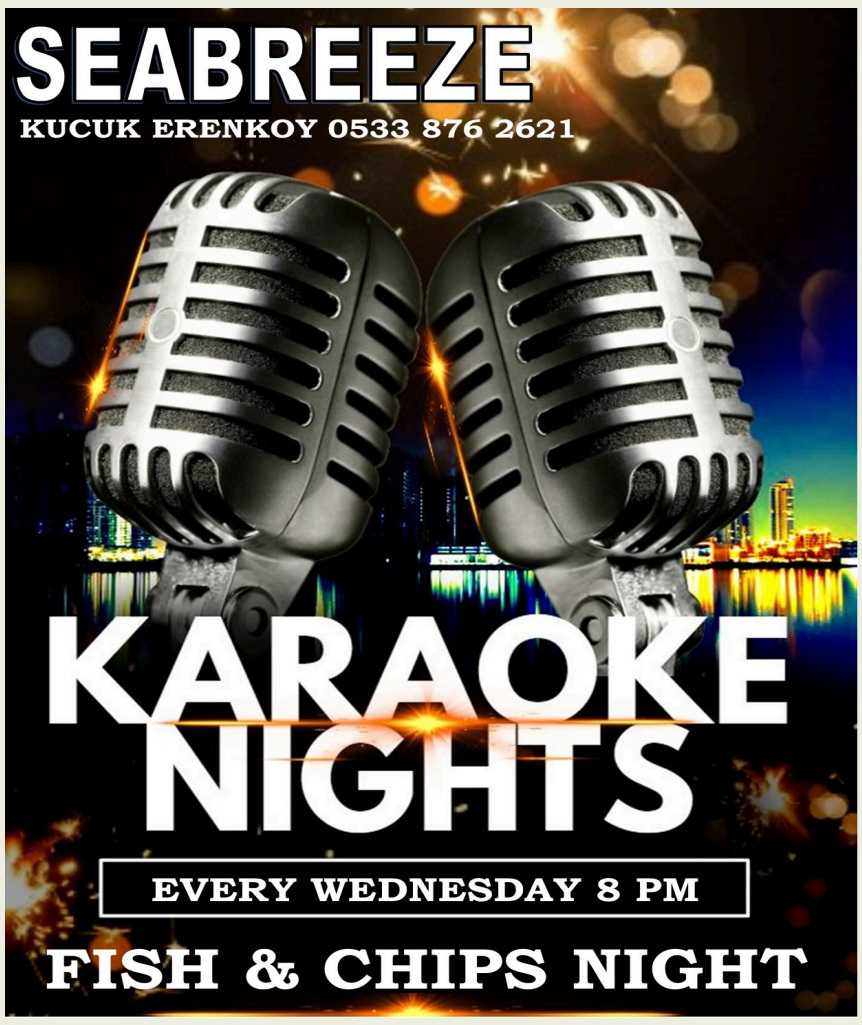




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3rd February 2023 to 10th February 2023

Emergency Telephone Numbers

mobile numbers are prefixed 0533 or 0542 or 0548
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POLICE

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

FIRE

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

AMBULANCE

Emergencies	**112**

HOSPITAL

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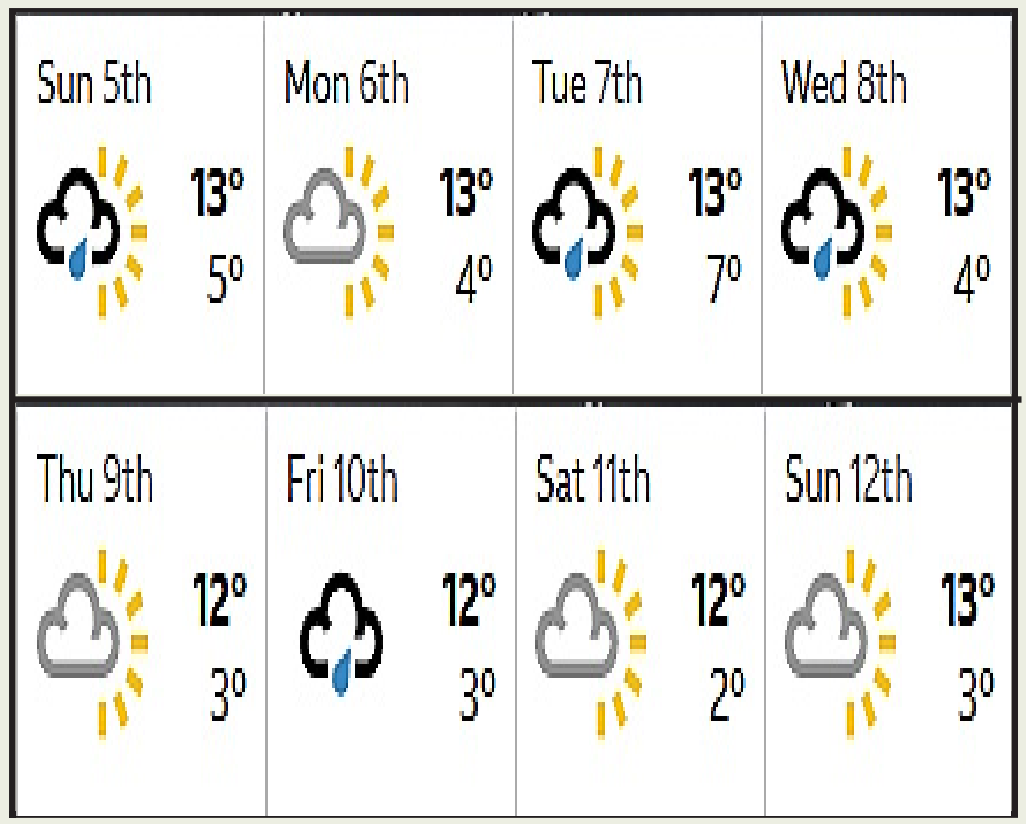
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Gazi Mağusa	366 5514
Güzelyurt	714 2122

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Güzelyurt	714 3516

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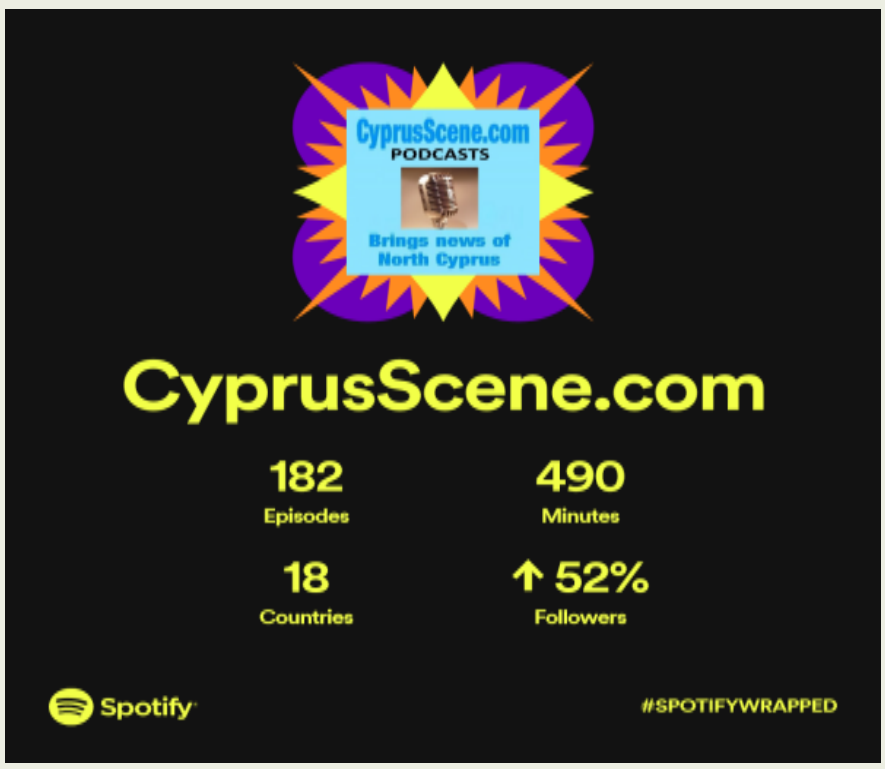
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Football Fixtures For Weekend 4/5 February

By Richard Beale….

This week I have chosen matches in possible ex pat locations, with matches marked ** for what I think are games that are the "pick of the weekend".**

ALL KİCK OFFS 2-00pm, unless stated.

SL = Super League, L1 =League 1, BTM = BTM League 1



Sat Feb 4	Türk Ocak	SL	Gönyeli SK	Gime 20 Temmuz Mete Adanır St.
Sat Feb 4	Göçmenköy İYSK	SL	Lefke.	Lefkoşa Atatürk Stadium
Sat Feb 4	Merit Alsancak Yeşilova SK	SL	CB Gençlik Gücü	Alsancak Mustafa Hidayet Stadium
Sat Feb 4	Esentepe KKSK	L1	Baf Ülkü Yurdu****	Erdal Barut– Stadium
Sat Feb 4	Pera L. Gençler Birliği SK	L1	Düzkaya KOSK ****	Famağusta Dr Fazıl Küçük Stadium
Sat Feb 4	Kaplıca Karadeniz 61 SK	BTM	Geçitkale GSK ****	Kaplıca Emre Genç Stadium ko 10-30 am
Sun Feb 5	Yenicamı AK	SL	Küçük Kaymaklı TSK ****	Lefkoşa Atatürk Stadium
Sun Feb 5	Yonpaş Dumpulınar	SL	Doğan Türk Birliği****	Famağusta Dr Fazıl Küçük Stadium
Sun Feb 5	Binatlı YSK	L1	Yeniboğaziçi DSK	Güzelyurt Üner Berkalp Stadium
Sun Feb 5	Yenierenköy TSK	L1	Lapta TBSK	Yenierenköy 8 Ağustos Stadium
Sun Feb 5	Miracle Karşıyaka	L1	Yalova SK****	Karsıyaka Şengul Töreham Stadium
Sun Feb 5	Çanakkale TSK	BTM	Mehmetçik TCBSK	Famağusta Muharrem Döveç Stad ko 10-30 am
Sun Feb 5	Karaoğlanoğlu SK	BTM	Tatlısu HOBSK	Orhan Dural Stadium (behind Mountain View Hotel) ko 10-30 am

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Top of the Table Clash Ends in a Draw

Result: DEM'S CON ÇANAKKALE TSK 1 KAPLICA KARADENIZ 61 SK 1

By Richard **Beale…**

Predictably the clash between 1st and 2nd place teams ended in a draw a result that before the kick off both teams would have settled for. I think that Kaplıca would be the most disappointed of the two teams taking the lead in the 80th minute but failing to hold onto it.

Saturday January 28 : Iktisatbank BTM League 1 Red Group : Famağusta Muharrem Döveç Stadium.

It's always pleasant to visit Çanakkale there always is a warm welcome as there is from the travelling Kaplıca supporters. As expected with this top of the table clash a good crowd was present, the match didn't disappoint though it lacked quality, there was plenty of effort and endeavour but it wasn't a classic.

Both teams cancelled each other out, both teams had chances but failed to take them, both goalkeepers surprisingly were under employed.

The match cried out for someone to put their foot on the ball, to have vision to make the telling pass, instead it was frantic at times with the ball being like a hot potato. Saying that it still was a match that kept you on your toes, the expectation was there even if it disappointed at times.

MATCH HIGHLIGHTS :

5 mins: A long free kick from the right by Çanakale Hicabi was met at the far post by their Captain Yunus who headed across goal where Tolga headed just wide.

29 mins: A long free kick taken by Aziz on the left found an unmarked Sertaç who headed wide from a good position.

KaplIca were relying on using the speed of İbrahim Çelik and many of a long ball saw the Kaplıca forward trying his hardest to get on the end of it.

45 +2 mins: Hicabi put over a good cross to the far post where Yunus smashed a first time volley that brought a good save from the Kaplıca goalkeeper Yasin pushing the ball over for a corner.

HALF TIME : 0-0

Çanakkale started the half well putting Kaplıca on the back foot.

47 mins: A Hakan corner from the left was headed over the bar by Mustafa Gök from a good position.

The match continue like a tennis match with no side being unable to retain possession. However from the 60th minute Kaplıca started enjoying their best spell of the match, having possession and territory.

79 mins: A quick throw in from Emre, saw Deniz on the right send in a low cross just in front of the inrushing Ibrahim.

80 mins: Kaplıca pressure finally



DENİZ SERT heads Kaplıca into the lead



20 EREN KANDEMİR heads Çanakkale equaliser.

paid off following a Ekrem Çakıral corner that was headed in at the near post by their top scorer DENİZ SERT. Deniz surprisingly had not started the match but quickly made his presence felt. 0-1

Kaplıca however disappointedly failed to hold on to their lead when the match seemed to be in the bag.

87 mins: A Faruk corner from the left was headed home by EREN KANDEMİR, poor defending by Kaplıca.

90 mins: Çanakkale Mustafa Gök was sent off harshly I thought after a clash of boots with Deniz.

ÇANAKKALE "Man of the Match", HİCABİ DEMİR showed class and was behind most of his teams moves.

KAPLICA "Man of the Match" SERTAÇ AVŞAR defended well dependable at the back.

Referee: Huseyin Özkan – handled the match well, got most decisions right.

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A Scrappy Match But Esentepe Take The Points!

Results: GİRNE HALK EVİ SK 0 ESENTEPE KKSK 3

By Richard Beale….

Esentepe enjoyed a rare win at the Girne 20 Tammuz Mete Adanır Stadium in a very scrappy affair but more importantly took the 3 points to move them into 6th place and a promotion playoff spot.

Sunday January 29, 2023: AKSA League 1 : Girne 20 Tammuz Mete Adanır Stadium.

Esentepe completed the "double" over GHE in a match that for 60 minutes was disappointing and poor entertainment for the modest crowd.

GHE were awful but they had in their Nigerian midfield player ARDA OLAGOKE the best footballer on display, his class showed throughout he just had no support from his fellow teammates.

Esentepe were a little better they had a valid excuse hit by injuries to key personnel, hit by yellow card suspensions also hit by internal club disciplinary suspension. The replacement bench included 4 teenagers without first team experience and 2 players injured, who had no chance of playing.

Esentepe Coach Davut Kansu once again has done wonders with such a limited squad and resources, to be in a top 6 position is a remarkable achievement.

It was a very scrappy opening 20 minutes with only a half chance falling to Esentepe midfield player Tuğra shooting wide following a breakaway.

As the first half wore on Esentepe looking the more dangerous but with both goalkeepers having very little to do.

Summing up the first half, two evenly matched sides, final ball and crosses letting both teams down. Referee Mustafa Öztugay having a superb match, often playing the advantage rule.

Esentepe central defender Şenol was having a solid match at the back.

HALF TIME SCORE : 0-0

The opening 15 minutes of the second half carried on in the same fashion, even stevens but lacking quality.

Esentepe took the lead in the 63rd minute following a quickly taken thrown in by Tuğra on the left finding an unmarked MELİH RAHMAN NİSANÇI who had time to turn, control the ball and shoot in, to record his first League goal since signing recently from Turkey. 0-1

65 minutes and Esentepe increased their lead with a rare goal from MAHMUT İZOĞLU, in fact it was a gem. Mahmut won a tackle in his own half on the right carried on a few yards, saw that the GHE goalkeeper Feyyaz was off his line and tried an audacious chip must be around 40 yards out, the ball just brushed the goalkeepers outstretched fingertips and carried on into the net – it was premeditated , it was not a cross – superb 0-2.

A game that at times was mediocre at times had suddenly burst into life.

Esentepe nearly scored a third goal in the 77th minute, Semih broke away on the left and his cross to the near post saw substitute Mustafa Soytürk hitting the right hand post.

The third Esentepe goal came in the 80th minute when Melih fed EMRE MUTLU who went on to squeeze the ball past a GHE defender and goalkeeper Feyyaz. 0-3



EMRE MUTLU about to score Esentepe 3rd goal

With the match as good as over Coach Davut introduced two youngsters 15 year old DİNÇER KARAL and 18 year old MAHMUT ŞEN to give just a taste of first team football.

FULL TİME SCORE – 0-3.

SUMMİNG UP

It was a funny old game, poor quality for most of it, too many misplaced passes and crosses, both teams lacking someone who could inject a bit of pace into it.

GHE, ARDA OLAGOKE was the most skilful player on show, deserves to be playing in a higher League or a better team.

For Esentepe they are fortunate to have two human dynamo's in their team, TUĞRA KILIÇ works his socks off in a defensive midfield role and likewise EMRE MUTLU is full of energy in his attacking midfield role. SEMIH ARSLAN also I thought put in a good shift working hard on the flanks.

Esentepe Man of the Match – ŞENOL HACIOĞLU he didn't put a foot wrong all through the match and as dependable and solid.





ŞENOL HACIOĞLU.


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