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CyprusScene 1st of April review from the TRNC.

Hello, my friends, my name is Chris Elliott and I would like to welcome you to our latest CyprusScene review from Northern Cyprus and what a week or two it has been.

You will remember we made a video review with the British Residents' Society together with Stephen Day about the progress of the UK Government lobbying campaign calling for recognition and equal treatment of the TRNC and this has received a great response through our website, e-newspaper, YouTube video channel and finally podcasts.

This attempt to highlight the unfair plight of the Turkish Cypriots and other nationalities living in Northern Cyprus was taken to far higher levels by the visit of TRNC President, Ersin Tatar to London where he had many meetings and was even interviewed by Ian Dale of LBC Radio who asked "Can Cyprus ever be reunited?" and this was followed by a number of people sharing their views but all in all, the total case of the Turkish Cypriots cause needs further exposure.

LBC have this interview on their YouTube channel and as is the norm, we have been able to share this working video into an article we have created so that when published other readers or actors will be able to share the important facts that sadly were not included in this interview and we congratulate TRNC President Tatar for doing his best despite some opposition thereafter.

Talking of opposition, attempts were made by Greek or Greek Cypriot sympathiser's to prevent his motorcade reaching Kings College University, where President Tatar gave a speech at a conference organized by students.

Now these spoiling activities have been going on for years following the ethnic cleansing attempts of Turkish Cypriots in Cyprus by Greek Cypriots and Greeks which led to the Turkish Intervention in 1974 and peace being restored.

Now you don't have to be a politician to be hounded and victimised by these attacks and I have had many of them when publishing news from the TRNC and in the latest case in the Recognition of TRNC Facebook page a number of articles I shared, were met with very abusive statements on those I had shared and when replying I was met with attempts to vilify my character and



integrity which is a tactic used for many years to suppress support for the Turkish Cypriot cause.

Even a few members who made a few simple comments on the various articles shared were met with the same spiteful and degrading attacks and whilst free speech is necessary and be applauded, the admin of this group banned the individual who was running wild and all of their comments were deleted.

Clearly the silent majority may be unwilling to get caught up in the stream of abuse directed at anyone supporting the TRNC but when the news of the banning of this troublesome individual broke there were floods of comments of congratulations and relief that the spiteful and hate tirade had finished.

On a personal note for my relaxation time I continued with my archery practice but as I have not reached the skill and accuracy level I wanted, I will not be competing in this weekend's archery competition but will be taking tuition in the following weeks to enable me to reach the skill level I want and at the first suitable opportunity I will then take part in a new competition.

So, thank you again my friends and I wish you a safe and happy week and do please click to like our work and perhaps make a donation to Buy Me A Coffee.

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President Tatar condemns fascist EOKA terrorist group on its anniversary



The "Mentality of Greek Cypriot side in support of terrorism remains unchanged"…..

Statement by President Ersin Tatar:….

"On April 1, 1955, the fascist EOKA terrorist group, which was formed with the objective of uniting the island of Cyprus with Greece and turning Cyprus into a Hellenic island at any cost, murdered hundreds of British servicemen during the Cyprus Emergency. In 1963, this terrorist group played a significant role in the implementation of the Akritas Plan, known as the "Plan to exterminate the Turkish Cypriot People," when acts of genocide were committed against Turkish Cypriot civilians and significant number of women and children were massacred. During this time of great hardship and suffering, Turkish Cypriots were forced to migrate from 103 villages. The Turkish Cypriots, who were founding partners of the Republic of Cyprus in 1960, were expelled by force of arms from the state apparatus, the state having been usurped and transformed into a Greek Cypriot state.

Despite the inhuman attacks of the fascist terrorist organisation, our heroic people, who made great sacrifices in the darkest period of their recent history, never bowed to the Greek-Greek Cypriot duo and to the EOKA terrorist group. The Turkish Cypriot People guarded their loved ones, their flag, their honour, and identity, and refusing to allow their honourable Turkishness to be trampled upon, they prevented the island of Cyprus from becoming a Hellenic island under the leadership of the Turkish Resistance Organisation (TMT) and the support of Motherland Türkiye.

A great price was paid for this struggle, and our people endured great pain and anguish as many loved ones were abducted, murdered and gone missing whilst they also had to bury their massacred children. Following the epic struggle and resistance, the Cyprus Peace Operation was staged on July 20, 1974. Cyprus became an island of peace due to this Peace Operation, and the Turkish Cypriot People have been able to live in freedom and independence under the roof of their own State, with the protection and security provided by Motherland Türkiye.

The bigoted and violent mentality of the Greek Cypriot side and their embracing of terrorism remains unchanged despite the passing of many decades. It is unfortunate that this situation was exposed and plainly visible in the attack staged against me in my recent visit to London, which was also aimed against the Turkish Cypriot People.

As I have underlined many times: The Greek Cypriot administration had given permission to the PYD, the political arm of the PKK terrorist organisation, to open a representative office in Southern Cyprus in the recent past and also supported terrorism by issuing the terrorist leader, Abdullah Öcalan, a diplomatic 'Republic of Cyprus' passport issued with the name 'Lazaros Mavros', under the supervision of the Greek Intelligence Organisation. I repeat my call to the Greek Cypriot Administration to immediately abandon the stance of trying to use terrorism as a discreet 'vehicle of war' because it does not serve any purpose.

Unfortunately, we cannot reasonably expect this mentality to contribute to Cyprus and to wider regional and global stability. However, we have observed that this mentality has enabled "target practice" with the use of guns by deputies and priests, instilling hatred against Turkish Cypriots through their educational curriculum, and providing access to Neo-Nazi organisations into their legislature.

The unfortunate mentality in South Cyprus, which has existed since the 1950s, runs contrary to any prospect of forming an equality-based partnership with the Turkish Cypriot People. The most realistic, practical and sustainable settlement is for an agreement that is based on two States and for Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots to live side-by-side in peace, as good neighbours, under the roof of their own respective States.

I conclude my statement by condemning EOKA and all terrorist organisations that threaten world peace and remember with respect and gratitude those who have fallen in the fight against all types of terrorist organisations. May they all rest in eternal peace."

Source: PRESIDENCY OF THE TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS



Protesters try to block the arrival of President Ersin Tatar from speaking at a schedule conference.

Assault by Greek Cypriots on Tatar's convoy in UK



A group of Greek Cypriot students attempted to attack President Ersin Tatar, who was in King's College London to give a conference on the Cyprus issue.

President Tatar described the action as a Greek Cypriot mentality that does not even tolerate the Turkish Cypriot people' voice being heard.

President Ersin Tatar who is holding a variety of contacts in London this week was attacked by the Greek Cypriot students while trying to enter King's College London. The attempt of a physical attack against the President's convoy by the protesting group was prevented by the security guards.

The President said that the protest was 'very ugly and unseemly' and noted that the Greek Cypriots could not tolerate the Turkish Cypriot people being given the opportunity to tell their side of the story and express themselves.

"The demonstrations staged by the Greek Cypriot youth showed that Greek Cypriot mentality has not changed," said Tatar, stressing that we will continue our path with determination.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

President Tatar at 'Freedom and Fairness Northern Cyprus Campaign' reception

TRNC President Ersin Tatar, who is holding contacts in London, attended the 'Freedom and Fairness for Northern Cyprus Campaign' reception.

The reception held in Westminster, London was attended by Members of Parliament and the House of Lords, academics, think tank groups, lawyers, politicians, diplomats, members of the business community, representatives from various NGO's, the media, and the special guests.

In a conversation with British parliamentarians and lords at the reception, President Tatar briefed the new policy on the basis of two equal states put forward by the Turkish Cypriot side and emphasised that the Turkish Cypriot people now want justice.

The President expressed their support for the campaign and said, "We are equal partners in Cyprus and also equal co-founders in the Republic of Cyprus. We have been keeping the Turkish Cypriot presence alive in Cyprus since the Ottoman period."

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



TRNC President Ersin Tatar meets British journalists



President Ersin Tatar met with British journalists on Tuesday 28th March 2023 as part of his contacts in London.

The meeting was also attended by the former leader of the Conservative Party, former minister, and current MP Iain Duncan Smith.

President Tatar conveyed the new vision of the Turkish Cypriot side for a just and lasting solution to the Cyprus issue on the basis of the inherent rights of the Turkish Cypriot People.

The effects of regional and global developments in a broad perspective were also discussed at the meeting.

The event organised by the "Freedom and Justice Campaign for Northern Cyprus" was attended by Sunday Express Political Editor David Williamson, Henry Jackson Society Director Dr. Alan Mendoza, GB News presenter and Daily Telegraph Deputy Editor Camilla Tominey, Daily Mail editor-in-chief Andrew Pierce, The Sun Political Editor, and Parliamentary Correspondent and editor of the weekly The Spectator, Harry Cole, Daily Mail columnist and former Press Officer of the Conservative Party under William Hague leadership, Amanda Platell and John Ashmore, editor of CapX website.

Source:

TRNC Public Information Office . .

Tatar explains the two-State vision of TRNC

President Ersin Tatar participated in a live broadcast on LBC channel in London and explained the two-state vision of the Turkish Cypriot side.

President Ersin Tatar stated that the Turkish Cypriot people will continue to put forward its two-State vision based on its inherent sovereign equality rights before the international community.

Noting that the Turkish Cypriot people are a sovereign people with the right to self-determination in Cyprus and that it is time to look forward for sustainable peace and stability in Cyprus, where the two states cooperate with each other in different fields.

President Tatar stated that the Greek Cypriot mentality that he was exposed to at King's College was also encountered in the news programme he attended in the UK and in his various contacts, but that obstacles and protests could not prevent the Turkish Cypriot people from continuing their struggle to make their just cause heard by all segments of society.

Tatar also noted that all kinds of attacks were made in London, not only



de facto but also politically, Tatar stated that, for instance, the recording of the programme he attended on the LBC channel was blocked after a while due to the attempts of the Greek Cypriots.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

Tatar: "Common ground is a must for formal negotiations"



President Ersin Tatar stated that common ground must exist in order for formal negotiations to start with the Greek Cypriot Administration of Southern Cyprus (GASC).

Tatar also stressed that there would be no point in going back to the negotiating table unless the sovereign equality and equal international status of the Turkish Cypriot side are confirmed.

President Ersin Tatar, who was in London last week, spoke to the AA correspondent.

Noting that within the scope of his contacts in London, he met British parliamentarians and journalists and explained the Turkish Cypriot people's struggle and national cause, Tatar also touched upon the attempts made to prevent his entry to a university where he was to give a conference on the Cyprus issue.

"These protestations and verbal attacks are not directed at me only but at the whole Turkic nation. I hope that all concerned will draw the necessary lessons from this episode" said Tatar.

The President concluded that no one could force the TRNC to accept just any agreement or imposed solution.

Source:

TRNC Public Information Office

Oktay: "We take firm steps for strong Türkiye and TRNC"

Vice President of Republic of Türkiye Fuat Oktay expressed that they are determined to take the necessary steps seriously and without wasting time to bring the TRNC to a sustainable economy.

Oktay gave a speech at the press conference held following the signing of the 2023 Economic and Financial Cooperation Protocol between the TRNC and the Republic of Türkiye.

Oktay started his speech by condemning the attack against TRNC President Ersin Tatar in London and wishing the President a speedy recovery.

Oktay said, "The intolerance encountered by President Tatar is an indication of the mentality that tries to make the solution gangrenous in Cyprus. Turkish Cypriots and the sovereignty of the Turkish Cypriots are our core issue."

Furthermore, stating that the meetings regarding 2023 Economic and Financial Cooperation Protocol, infrastructure investments and enlivening the economy were completed, Oktay pointed out that the developments regarding the solution of the Cyprus problem and the opening of Maraş were also evaluated during the meetings.

|Source :

TRNC Public Information Office



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TREVOR'S TIPS



By Trevor Hughes….

Insurance Premiums

Claiming for car damage through your insurance provider is getting even more costly.

Car repairs are rocketing and set to rise even more! The increase means motorists face across-the-board increases for their car insurance and is applicable to every insurance company in the TRNC. This also includes those companies that offer premiums from sources outside of the TRNC.

Insurance companies are facing the largest price increases in workforce wages, materials, and associated service costs, in history, and no doubt some insurance companies may face financial difficulties themselves.

Water Prices

The price of water supplied by Turkey to North Cyprus which is sold to municipalities by the State is rising from 2.3 TL to 7.5 TL per ton,

Lefke Municipality has announced that it will keep the water price stable for now, while the price of water set by Nicosia Turkish Municipality (LTB) will increase from 6.5 TL to 18.30 TL per ton. All municipalities' prices are varying throughout the TRNC. However, maybe I'm lucky living in Lapta/Karsiyaka, our increase amounts to only 20%.

Credit Cards

Be aware, some shops are charging up to 3% extra on your purchase bill. They will tell you that it's because of the state of the economy and that they are having to do this and passing the Bank charges made to them, onto you, when in fact charges may only be 1.5%. (greed)

Bayram Holidays

For the month of April, Muslim people throughout the world will be celebrating Ramazan Bayram which is the equivalent to our Christmas Day. The dates for the celebration are the 20th, 21st,22nd, and 23rd which are all in April. During this period all banks will be closed, Government offices, schools, and some retail shops!

Over this period, cash machines will be overly used and you may find it difficult to withdraw cash, so plan ahead.

UK Passports

Please be aware, the people issuing passport renewals in the UK are going on strike very soon for a period of 5 weeks. Have a glance at your passport to see when your passport needs renewing, keeping in mind that you may need your passport for residence renewals and applications.

However, the BBC news channel (4.4.23) has now reported, "if there is a national strike in the UK, it will not affect passport renewals!"

Best wishes

Trevor Hughes

For those readers who wish to ask me a question, please email me on the following

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Earthquake Training and Exercise Held At ARUCAD.

An "Earthquake Information Seminar and Earthquake Drill" was held at Arkın Creative Arts and Design University (ARUCAD) on Thursday, March 23rd, by the Girne Regional Directorate of the TRNC Civil Defence Organization with the enthusiastic participation of students, academic and administrative staff.

The training started with a seminar in the morning made by the TRNC Civil Defence Organization Directorate teams. In the 45-minute seminar, what to do before, during, and after the earthquake was explained. In the training held to ensure the safety of those inside the Institution, in case of possible risk after the devastating earthquakes that occurred in Turkey in February, it was emphasized that the drills are necessary to minimize the damage caused by natural disasters. At the same time, the importance of being prepared for an earthquake was underlined and the things needing to be done for this were explained in detail.

After the training seminar, an earthquake drill was carried out by the students of Arkın Creative Arts and Design University and all academic and administrative staff. The strength of the ARUCAD Emergency Team was complimented by ARUCAD Rector, Prof. Dr. Asım Vehbi, who presented a certificate of appreciation for his contributions to



Coşkun Neşesibol, Girne Regional Director of the TRNC Civil Defence Organization (SIVIL SAVUNMA).



Source (Turkish): Arkın Creative Arts and Design University (ARUCAD)

The Pain and Joy of my first archery competition

By Chris Elliott….

On Sunday 26th March, I went to the Anafartalar High School in Girne where there was an archery competition organised by the Girne Hunting Shooting and Archery Sports Club which collected money and donated it for their deceased TRNC athletes who went to a competition in Turkey and stayed in the Isias Hotel which was destroyed in the earthquake.

When I arrived, I was amazed to see so many children and adults shooting in the playground area and on a football pitch before the competition held in the sports hall began.

Now I had prepared for the competition by shooting many arrows at home last Friday afternoon and then on Saturday morning with our Lambousa Archers group only to find by Saturday night I had pains in my bow shoulder and inner elbow joint.

Lesson number 1 don't overdo the practice and instead practice often in moderation to build up your body strength and accuracy

Now we were all gathering in the sports hall for the 18m indoor shoot and we had the opportunity of shooting sighting arrows before shooting 3 arrows in sets in the competition.

I have had an ongoing problem since taking up archery of shooting to the left of the target which is partly due to my incorrect anchor and form or the 2 sights I have put on my bow moving, and recently I used plumbing tape to try and prevent vibration causing the sight adjustment screws from moving and in fact, my vertical adjustment had slipped and at this point, I made the classic mistake of not correcting my anchor but adjusting the horizontal sight to move the grouping point to the right.

Lesson number 2 get the anchor and form right and when you get a controlled grouping then you can adjust the horizontal setting by following the arrow to the target.

By now I have shot 4 or 5 sets with dismal results and frustration building, and also the pain in my right knee that needs replacing was complimenting the aching of my replacement hip and fused back vertebrae and all in all I was feeling very uncomfortable.

Lesson 3 focus and do not give up and keep trying.

At this point, a fellow archer said "Chris you are standing with your right foot forward so try keeping your feet in line when you shoot as it may help".

Lesson 4 doing this did seem to do the trick despite my stance perhaps being weaker and less stable and although I was still shooting a few arrows to the left my grouping was coming back together and closer to the centre of the target and I even manage to get one arrow in the gold but by now I was suffering a lot of fatigue and a fair bit of pain in my knee.

A sad tale perhaps, but I took part in my first competition and have accepted the ups and downs of archery, and through self-analysis, I need to develop a greater level of accuracy and I understand another competition will be held soon but with a 30m shoot which will be another first for me to try and master! .

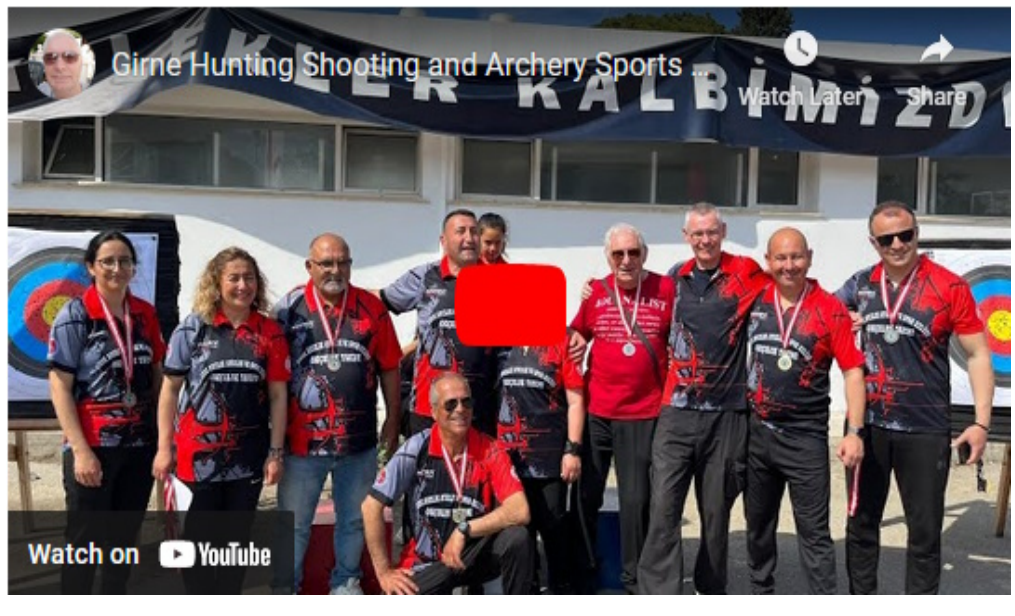




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Library Week was celebrated with Art as a tool to support healing







By Heidi Trautmann….

Library Week was celebrated with the Topic: Art as a tool to support healing in grief situations

The presentation and discussions around a very important topic were organised by the TRNC Cultural Department in five public libraries, always presided by an artist or person involved in the arts and a psychologist. In Girne was the last event of the series on March 31 in our Public Library where the director of the Cultural Department, Shirin Zaferyıldızı Zaimağaoğlu and the psychologist Aytül Türer were presiding over the presentation.

The meeting room was full of guests interested in the event, many teachers, some of them retired and there were some touching moments to see when those met former students, today also in their advanced age.

We had many grief situations behind us during the last years starting with the pandemic and its lock-down situations, the many deaths, and just recently the earthquake in Turkey and Syria which shook us all terribly, and caused shock, trauma and often enough illness and desperation. From a quote, I read: 'Bereavement, the period of grief and mourning after a death, may cause us to experience depression or anxiety or manifest itself as physical illness and disorganized thinking'. I myself can add that the earthquake left me with nightmares, high blood pressure, and high blood sugar levels.

It was now brought forward by the speakers that creating art can help us process our emotions…. and we heard the aspects from two sides, the arts and then from the psychologist the scientific explanations. The range of arts would be visual arts but also any other form of artistic occupation… It is my own experience that it is actually the process of leaving our grieving body and mind to concentrate on a process with our hands and create something. It is here the concentration, which takes all our senses on a walk outside ourselves. It might be painting, modelling with clay, or writing a poem which is a sort of analyzing the process of what we are going through while grieving. I can also add my personal experience: during the pandemic and the endless lockdowns I wrote a book and painted every single day, and after the earthquake experience with the house shaking under my feet, which was not so easy to cope with, but I went on meeting my art group which really helped to get out of headache and dizziness and other symptoms.

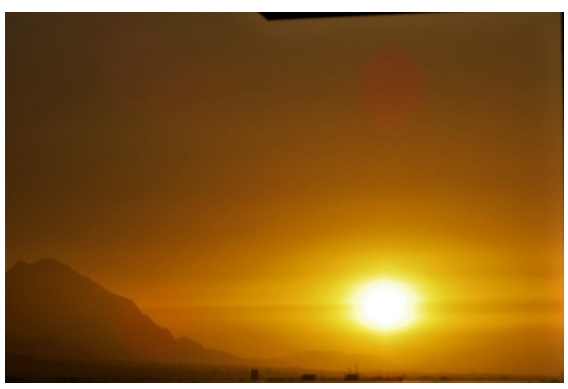
My view meets with the view of the speakers that in times of disasters that concern us all, educational and other public institutions should make an effort to offer more and intensified courses of art, be it reading together, be it painting or making music together, or just giving the opportunity to talk would help with many affected citizens.

The guests were asked to add their own experiences and or opinions and it was a lively and animated exchange of ideas that mostly came from teachers.

I think it is a step in the right direction that art education will get the importance it deserves, More classes in school, students should be taken out regularly to art exhibitions to learn from artists, a museum of art, also a theatre, should be made available, finally. It was proven again, that the arts are not only a feast for the senses but a healing tool for society.

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An Evening with Taliya Hafiz and her surprise guest at THE SOULIST

By Heidi Trautmann….

We were world travellers for one evening, one moment we believed to be in one of the charming 'boites de nuit' in Montparnasse, or in England, even in Japan, and was it in Tataristan for one or two songs?.. and finally, when the special guest, Hugh O'Neill joined in… in Ireland.

Taliya Hafiz, a very young woman, an elf, one would say, but with lots of power, entertained the guests of The SOLIST at the piano, bringing her own songs in many languages.

She is a multilingual singer, songwriter and composer of romantic songs in 7 languages: French, English, German, Tatar, Russian, Turkish, and Japanese. She is and feels at home in many countries; learn more about her career below.

What a talent, and here is one song she wrote for peace, as she feels that the world is not in order and she wanted to make a contribution on the link below.

The second part of our journey across the world was now with Taliya's special guest Hugh O'Neill, an Irish man, and here I found a link below to explain the encounter of the two artists

They had walked their own road separately, and met and made music together, this is how it should be.

An Evening with Taliya Hafiz and her surprise guest at THE SOULIST (5)
An Evening with Taliya Hafiz and her surprise guest at THE SOULIST (2)

A very enjoyable evening at 'The Soulist' who try to bring the world of music to Cyprus, be it Jazz, Rock and Pop, or 'chansons' in many cultural language.

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‘OLIVIA’ documentary by Mine Balman screened at the Dome Hotel





Scenes from the film, Katie Economidou at a concert

By Heidi Trautmann….

Screening of the peace-building documentary ‘OLIVIA’ by Mine Balman at the Dome Hotel in Girne on 31 March 2023.

“Olivia is a bridge between the past and the future, a future at peace with negative experiences.”

The ‘Girne Düşünce Derneği’ … Girne Thought Association …invited ‘asi.Production’ to show their latest documentary ‘Olivia’ directed by Mine Balman.

Before I speak about the event, I would like to explain in short the background of the two associations coming together for the screening which seems important to me.

The host ‘Girne Düşünce Derneği’ is a cultural association with the purpose to defend human values, human rights and humanist norms and thereby to defend peace in Cyprus and in the world by making determinations about education problems and suggesting solutions …

The ‘asi.Production’ is an initiative to blend collective memory and cinema with the purpose to make people in conflict areas understand each other better and thus as a peace-building measure.

I had asked Mine Balman at the event to give me her interpretation of the film she directed: “The story in Olivia is the story of Cypriots. A story where people from different generations who come to the screenings can find similarities in the emotions and experiences in their own lives. Usually, when we think of inter-communal friendships and cooperation we always remember the ones before the division. The story of Olivia is a good example of friendship, solidarity, and love which started after the crossings opened. It is a very good example for us that although we were told that we are enemies and we have to stay enemies, we can start loving each other and being friends. The story of Olivia is supposed to give us hope for our future”.

The story is of three women, Katie, the Greek Cypriot, becomes the adopted grandmother of Olivia, the daughter of Deniz, a Turkish Cypriot single parent. Katie who had traumatic experiences during the civil war between the two brother countries forms a friendship with the young single mother and her child from the other side, the enemy side; there are many differences between them, their upbringing, their social and religious background, but both the women are prepared to discover each other which supports a healing process from the pains they have suffered in their lifetime. Olivia, the daughter with an eye problem, adopts Katie as grandmother and with her innocent young years becomes the bridge between past and future and represents a symbol for possible peace and understanding.

I was interested to know more about the background of the director of the documentary, Mine Balman and her motive to create documentaries of difficult and still not solved problems of Cyprus, she gave me her story:

“I am not a professional filmmaker. Education-wise, I completed a short film-making certificate course at the London Film Academy in 2005 before returning to Cyprus from my University studies. Since 2006, I have been involved in the production of many documentaries and short film projects. Everything I did so far was all zero-budget projects. I am not receiving any funding. I am doing this to contribute to peacebuilding and reconciliation. So, the people who are contributing to the projects are all volunteers who devoted themselves to peace.

I believe that audio-visual productions are strong tools to make people think, question, and confront the past. It helps to think outside of the stereotyped understanding.

In 2014, we initiated ‘asi.Production’. It is an initiative to blend collective memory and cinema. In post-conflict areas, recording human narratives, archiving the collective memory, and transferring them to future generations, is important. The collective memories will bring the communities of Cyprus together and create reconciliation!

It aims to produce against inequalities, injustice, labour exploitation, racism, social and class differences, gender-based and all types of discrimination, official history, and cultural assimilation. It also aims to open a window to the future by bringing together production, culture, history, and our today. While putting forward its steps, it aims to activate the collective memory, reveal the traces of the past, and explain to everyone living on our tiny island that we can live together! .

In Girne, at the Dome Hotel, it was Olivia”s tenth screening. Outside Cyprus, Olivia was screened at festivals in UK, Poland, and Spain. We organised the first two screenings and the rest of them were organised by groups and organisations who are in favour of peace. They are inviting us to make public or closed group screenings.

I would like to mention another project I did before “Beyond History Education” which we started screenings in November 2021. So far, we have done 26 screenings and reached more than 1500 people in different cities. I was also selected for screening at festivals in Europe, UK, and Cyprus” End of Mine Balman’s story.

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continued ... ‘OLIVIA’ documentary by Mine Balman

After the show, the audience was given the opportunity to ask questions to the two associations, the director, and also the ‘three women in Olivia’s story’. It was greatly commented on and discussed. My congratulations to all who were involved, may their initiative help to find a final and satisfactory solution without making one side smaller than the other and without regarding their religions as a separating sword, and let us be honest, both these religions are based on the same history.



The Diary of a Madman at the Girne Chamber Theatre



‘Gibetsu’ at the Girne Chamber Theatre with Gogol’s ‘The Diary of a Madman’….

By Heidi Trautmann….

Girne Belediye Tiyatrosu celebrated with us, International Theatre Day on 27th March 2023 with Nikolai Gogol’s ‘The Diary of a Madman’ (1835) with Ismihan Yorgancı as director and Ömer Dündar in the role of Poprishchin, a low-ranking civil servant who eventually descends into madness. I wonder why the dramaturg and director chose this piece for this special day.

The play was written nearly 200 years ago, a quite modern piece of literature, the approach to the social big problem of not having the proper background or connections if you wanted to climb the ladder to success, although you would have the qualifications. Is it still the case today, the situation to get mad about it? And Poprishchin goes into details of his day-to-day frustrations he recites from his diary, his satirical criticism, and he laments and cries… and Poprishchin is Ömer Dündar, a young actor, and he is so true to the character that we believed all he said and did. A wonderful, very talented, young actor, I have not seen him on stage before, he is presently still studying at one of the local universities, I have heard. A very difficult role but he mastered it very well, his speech was very pronounced, and he has a very good body language – (four ‘very’ in one sentence).

I knew the play, there was the great Genco Erkal in our 14th Cyprus Theatre Festival at the Near East University in August 2016 with this play…. But one cannot compare, a different interpretation, the physical interpretation alone, this was a very young man acting.

My congratulations to the Gibetsu company.

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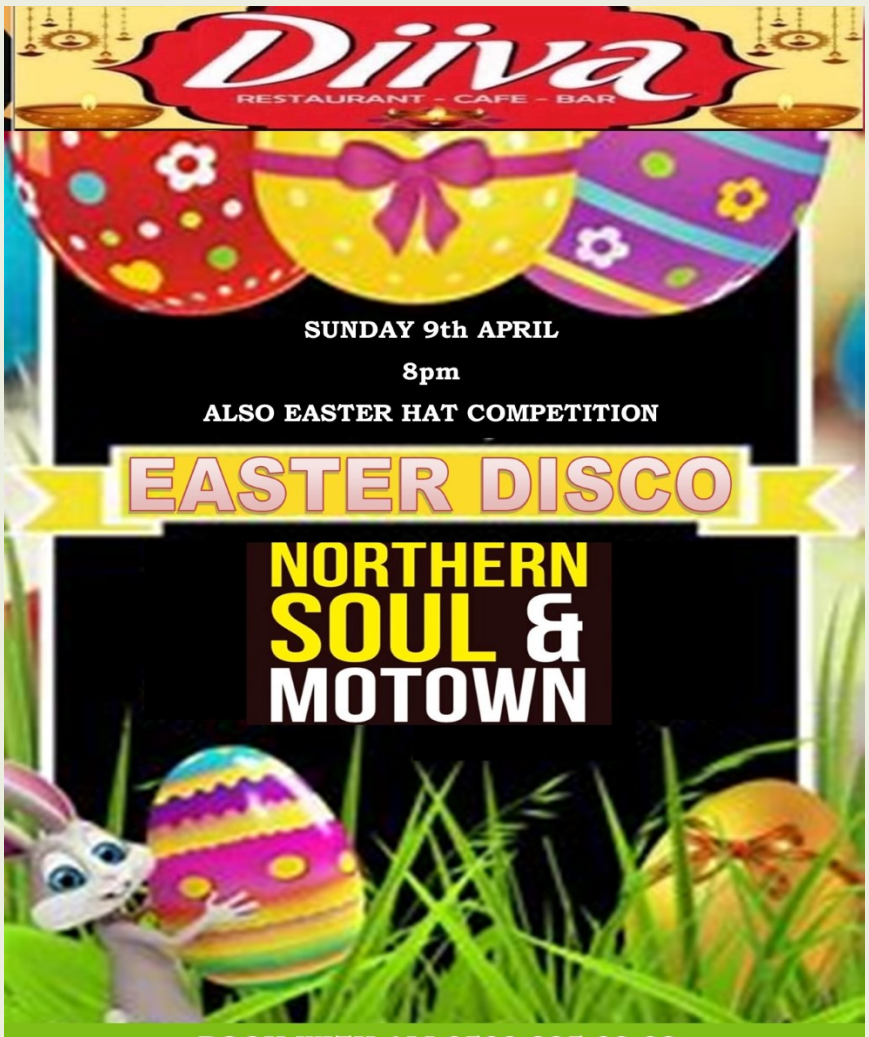




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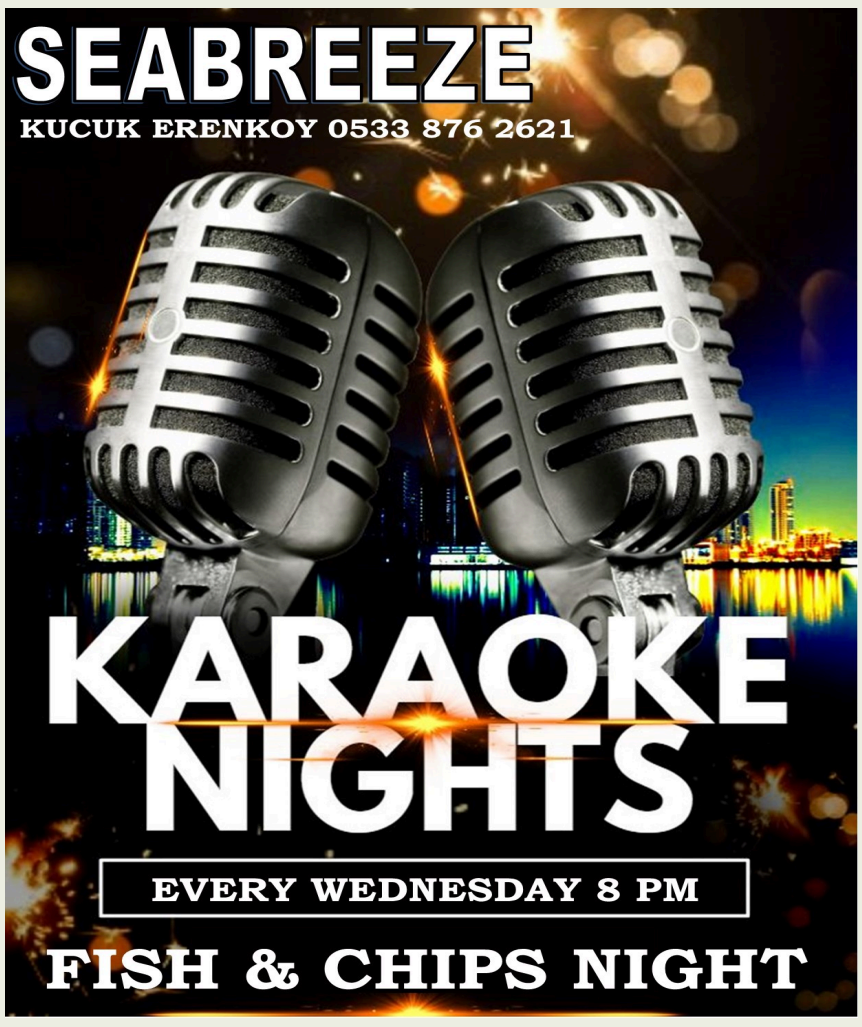




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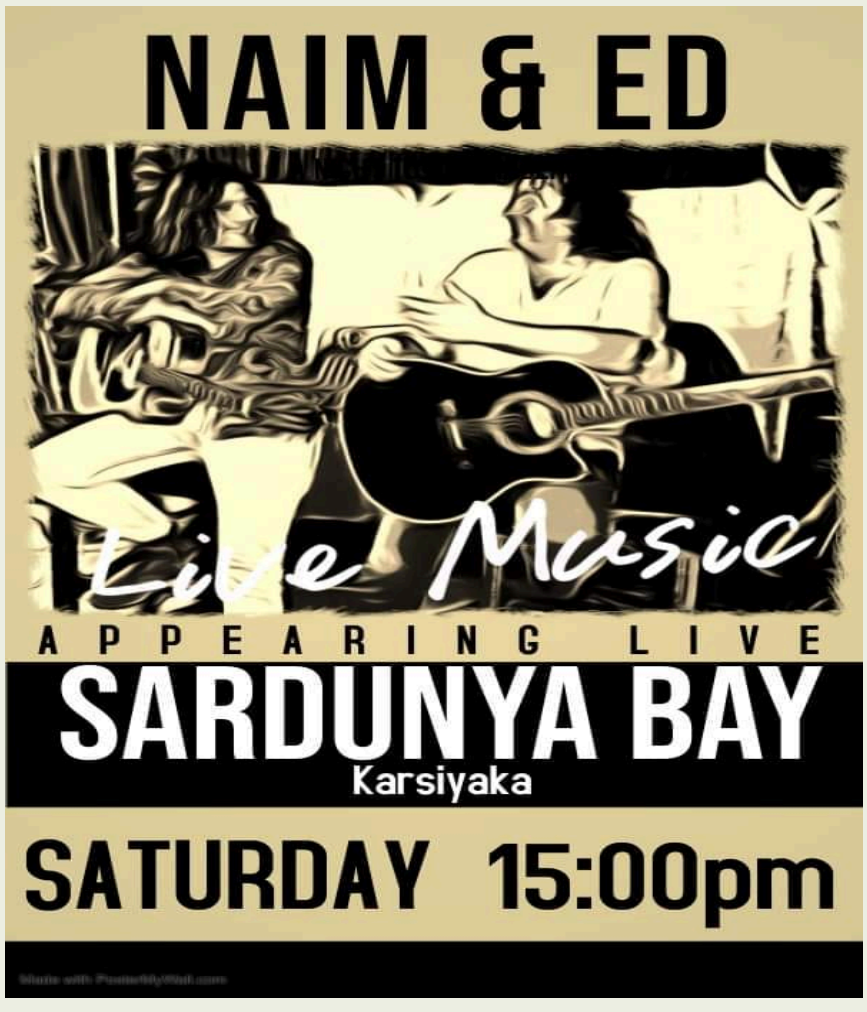




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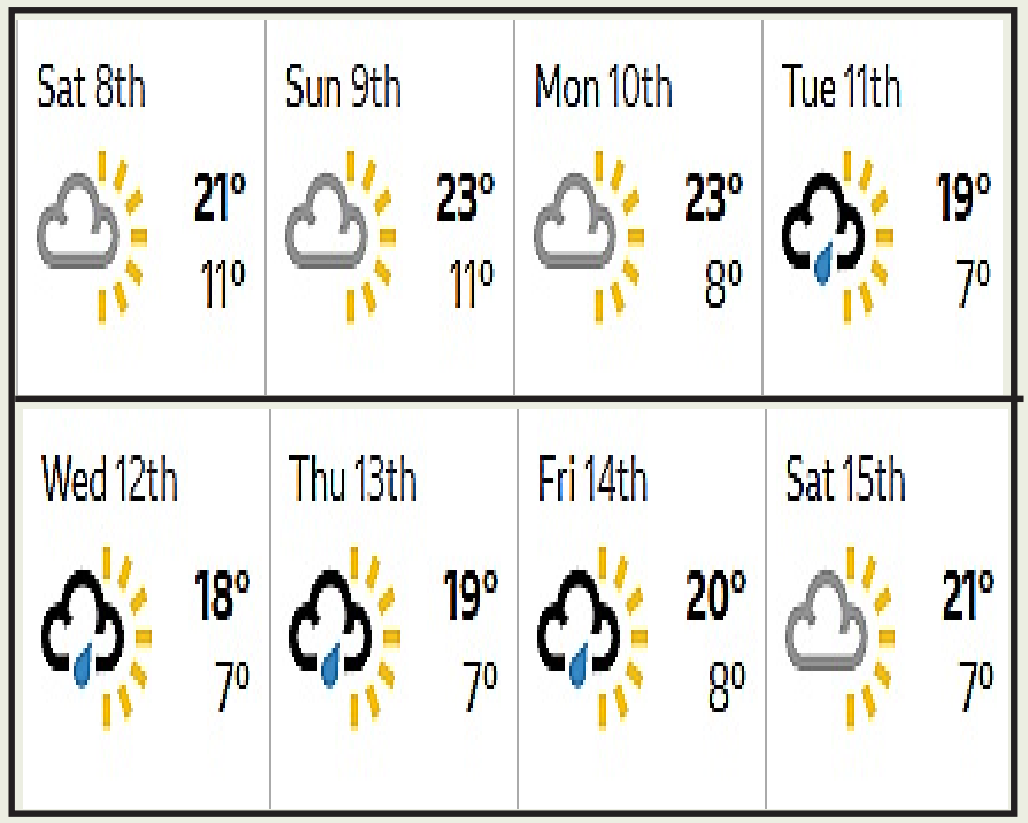
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Local Football Fixtures For Weekend 5/7/8/9 and 12 April

By Richard Beale….

The next 10 days or so will see a bumper number of matches as the TRNC football leagues are playing "catch up" after the Turkey earthquake disaster.

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

ALL KİCK OFFS now 4-00pm, unless stated.

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

Wed Apr 5	Doğan Türk Birliği	SL	Küçük Kaymaklı TSK	Gime 20 Temmuz Mete Adanır Stadium.
Wed Apr 5	Çetinkaya TSK	SL	China Bazaar Gençlik Gücü	Lefkoşa Atatürk Stadium **** kick off 7-30pm
Wed Apr 5	Göçmenköy İYSK	SL	Merit Alsancak Yeşilova SK	Alsancak Mustafa Hidayet Stadium
Fri Apr 7	Gime Halk Evi	L1	Pera L.Gençler Birliği SK	Gime 20 Temmuz Mete Adanır Stadium. **** kick off 8-00pm
Sat Ap 8	Türk Ocak	SL	Göçmenköy İYSK	Gime 20 Temmuz Mete Adanır Stadium.
Sat Apr 8	Gönyeli SK	SL	Chiangir GSK	Gönyeli Stadium
Sat Apr 8	China Bazaar Gençik Gücü	SL	Lefke TSK	Lefkoşa Şht Hüseyin Ruso Stad.
Sat Apr 8	Esentepe KKSK	L1	Yenierenköy TSK	Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadium
Sat Apr 8	Baf Ülkü Yurdu	L1	Yeniboğaziçi DSK****	Güzelyurt Üner Berkalp Stadium
Sat Apr 8	Unimar Maraş GSK	L1	İncirli SK****	Famağusta Necip Halil Kartal St.
Sat Apr 8	Miracle Karşıyaka	L1	Yilmazköy SK	Karşıyaka Şengül Töreham Stad.
Sat Apr 8	Mehmetçik TÇBSK	BTM	Kaplıca Karadeniz 61 SK	Mehmetçik Stadium Kick off 12-30pm
Sun Apr 9	Mağusa Türk Gücü	SL	Yonpaş Dumlupınar TSK****	Famağusta Dr Fazıl Küçük Stadium
Sun Apr 9	Küçük Kaymaklı TSK	SL	Çetinkaya TSK****	Lefkoşa Şht Hüseyin Ruso Stad.
Sun Apr 9	Merit Alsancak Yeşilova SK	SL	Hamitköy ŞHSK	Alsancak Mustafa Hidayet Çağlar Stadium
Sun Apr 9	Tatlısu HOBSK	BTM	Denizli SK	Beylerbeyi Dr Ali Özsoy Stadium kick off 12-30pm
Wed Apr 12	Pera L.Gençler Birliği SK	L1	Baf Ülkü Yurdu****	İskele Cumhuriyet Stadium

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KAPLICA WIN VITAL "6 POINT" MATCH

Results: KAPLICA KARADENİZ 61 SK 2 TÜRKMENKOY ASK 1

By Richard Beale….

After being out of sorts and trailing to a Türkmenkoy penalty, Kaplıca shrugged off their lethargic mood, scored 2 goals within a 5-minute spell, and won this vitally important match, to keep them in second place in the League.

Saturday March 25: İktisatbank BTM League 1 Red Group : Kaplıca Emre Genç Stadium.

With runaway leaders Çanakkale looking on course to secure automatic promotion, the chase is on for the second "playoff" spot, contested between 4 teams. The second-place team Valdılı lost to fellow rivals Geçitkale enabling Kaplıca to overhaul them with this victory over Türkmenkoy. Next week Kaplıca have a bye match with a "guaranteed 3 points" as their due next opponents Görneç have been expelled from the league and the match forfeited, so with this win over Turkmenkoy, it was a "6 pointer" victory.

In front of a large partisan crowd, things did not go well in the first half as the home team appeared to be out of sorts. Their final ball was poor, they were predictable and their attacks were being easily dealt with by the visitor's defence.

They were a goal down after 21 minutes through a penalty scored by HASAN BAHITKARA after a corner was cleared to the edge of the box to a Türkmenkoy player whose shot hit the arm of defender Batuhan. **0-1**.

The crowd was getting frustrated, the Kaplıca team was getting frustrated and referee Fatih Bardakçioğlu was kept busy, dealing with numerous fouls and stoppages, in the end, he handed out 11 yellow cards.

At the end of a poor first half for Kaplıca, their striker Ibrahim Çelik on two occasions led by example, chasing down two lost causes to give them hope.

Firstly in the 43rd minute a hopeful punt on the left, saw Ibo chasing the ball as goalkeeper Valentin looked certain to clear, the Kaplıca player managed to get a toe to the ball and saw his effort go narrowly wide of the left-hand post.

Then a couple of minutes later chasing another long ball he outstripped his marker got to the by-line to put the ball across goal where Deniz from an acute angle hit the outside of the right-hand post.

HALF-TIME SCORE : 0-1

Whatever Kaplıca had in their half-time cuppa (maybe Rakı !) within 10 minutes of the restart they were leading **2-1.**

In the 49th minute Kaplıca was awarded a free kick, centrally, just outside the "D", Kaan took the kick that saw his effort cannon off the inside of the right-hand post, fly across the goal where EKREM AKTAŞ unmarked at the far post headed into an empty net. **1-1**

4 minutes later from another Kaan free kick out on the left, poor Türkmenkoy marking led to İBRAHİM ÇELİK flicking the ball past Valentin. **2-1**

Kaplıca were now in the ascendancy going close on a number of occasions as Türkmenkoy pushed men forward leaving gaps at the back.

Türkmenkoy's big strong powerful centre-back Süleyman was pushed upfront to give the visitors some physical presence up front.



In the closing minutes, the visitors pressed hard for an equaliser Kaplıca goalkeeper Yasin was called into action making couple of good saves.

Türkmenkoy deadly marksman Abdullah Parıdar who had been kept quiet for most of the match, suddenly sprung into life sending an effort just past Kaplıca's right-hand post.

With an extraordinary amount of injury time being played Kaplıca hung on and there was much relief and excitement when the whistle was finally blown.

FULL-TIME SCORE : 2-1

MAN OF THE MATCH – İBRAHİM ÇELİK (Kaplıca) – scored one goal and never gave up.



No 7 EKREM AKTAŞ scores.



77 İBRAHİM ÇELİK gives Kaplıca the lead

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HONOURS EVEN IN LOCAL DERBY

Result: ESENTEPE KKSK 2 PERA L. GENÇLER BŞRLİĞİ SK 2

By Richard Beale….

The clash of 4th place Esentepe and 5th place L. Gençler Birliği (LGB) and it being a local "derby" match predictably ended in a draw, a result that both teams will be happy with.

Saturday March 25, 2023: AKSA League 1 : Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadium.

Weather: sunny and mild.

There was a very good size crowd, being a local derby match also quite a few ex-pats enjoying the spring weather.

Esentepe in the opening period settled well putting together some lovely moves in the 14th minute a flowing move involving all the forwards Melih, Ege and Semih resulted in the ball being switched to the right wing where the overlapping Mustafa Soytürk cut inside the box to shoot into the side netting.

Esentepe came close again minutes later when from a corner from the right the ball was hooked off the line by Emir to Esentepe Melih at the far post but he directed his header wide.

Esentepe's early dominance paid off when they took the lead in the 25th minute, again with a fine move, Salih won the ball in midfield passed to Semih, then onto Melih who set up the ball beautifully to TUĞRA KILIÇ to score with a rasping drive, a first-ever senior goal for this defensive midfield player. **1-0.**

Esentepe must have been still in shock at the fact that Tuğra scored a goal! As they did not switch on again as LGB equalised within the minute. An Emir free kick was won at the left far post by not a tall player Barın who nodded across the goal for SİNAN ÇINAR to prod home – poor Esentepe defending at a set piece. **1-1**

Then another piece of slack defending allowed a back header from Sinan to hit the top of the Esentepe crossbar.

This was a poor passage of play for Esentepe, the play was scrappy and Esentepe was having trouble in defending against the LGB fast attacking players Abulalziz, Sinan, and Barın.

It came as no surprise when LGB took the lead in the 36th minute when BARIN BOZAK on the left took a shot just inside the box that took a deflection off Esentepe defender Devran to wrong-foot goalkeeper Osman.

HALF-TIME SCORE: 1-2

The first 10 minutes of the second half continued as before with LGB in control with their fast forwards keeping Esentepe's defence on their toes.

LGB midfield player Mehmet Ali Aylanç a lovely skillful, balanced player was in his pomp in midfield directing operations.

Esentepe midfield trio of Salih, Tuğra, and Emre were looking tired, jaded bereft of ideals as what service the forwards got ran into blind alleyways.

Coach Davut made an early substitution taking off teenager Salih in the 56th minute and bringing on the more experienced İlyas.

The match continued to be scrappy with Esentepe players looking for some inspiration from somewhere, this came from replacement İlyas who was soon involved in the thick of



things finding space down the left flank. With Mustafa Soytürk at right back continuing to offer himself down the right flank, suddenly Esentepe had width to give their forwards Semih and Melih some service.

The equaliser came in the 74th after clever play by Melih taking his marker with him from an Emek free kick led to Semih being upended in the box by Emir. The dependable "my left foot" EMEK KIRILMAZ duly dispatched away the penalty. **2-2**

It was now LGB who now looking shaken and rattled as Esentepe in the final closing moments of the match saw an opportunity to snatch all 3 points.

In the 86th minute a Mustafa cross from the right was controlled by Melih, who set up İlyas to hit a fierce drive that rattled the LGB crossbar.

In injury time Melih looked certain to score until a tremendous block by LGB defender İsmet, thwarted the Esentepe striker. At the full-time whistle players from both sides slumped to the floor in exhaustion 3 matches in 7 days for players at this level was hard going. The match was played in great spirit between the two teams. And was excellently controlled by referee Mehmet Sezener.

FULL-TIME SCORE: 2-2

SUMMING UP: Esentepe now are unbeaten in 10 matches, and their run continues. This week for all teams 3 matches in 7 have been difficult Esentepe have taken 7 out of 9 points against good opponents, and they can be very satisfied with this. They are quite nicely placed in the 4th spot, in a "play-off " place, an incredible achievement for such a small squad.

It showed today, the players were tired manager Davut had limited options on the replacement bench, indeed 2 of those substitutes were carrying injuries they were there to make the numbers up. This week the players will recharge their batteries, another tough match next Saturday away in Güzelyurt to Binatlı, who were relegated from the Super League last season, and are struggling this season, though, in their last match, they beat league leaders Karşıyaka away 2-1 certainly no mean feat.

ESENTEPE MAN OF THE MATCH - MELİH NISANÇI – though the big forward did not score – he helped set the goal up – worked hard, some clever flicks, often marked by two defenders.


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