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CyprusScene 10th of May 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 we are still trying to balance the spasmodic incoming news and reviews so we can set a regular publishing date for our online e-newspaper.

So, what's been happening here in the TRNC, well perhaps the visit of Leo Docherty the UK Minister for Europe to meet President Ersin Tatar who briefed him on the Cyprus Issue history and unfair treatment of the Turkish Cypriots and requested the UK government take steps to start supporting a change to the status quo.

Reports seem to be circulation that our Leo is not making comments about the meeting and what will he report to the UK government? I would love to be a fly on the wall listening to any earth shaking comments.

The TRNC is making progress towards recognition with the Assembly of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus being admitted as an observer member of the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic States (TURKPA).

The TRNC Aksakal Delegation attended a conference in Baku and two delegation members from the TRNC Assembly attended the Second Ordinary General Assembly meetings of PACE 2023 in Strasbourg.

We try hard to share news about Northern Cyprus with the world and have just expanded our CyprusScene podcasts channels which now share to Amazon Music, Apple Podcasts, Castbox, Google Podcasts, Overcast, Pocket Casts, RadioPublic and finally Spotify which also accepts our videos as well.

There is a long way to go sharing news and reviews of Northern Cyprus but the US, UK, and Cyprus feature in the top listeners of our Podcasts so hopefully our messages are getting through to the right listeners.

Our CyprusScene YouTube video channel also continues to grow its visitors and subscribers.

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 BRS will be providing a progress report later this month at their AGM and give news of their plans for Phase 2 of the lobbying campaign.



If we have the opportunity, I hope we will be able to record a further interview with the BRS about this very important project to try and help the TRNC and all people visiting and living in it.

Archery remains as my main source of recreation and it's not easy as firing a few arrows is one thing but getting them grouped close together consistently is my major challenge.

I have been receiving great tuition and studying archery videos on YouTube and I am trying to concentrate on my archery form and will practice as much as I can and when a competition becomes available, I will accept the ultimate challenge to see how I am developing.

So, thank you again my friends and do please click to like our work and perhaps donate to Buy Me A Coffee which helps keep our work going forward.

I wish you a safe and happy week and until we next come together.

Goodbye

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President Ersin Tatar's Message on May 8 World Thalassemia Day



Non-governmental organizations, state officials, and individuals have great responsibilities for the increasing development of voluntary blood donation.

In our country, a change in family laws was made in 1980, making it compulsory to perform a Thalassemia test before marriage. As a result of this, while the birth of sick children has been prevented in the TRNC since 2001, pregnant screenings have been interrupted especially during the pandemic process and we have sadly witnessed that babies with thalassemia and sickle cell disease have been born in recent years.

Therefore, it is clear that it is necessary to bring strength and momentum to the ongoing struggle by making the necessary new arrangements to prevent similar births.

As it is known, the TRNC is known as one of the best examples in the world about thalassemia and referred as the first country to reset thalassemia. This achievement should not be forgotten.

Community education and awareness play an important role in the fight against thalassemia. The important point to know is to prevent the birth of a sick child by screening pregnant women from ethnic origins with high thalassemia who have not passed such tests.

Unfortunately, the blood problem in our country regarding thalassemia still remains. For this reason, I would like to underline that we need to solve the blood problem by intensifying the studies that will increase the awareness of blood donation.

I would like to take this opportunity to call for blood donation and wish healthy days to our people.

Source

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Minister Ataoğlu attended 2023 Youth Capital of Turkic World

TRNC Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment Fikri Ataoğlu attended the Opening Ceremony of Istanbul 2023 Youth Capital of the Turkic World held at the Atatürk Cultural Center in Istanbul on 4 May 2023. It was the first OTS event that the TRNC participated in as an observer member.

According to the information by the Ministry, Minister Ataoğlu made a speech at the Opening Ceremony of Istanbul 2023 Youth Capital of the Turkic World.

The Minister expressed his gratitude to the Republic of Türkiye which always supports TRNC under all circumstances and conditions.

Noting that the TRNC's admission in the OTS as an observer member is an important motivation and excitement for the Turkish Cypriot people, Ataoğlu pointed out that the full membership of the TRNC to the Organisation of Turkic States will make a great contribution to the future hopes, motivation and opportunities of the TRNC people.

Ataoğlu stated that the event is important for the youth of the countries that speak the same language, have historical and cultural ties, but most importantly are connected to each other by spiritual ties, to come together in terms of recognising and understanding each other and creating economic value by acting together.

Minister of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Türkiye Mehmet Muharrem Kasapoğlu, Governor of İstanbul Ali Yerlikaya, Secretary General of the Organisation of Turkic States (OTS) Kubanicbek Ömüraliyev, Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports of Azerbaijan Indira Hajiyeva, Deputy Minister of Culture, Information, Sports and Youth Policy of Kyrgyzstan Marat Tagaev also attended the opening ceremony



Source : TRNC Public Information Office

President Ersin Tatar Girne book signing of "A Cry for Justice"



President Ersin Tatar participates in book signing event in Girne of "A Cry for Justice" approved biography authored by Jennifer Vardy

"This approved biography highlights key moments in my life that has revolved around the Cyprus issue, and my cry for justice for the Turkish Cypriot People and the struggle to reaffirm our sovereign equality which is our inherent right"

President Ersin Tatar participated in the book signing event in Girne of the approved biography "A Cry for Justice" that has been authored by expat Jennifer Vardy.

The President expressed his gratitude to Ms Vardy, former chief justice Taner Erginel for inspiring Ms Vardy to pen the book, and to advocate Erdem Erginel for his contributions.

Speaking at the event, President Tatar stated: "A great amount of effort and labour has been spent in writing the book by Ms Vardy, which encapsulates my years from when I was born in 1960 and lived in the heart of Lefkoşa, the start of Greek Cypriot attacks in 1963, to my years when I was a student at Cambridge University and lived in the UK. The biography also gives an insight about my working life as a politician when I was first elected as a Parliamentarian of the National Unity Party, eventually becoming the Minister of Finance, Prime Minister and now the President of the TRNC."

President Tatar stated that his life "revolved around the Cyprus issue" and that he was "crying for justice for the Turkish Cypriot People who are continuing to be persecuted and subject to inhumane isolation".

"I believe in the British values of equality and justice," President Tatar continued. "Former British officials, Secretary of State for the Colonies, Alan Lennox-Boyd, reiterated the remarks of the British Prime Minister Harold MacMillan in the 1950s, that the Turkish Cypriot People are as sovereign as the Greek Cypriots. What we are saying to the international community is that in order to reach a viable and sustainable settlement for peace and stability, the sovereignty of the Turkish Cypriot People needs to be recognised. If our sovereignty is recognised — which is an inherent right that emanates from historical as well as the 1960 treaties that established the partnership Republic usurped by the Greek Cypriots — then we are prepared to take part in new formal negotiations on the Cyprus problem."

The President added: "Despite the injustice faced by the Turkish Cypriot People since 1963 and our continuing isolation that prevents us from being able to have direct trade and direct flights, we have been able to achieve significant economic growth and development. We have very successful universities, we have a prospering tourism sector, we have many residents from different countries from east to west who have chosen to make the TRNC their home. Many families have chosen the TRNC to not only live a peaceful life in retirement and to enjoy our beautiful country. . . but to bring up their children in a safe and secure environment and to benefit from some of our exceptional schools and universities. They have seen that we have education establishments that are just as good as those in their home country but for a third of the price."

President Tatar stated: "I am very happy to be with you. I am very appreciative of your support for and faith in the TRNC. We have a great future ahead of us when compared to many other countries in the world who are unfortunately locked in conflict."

Stating that real peace came to the island of Cyprus due to the Cyprus Peace Operation by guarantor Türkiye in 1974, the President stated that "the world is continuing to treat the Greek Cypriot Side as though they are the sole owners of the island of Cyprus, and are ignoring the co-owners of this island, the Turkish Cypriot People, who have been effectively governing themselves as a State since 1963, when my People were evicted from the state apparatus of the partnership Republic by force of arms because of the aspiration to unite the island of Cyprus with Greece".



President Tatar also stated that "even though the Turkish Cypriot People are a part of the Commonwealth, I was not invited to the Coronation of King Charles III, whilst the Greek Cypriot leader was invited. This constitutes another injustice, and a lack of equal treatment by the UK towards my People".

Ms. Vardy, who addressed the event, thanked the President for his participation. "I have had a great honour, a fantastic two-and-a-half years of working on the book and learning a little bit about his amazing life and the work he is doing now on behalf of the TRNC and Turkish Cypriots," Ms Vardy said. "The President has totally convinced me, if I was not convinced before, of the justice and the right of his cause, which inspired me to fight for this great cause and to support him and his principles and projects".

Ms. Vardy stated that the President is a "workaholic" and that "I have discovered he requires very little sleep," adding that "everything he does is for the Turkish Cypriot People and the TRNC. We are very privileged to have Mr. Ersin Tatar as our President and we are honoured that he is here with us today".

Source:

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TRNC admitted to TURKPA as an observer member

The Assembly of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) was admitted as an observer member of the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic States (TURKPA).

The Secretary-General of TURKPA and the Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye (GNAT) Mustafa Şentop announced that TRNC was unanimously admitted as an observer member of TURKPA in the 12th General Assembly of TURKPA held in Ankara.

The Speaker of the TRNC Assembly Zorlu Töre emphasized that the TRNC Assembly's gaining observer parliament status in TURKPA with the strong will of the TURKPA 12th General Assembly is extremely important for the TRNC.

Stating that they have succeeded and will succeed in overcoming the destructive consequences of the unjust political and economic embargoes imposed on the TRNC and its people with the endless support of the Republic of Türkiye in every field, Töre stated that they will continue to defend the just cause of the Turkish Cypriot people on all platforms today as they did yesterday.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



TRNC Aksakal Delegation attended a Baku conference



The TRNC delegation consisting of Mr. İsmail Bozkurt and Mr. Osman Ertuğ, headed by Mr. Tansel Fikri, TRNC Member of the Council of Elders of the Organisation of Turkic States, participated in the conference entitled "Heydar Aliyev and the Contemporary Turkic World".

The conference was organized in Baku on 2 May 2023 on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of Azerbaijan's national leader Heydar Aliyev upon the invitation of the Council of Elders of Azerbaijan.

In his speech at the conference, Fikri said that they will continue the honourable struggle for the registration and recognition of the sovereign equality and equal international status of the TRNC, that the reality of two States will sooner or later be recognized by the whole world, and that the observer membership of the TRNC in OTS and TURKPA will encourages them.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

Berova and Candan attend the Second 2023 meetings of PACE

The delegation of the TRNC Assembly consisting of National Unity Party (UBP) Deputy Özdemir Berova and Republican Turkish Party (CTP) Deputy Armağan Candan attended the Second Ordinary General Assembly meetings of PACE 2023.

According to the statement of the TRNC Assembly, the earthquake occurred in Türkiye on 6 February, the election of judges of the ECHR and the Russia-Ukraine conflicts were the issues mainly discussed in the PACE General Assembly held in Strasbourg between 24-27 April.

During the discussion of the report, entitled "Political strategies for preventing, preparing and dealing with the consequences of natural disasters", which was also about the earthquake in Türkiye and was chaired by Belgian MP Simon Moutquin, Deputies Berova and Candan also brought up the citizens who lost their lives in the earthquake and the Champion Angels volleyball team to the agenda.



UK Minister for Europe, Leo Docherty visits President Ersin Tatar

"The UK should take a leading role in ending the inhumane isolation of the Turkish Cypriot People and re-establish direct trade and travel links with us"

President Ersin Tatar received the UK Minister of Europe, Leo Docherty, where he called upon Britain to review its unequal treatment of the Turkish Cypriot People and to take effective action to end their inhumane isolation.

President Tatar issued a written statement to the press following the 30-minute long meeting that was held today at the Presidency in Lefkoşa, which was also attended by his Special Representative M. Ergün Olgun, members of the negotiating team and the British High Commissioner İrfan Siddiq.

President Tatar stated: "The meeting passed in a sincere atmosphere, and we explained the need for Turkish Cypriot People, who have sovereign equal rights in Cyprus, to be able to express our case to British officials in the UK. We explained that Guarantor Britain needs to respect the inherent equality of the Turkish Cypriot Side – to include rights, status and opportunities. We particularly stated our expectation for a more flexible approach by the UK towards the Turkish Cypriot People in ending our isolation, particularly following her departure from the EU."

President Tatar stated that Cyprus is a national issue for the Republic of Türkiye and for the Turkish Cypriot People, adding: "The Greek Cypriot Side has persistently tried to dominate the whole island which resulted in the emergence of two States – with Turkish Cypriot People governing themselves since December 1963. My People were expelled from the state apparatus of the partnership republic by force of arms because of the long-standing aspiration of the Greek Cypriots to unite Cyprus with Greece."

Stating that he also conveyed to the UK Minister of Europe that "I share British values of justice and equality for all Peoples as someone who was educated and lived in the UK for many years," President Tatar added: "There is a need for the UK to re-establish direct trade and travel links which is causing additional hours to travel time and increasing airfares. I also questioned as to what justification can be made for the restrictions on the Turkish Cypriot People to be continued".

President Tatar emphasised that "Turkish Cypriot youth cannot even participate in many important sports tournaments under their own identity



because of Greek Cypriot placed obstacles". The President added that the disembarkation issue for flights between the UK and the TRNC was another issue which was discussed, adding that this situation is causing hardship to Turkish Cypriots and expats who have chosen to make the TRNC their home or to visit the country as tourists.

President Tatar said that "the existence of two States cannot be ignored in reaching a settlement in Cyprus, and the acknowledgment of this reality is essential for preparing the ground for a political settlement".

The President added: "We support a sustainable settlement, of peace and of stability, that is fair and based on the sovereign equality of the two Sides. The Turkish Cypriot People are as sovereign as the Greek Cypriot People. . . there is a need for the sovereign equality of Turkish Cypriots to be reaffirmed. Once this is accepted, we are prepared to take part in new formal negotiations. However, we cannot be held hostage to never-ending federal-based negotiations which have been tried, tested, and failed at least on 15 attempts, for more than half a century. Insisting on the same exhausted basis is not going to work. We need to be open to fresh new ideas. Our two State policy is realistic, forward-looking and provides a sustainable basis."

Mr. Docherty thanked President Tatar for receiving him and paid tribute to the Turkish Cypriots in the UK for their contributions to the UK.

Source:

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HADO starts Taşucu to Girne Ferry Service



The Taşucu – Girne sea ferry services operated by Hatay Metropolitan Municipality Sea Ferry Administration (HADO) has restarted.

Hatay Metropolitan Municipality Deputy Mayor Adnan Özkaya and his accompanying delegation took part in the first journey to Girne by HADO. The guest delegation were welcomed by the Mayor of Girne Murat Şenkul and the municipal administrators at the Girne Tourism Port.

HADO, which started its service in May last year, suspended its sailings due to weather conditions. The HADO services are sailing on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from Girne and sailing from Taşucu on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. HADO will serve the Girne-Taşucu line in the summer season only due to the damage to the Hatay Port in the 6th February earthquake.

Source (Turkish):
Girne Municipality

BRS News: UK LOBBYING CAMPAIGN PHASE 2

Latest News

We are sharing for readers who are seeking the latest facts and information with the approval of the BRS, news recently provided by the **British Residents' Society** to their members on 7th May 2023.

Please note this campaign is open to 'All UK citizens' even if they are not registered to vote in the UK, their letters/emails will go automatically to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and they can participate as detailed here..

LOBBY CAMPAIGN

The initial phase of our lobbying campaign (to end the isolation and discrimination towards all those who reside in the TRNC) is coming to an end and shortly we will be entering the 2nd phase of our initiatives. A presentation will be given at the forthcoming AGM of the progress made during Phase 1 and provide details on Phase 2.

In the meantime, for those members who are yet to send their letters to either their MP or the Foreign Office, it's not too late, simply click below or watch the video for more information.

https://www.brstrnc.com/lobby.asp?r=brs



Click here to watch the video https://youtu.be/wJAdreHAsso

Girne Village and Neighborhood Council Meetings in Ozanköy

The second of the Girne Village and Neighborhood Assembly Meetings, held on 28th April, started at 19:30 in Ozanköy Square and ended at approximately 10:15. Despite the cold weather, many citizens attended the meeting. During the meeting, which lasted about three hours, the Mayor of Girne, Murat Şenkul, listened to the demands of the citizens. The Mayor was accompanied by Girne Municipality Council Members, Girne Municipality Administration, and municipal chiefs.



Both domestic and foreign citizens took the floor. They expressed their complaints and demands on issues such as traffic, water, landscaping, recycling and construction. At the beginning of the meeting, which took place in a very positive atmosphere, a gift was presented to Mr Şenkul on behalf of the people of Ozanköy.

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality





Cyprus Rotary organised its first non-political Peace Panel



On Saturday 8th April 2023, Cyprus Rotary organised its first non-political Peace Panel as a bi- communal event named **'Revisiting peace! Vision of a Reunited Cyprus'** at the Ledra Palace Hotel in the buffer zone, with two eminent Cypriot academics, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen, and Dr Maria Hajipavlou.

The event attracted about 75 people from EU Commission, Rotary, Press, Academics, members from different NGO's of either side of Cyprus as well as from civil society.

The event was rated highly successful, as the feedback from the attendees were full of praises. Each speaker gave a twenty minute very informative speech about their views on Cyprus issue as it is their expertise area that they have spent at least thirty years of their career researching and analysing Cyprus issue from all different aspects and angles. There was a Q&A session for about an hour with very interesting questions from the attendees, which was then followed by coffee and snacks session where the attendees had more opportunity to talk to the speakers and organisers as they enjoyed the whole afternoon in the historic Ledra Palace Hotel which had facilitated such bi-communal events and talks in the past.

The most important conclusion of the forum was that **civil society could play a most important role in the effort to bring the two communities of our island closer towards building a bilaterally accepted harmonious living environment.**

Cyprus Rotary is part of Rotary International which has 1.4million members worldwide in more than 220 countries (www.Rotary.org). We are part of District 2452, which stretches across Europe, Asia and Africa and comprises of Armenia, Bahrain, Cyprus, Georgia, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Sudan, and UAE. Although we are separated by different countries, languages, and cultures, we are united under the Rotary motto **'Service Above Self'.**

The Rotary clubs of Cyprus with more than 500 members, have been working together within a unified Rotary environment for many years under one common local administration, daily practicing DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) building strong working and personal relationships.

(http://rotary-cyprus.org/).

Cyprus Rotary comprises of 19 Clubs, 15 of which meet to the south and 4 to the north of the Green Line.

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Rotary's Vision Statement

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.





KAR visit 19 MAYIS TURK MAARIF KOLEJI

Wednesday 3rd May saw a KAR Volunteer visit the 19 Mayis Turk Maarif Koleji in Girne to deliver a structured lesson to approximately 120 year 6 pupils in an interactive discussion on animal welfare. Workbooks were given out and a competition was launched for a short story or poem about caring for animals. The visit proved to be a resounding success and Certificates will be awarded to the children next month.

An unexpected element of the visit, at least as far as KAR was concerned, were the numerous donations of goods, collected from both parents and children, which will now be sold in the KAR shops. There was also an amazing amount received in donations from selling books etc; some 1,200 TL. “Whilst the donations of items from parents and families are invaluable to KAR, by far the biggest success of the day was the sharing of ideas and the discussions revolving around the care of animals in the TRNC; some extremely important points raised and discussed,” commented KAR chairperson Jacky Kester.

All the students were engaged in the discussions, asking questions and sharing experiences, totally immersed in the process. This was due to the totally professional job done by



KAR’s volunteer in engaging with teachers, parents’ association, families and students.

Finally, a huge shout out to Mayis 19 Koleji staff, students and Rachel for organising the meeting and KAR are enthusiastically looking forward to the next visit!!

Opening Ceremony of RCKC Bellapais Learning Garden



The Opening Ceremony of the Rotary Club of Kyrenia Cosmopolitan Bellapais Learning Garden highlights their work on Environmental Projects spanning from Re-forestation of Fire damaged areas to Beach Cleaning and development of Pollination Gardens in local Schools and National Parks.

Through their work with Beylerbeyi Pre Elementary School’s headmaster, they developed a vision of creating a ‘Learning Garden’, with an area divided into zones which will consist of a Pollination Area, a Vegetable patch, seating area for children to have outdoor environmental lessons as well as enjoy breakfast, a recycling and compost making area and a nursery for children to grow vegetables and plants from seeds, learn about the germination process of plant life and the importance of Pollination during this process.

With District Grant contributions through Rotary District Governor George Azar, the Garden is now completed and has electricity and Wi-Fi. A minimum of 70 children a year will be able to use this facility to learn about pollination, environment, plant germination and growth.

The vegetables grown in the garden will be distributed to local families in need and foster the children’s understanding of Serving their Community. The area will teach children responsibility, sense of achievement and an understanding of the cycle of life.





18th International Bellapais Spring Music Fest 07 May 2023



Featuring: Piano **Recital by Rauf Kasimov and his Students….**

By Heidi Trautmann….

I want to thank all nine young pianists and their teacher Rauf Kasimov for this evening – they have made it an unforgettable one for us. Unforgettable for their youth and beauty, their talent and their joy and enthusiasm. The concert hall at the Abbey was full to the last seat with music lovers, families and friends and fans like me. It always astonishes me to see the metamorphosis the young pianists are going through as soon as they sit down at the piano and touch the keys. They become a different being, they become music. I have not missed one of their concerts in the past years and I am happy to have met some of them again on stage. If you are interested read more under the following link below to some more reviews, you will learn a lot about the importance of music education but also the importance of choice of the instructor.

Not all of the students will make it their profession for life, but to have learnt and done something with such passion will change a young person's attitude towards life and they will do everything else with engagement and love. Rauf Kasimov also invites his students to participate in competitions and music exams and he prepares them for the conservatory. The students he trained in Cyprus have won more than 40 awards in international piano competitions. Today, these students study piano at conservatories and music schools in England, Europe, America and Turkey. This statement speaks for the success of Rauf Kasimov's educational engagement.

The concert was held in memory of the Earthquake victims and a donation was made to the Champion Angels Association. Very emotional moments for all…

Fikri Toros who has a big heart for the young talents congratulated the young pianists and gave them their awards. It will be an evening for the young pianists to celebrate,

I sincerely hope that many more young talents will go through his musical education, because Life without art and music is empty.

Milada Çınaroğlu: She was born on 29 May 2012 in Nicosia. She is a 6th year student at Necat British College. For Mental Arrhythmate she represented Northern Cyprus in her age category in 2019 and she became the champion of Turkey. She is preparing for the Piano Grade 6 exam at the Royal School of Music. Apart from music, Milada loves sports, dancing and animals. She wants to continue her piano education in the future.

Teoman Eyüboğlu: He was born on April 7, 2005 in Famagusta. He is a 12th grade student at the Anadolu Fine Arts High School and is interested in music from a young age on. Apart from piano, he plays drums and guitar. Teoman Eyüboğlu, who loves animals, especially dogs, wants to study music technology.



İpek Özkan: She was born on June 20, 2008 in Çankaya, Ankara and is 8th grade student of Nicosia Turkish Maarif College. Painting, music and piano are among her favourites. Preparing for the Royal School of Music Grade 6th exam, İpek also loves to study science and mathematics. She wants to study medicine and become a doctor.

İsmet Gürmen: She was born on June 18, 2007 in Nicosia. Ismet, who is in the 9th grade of Türk Maarif Koleji, likes to swim and ride a bicycle apart from playing the piano. She is preparing for the Piano Grade 7 exam at the Royal School of Music. Dancing and painting are among the hobbies. İsmet wants to continue her art education in the coming years.

Elif Ecem Özkan: She was born on November 29, 2006 in Ankara and is 11th grade student of the Türk Maarif Koleji. She is preparing for the Piano Grade 7 exam at the Royal



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School of Music. Elif Ecem, who is also preparing for exams for medical education, loves mathematics and science. Reading books and dancing are among her hobbies.

Burcu Akbatu: She was born on March 8, 2009 in Nicosia. She is attending the 3rd grade of Nicosia Anadolu Fine Arts Secondary School. Burcu, who also studied cello in addition to piano, has singing talent and holds an award in this branch. She is preparing for the Royal School of Music Piano Grade 7 exam. Burcu also plays the cello in the CSO Youth Orchestra. In the coming years, she wants to be a good musician on piano and cello.

Masal Gül: She was born on July 5, 2010 in Adana. In the June 2021 college entrance exam, Cyprus came out on top. She is preparing for the Piano Grade 8 exam at the Royal School of Music. Masal, who wants to be a doctor, is a 7th year student at Near East College. Apart from music, she loves animals, nature and sea activities.

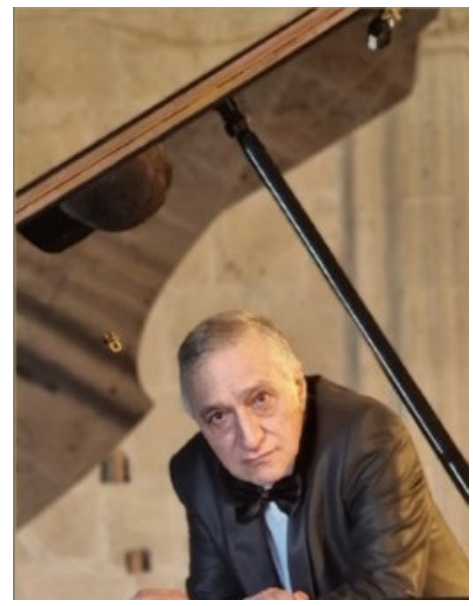
İrem Bilen: She was born on June 22, 2007 in Ankara. İrem, who started her music education at Bilkent Conservatory, is a 9th grade student at Suat Günsel College. She has been continuing his education with Rauf Kasimov for about five years. Irem has won three prizes in international piano competitions and is preparing for the Royal School of Music Grade 8 exam. She wants to continue her piano education at the conservatory; She also loves to sing.

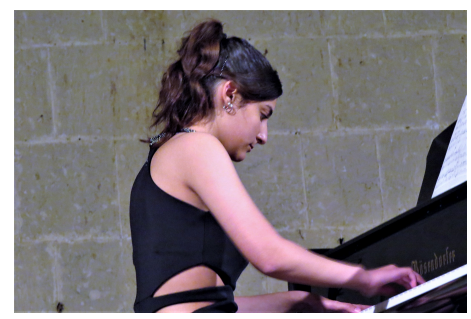
Can Sakkaoğlu: He was born on November 15, 2007 in Istanbul. Playing tennis from an early age on, he has won many awards in tennis. Can, who attends the 11th grade of the English School of Kyernia, has been a student of Rauf Kasimov for six years. Can Sakkaoğlu has eight international piano awards, most of which are First Prizes. Can Sakkaoğlu participated in Gülsin Onay Piano Festival in Bodrum in August 2021 and gave a piano concert at Bellapais Spring Music Festival in April 2022. He passed the Royal School of Music Grade 8 piano exam with a very good grade. In February 2023, he took the talent test of the world-famous music school Musica Mundi in Brussels, Belgium. Can Sakkaoğlu, who has shown outstanding success in this exam, will continue his education at Musica Mundi as of September 2023 with a partial scholarship. Can's goal is to become a concert pianist in the future.

Rauf Kasimov: He was born on October 28, 1954 in Baku. In 1978, he graduated from Baku State Conservatory with distinction as a concert pianist. He completed his doctorate at the same conservatory in 1980. From 1980 to 1991, he worked as a piano teacher at the Baku Conservatory, while at the same time between 1985-1987 he was an assistant to the world-famous piano educator Prof. Dorensky, head of the piano department of the Tchaikosky Conservatory in Moscow. Kasimov won many first prizes in competitions in many cities of Russia, Azerbaijan, Spain and Bulgaria and gave concerts in these countries, also in Turkey and Iraq he worked and gave concerts. He took part in many concerts and events at the International Bellapais Music Festivals organized by the Northern Cyprus Music Association in Cyprus. Finally, at the 18th International Bellapais Spring Music Fest, he performed Bach's Piano Concerto in D minor as a soloist with the Presidential Symphony Orchestra.

Rauf Kasimov, who has been living as a piano teacher in Northern Cyprus since 2005, invites his students to participate in competitions and music exams and he prepares them for the conservatory. The students he trained in Cyprus have won more than 40 awards in international piano competitions. These students study piano at conservatories and music schools in England, Europe, America and Turkey.

Rauf Kasimov also has his own compositions, numerous recordings and jazz style works on Song Tree, a private music website, and on YouTube.







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Cyprus Turkish Airlines BOEING 720 – Welcome to Cyprus!



The Late Turkish Cypriot leader, Rauf Raif Denktaş inspects the CTA/KTHY Boeing 720 at Ercan Airport

By Oz Orman … A Cypriot Aviation Story….

"We lived out of our suitcases, so one day we were working for Cyprus Turkish Airlines and the next we would be subbed out to Laker Airways or whoever. Eisenberg was one of those people who can turn st into gold for himself…all of us in the end were left with "good-bye" and lots of back paychecks that bounced. As I recall Aeroamerica still owes me $5,500 or so, having said all that it was still a wonderful job!"**

I have previously produced aviation videos about the island, which have kindly been supported and published by CyprusScene. But, when you read a quote like that above, you can't help but be intrigued. It was written by an American flight engineer who worked for the Aeroamerica company, and a story unravelled involving an old photograph, a 15-17 Boeing aircraft, politics, and alleged links to the CIA.

The ball started rolling when I came across a relative's photograph of the Aeroamerica jet decked in CTA-KTHY livery at Ercan in the late 1970s. My cousin worked at the airport back then and I wanted to find out more about the plane, its history, and links to Cypriot aviation.

Now the name, Arthur Joël Eisenberg may not mean a lot to many people. But, back in the mid-1970s, the Seattle-based businessman helped support a two-year partnership with our very own Cyprus Turkish Airlines -Kıbrıs Türk Hava Yolları – KTHY. Eisenberg's, Aeroamerica airline was based at Seattle's Boeing Field and provided charters and leases to airlines and destinations around the world. The Jewish-American founder and owner of Aeroamerica wet-leased a Boeing 720-027 to North Cyprus's fledging airline from 1977-79. This was three years after the 1974 conflict, and with Ercan Airport acting as an air bridge for the then Turkish Federated State of Cyprus.

Cyprus Turkish Airlines-Kıbrıs Türk Hava Yolları – KTHY was founded with the help of Turkish Airlines and the Cash Development of the Consolidated Fund of the Assembly of the Turkish Cypriot Community (Konsolide Fonu Inkisaf Sandigi) back in December 1975. Initially, the airline used aircraft belonging to Turkey's main carrier, but issues with strikes and walk-outs effecting Turkish aviation then followed in the mid to late 1970s.

The Turkish Cypriot carrier needed to find a solution and found it in the form of a U.S. carrier, Aeroamerica. Research about the deal has proved sketchy with limited information about the agreement. Persons who were around at the time when the partnership was signed have unfortunately passed on or have not responded to requests for further information.

Fortunately, there is photographic and video evidence of the Boeing 720-027's time with CTA-KTHY. Some people have even posted information on social media, and this helped with my research and follow-up YouTube video project. This must have been a difficult time for all concerned, as no doubt political pressure was put upon the relative parties to scupper the deal. However, Eisenberg and his American employees persevered during these periods and supported routes to Istanbul, Ankara, and Adana from the island. The Boeing 720, named 'Yavru Vatan' became the airline's main-stay and workhorse flying around the clock.

As Aeroamerica Captain Harris said, **"Ercan Airport and its ground crew were great and that the service provided was at ICAO Standards ....**

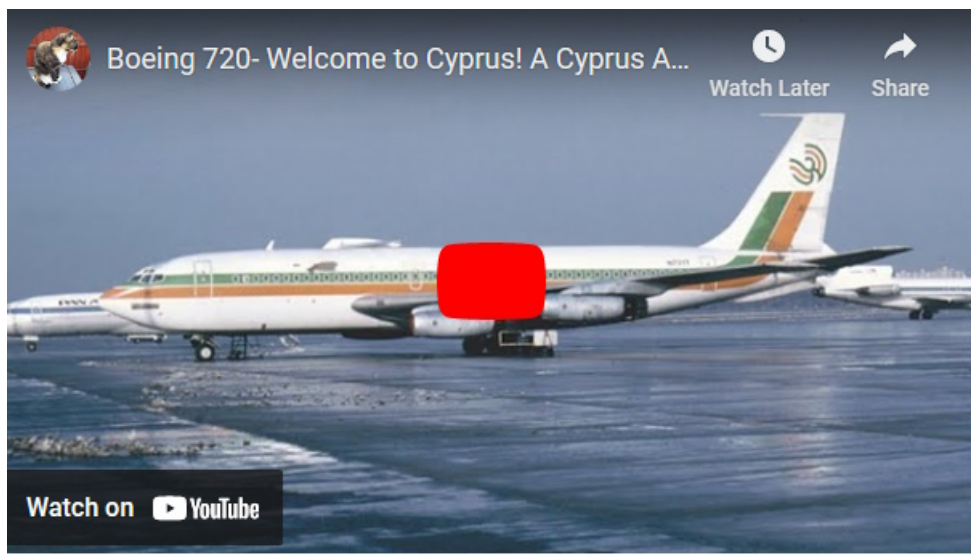
Bozkurt newspaper- 1977."

Something that the other side likes to dismiss.

Further tales and stories materialised from that time, which I have shared on Morton Park FC YouTube video channel and I made this latest one below:

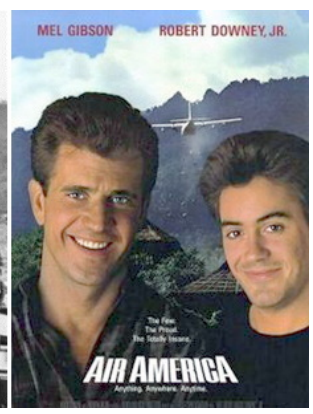
During the research process. I came across the usual allegations of CIA and NATO involvement in he whole Cyprus affair. Some believed that the whole Aeroamerica and CTA/KTHY was a front for the CIA to monitor what was going on in Cyprus at the time. It then that got me thinking of the film made in 1990, starring Mel Gibson and Robert Downey Junior. You may recall it, 'Air America'. It tells the tale of a young pilot (Downey Jr) who finds himself recruited unwittingly into a covert and corrupt CIA airlift operation in Laos during the Vietnam conflict. According to information online, it has been reported that the story is entirely true.

The film isn't a classic and I wouldn't waste your time watching it unless you are fans of the two actors. It isn't their best work, but it does seem to have coincidental similarities between the



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continued.....Cyprus Turkish Airlines BOEING 720

airline's names i.e. **'Air America' and that of 'Aeroamerica'.**

Could this have been a CIA rebranding?

The CTA/KTHY agreement with Aeroamerica ended in 1979, with the Turkish Cypriot carrier again leasing aircraft from Turkish Airlines. The Boeing 720-027 registration- N731T, which had served North Cyprus so well would eventually be scrapped between 1980-1982. Its final resting place being in sunny Bournemouth in England.

In 1982, Eisenberg's, Aeroamerica airline ceased operations after financial difficulties. The businessman tried to get it going again, but court and bankruptcy battles ensued for the rest of the decade. Former employees do speak fondly of their time flying for the airline, especially those who served with CTA/KTHY from 1977-79. Unfortunately, one of the American stewardesses, who worked in Cyprus perished in an air crash in Detroit in 1987, whilst serving with American Airlines.

As many of the CyprusScene readership know, the country lost its national flag carrier (CTA-KTHY) in 2010, when it was declared bankrupt. However, for two years in the late 1970s. The Boeing 720-027: N731T showed that the Turkish Cypriots could make a go of things with the help of outside bodies.

Can we say the same now?





Earlyact Club Of Kyrenia Cosmopolitan Pinning Ceremony

Rotary Club of Kyrenia Cosmopolitan is proud to have developed the first Earlyact club in Cyprus. The development of Earlyact Club of Kyrenia Cosmopolitan which is based at Karsiyaka Primary School has been going on since December 2022.

The students, have participated in induction meetings, learning about Rotary's Values and they will be part of an ongoing training programme.

The students have already been active in the development of the Pollination Garden in their school.

On Saturday 6th of May, the Earlyactors were pinned by DDG Emilios Tannousis in the presence of AG Sertaç Gümüş, the headmistress of the Karsiyaka Primary School Ulgen Osmanli, deputy headmaster and Earlyacts lead teacher İsfendiyar Pilli, President, board members and members of RCKC and parents and family of the earlyactors.

Following on from the pinning ceremony, the first President of Earlyacts Club of Kyrenia Cosmopolitan, Poyraz Duztaban, thanked everyone, welcomed guests and family.

The earlyactors then showed guests around the Pollination Garden and the event was followed by snacks and refreshments.









Exhibition of Paintings – 'Mystic of Cyprus' – 10 -13 May 2023





Thursday Artists Gülseven Atay Coles & Christine E. Venediger at the Girne Belediye Art Gallery….

By Heidi Trautmann….

A lovely opening last night the 10th May 2023 to a very well-prepared exhibition. I have appreciated the well-proportioned hanging plan, it creates a beautiful picture in itself, a colourful scenery of the 'Mystic of Cyprus'. Our Mayor Murat Şenkul arrived as a surprise guest and the exhibition could be opened in time to a full house of guests and friends of the two artists. I repeat here the text of my opening speech, it best describes the character of the exhibition and the inspirations that led the artists in their work. The exhibition is open to visiting until Saturday only, so don't miss it. The artists will both be present. Visiting hours are 09.00-16.00 hrs.

Dear Guests, dear Friends, and dear Gülseven and Christine….

What is Art? Art does not begin at the tip of the brush or any other tool, art, and creativity start in our brain…. but the brain needs to be fed by our senses, therefore, Art should be celebrated and done every day in whatever form, because it opens our senses, prepares them to see and to listen, also to smell the jasmine in the roads of the island's cities. With time we will be able to use them all, to observe deeply and so it will allow us to understand and recognize interrelations, it will make us look around and not just see ourselves or the virtual world behind the screen of our phone or computer. From here our creative urge will further develop and will demand more. Art is language and communication. Art is full awareness. The learning of how to use the tools and the many techniques in the Arts is absolutely necessary, however, it will not make us an artist if our senses are not developed, it is like using a freshly sharpened pencil when starting a drawing.

I wanted to begin my words of welcome with this general introduction for all of us and it applies to our two artists Gülseven Atay Coles and Christine Venediger who are both well aware of it and practice it. They both share a love for Cyprus; the one a Cypriot, born in Pafos, the other a world traveller, who came to the island to live and work here in 2006. Besides working in their own art studios, both are members of 'The Thursday Artists', and you may find their story in my book which is laid out here for you to see. Also laid out are their biographies with more details on their artistic life and development.

Gülseven and Christine named their exhibition 'Mystic of Cyprus'. It is based on their connection to nature and history, their awareness of the special Cyprus light, and the transparency created through the closeness of mountains and the sea – which by the way has attracted many artists since the Middle Ages to come here and explore the mystic charm of the island – and the many legends which exist on hills and mountain tops, and in the ruins of the historical past.

Having worked together for many years, we know each other well; both artists are very sensitive in how far nature is concerned which inspires them in their work. Gülseven says that she has always been seeking to live near pure nature, and especially from her childhood in Pafos she remembers the wide fields with wildflowers, or the garden of her grandmother where she created her own world of fantasy and took on the role of a flower fairy. The smell of jasmine, lemon blossoms, and roses in her grandmother's garden has never left her and the desire to remain within the range of nature is reflected in her paintings of the past and of today with themes of the earth, of the sea and of trees down to the undergrowth of fields and meadows. Nature for her is life itself, from birth to death, with love and passion; nature is purity and safety for her. She says: I don't encounter problems in nature. I am part of nature.

Christine says that she got her inspirations in her painting career from the many years she lived in Norway with its special lights and colours and then from slowly sailing around the world with its everchanging light conditions and colour palettes on the seas and on land… and also by the stories of different cultures and people encountered during the years of travelling. And, when in 2006 she came to Cyprus via the Suez Canal, she met again with new conditions; she got enchanted by the beauty of the wildflowers along the hiking trails in the Kyrenia mountain range. She loves hiking there, especially in the spring season when nature explodes and its brilliant colours compete with the blue of the sky



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and the sea …. and from those moments she brought bunches home to study and memorized them on canvas or paper. And while she explored the island, she came across the ruins of deserted stone dwellings, monasteries in the valleys, and crusader castles perched on the highest peaks, but also the antique treasures found in the sea near Girne, and now on display in the castle, have ignited her imagination and inspired her to see history come alive, and so she was led to bring her interpretations of the Mystic of Cyprus onto canvas.

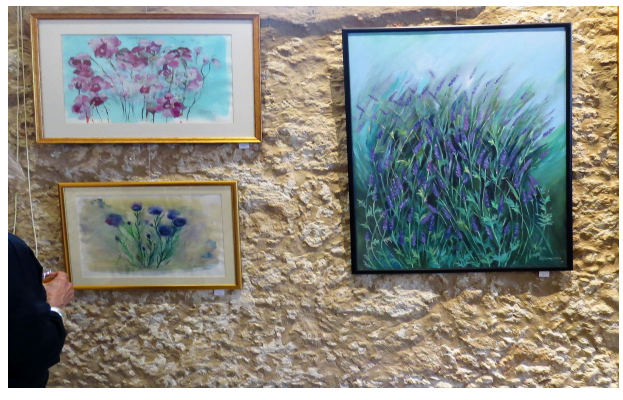
Who does not remember the stories of King Arthur and the Crusaders who once came to Cyprus, or the many legends that surround the Girne Castle or St. Hilarion?

Let us now be enchanted by the artists' interpretations of the Mystic of Cyprus. I wish you a pleasant evening.

But before we do so, Christine Venediger would like to say some words to you and I hand over the microphone…….

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DUO LAMENTE at 18th International Bellapais Spring Music Fest





By Heidi Trautmann….

On 28 April 2023 – DUO LAMENTE performed Baroque music with countertenor Kaan Buldular and Hande Cangökçe on the archlute; when we were transferred to the 17th century in the dimly lit Bellapais music hall but with candlelight on the stage.

The programme was composed from the rich repertoire of the Duo Lamente for countertenor and archlute, read the introduction I have attached. I found a YouTube link with the first musical piece on the programme which you can watch below and the recording is very good. In those days of the Baroque era themes in the arts were enjoyment of life, mythology, and religion, still lives and landscapes, everything that challenges the human senses up to the deep feelings about death.

It was an absolutely moving evening with the high professionalism of the artists, actually, I would have liked to see Kaan Buldular in a red velvet costume of the 17th century to fit the illusions he created with his beautiful voice. Hande Cangökçe was the perfect image of a great Baroque lady musician with the archlute on her lap playing this precious instrument from days long gone by. You can now enjoy them via the recording on the video below

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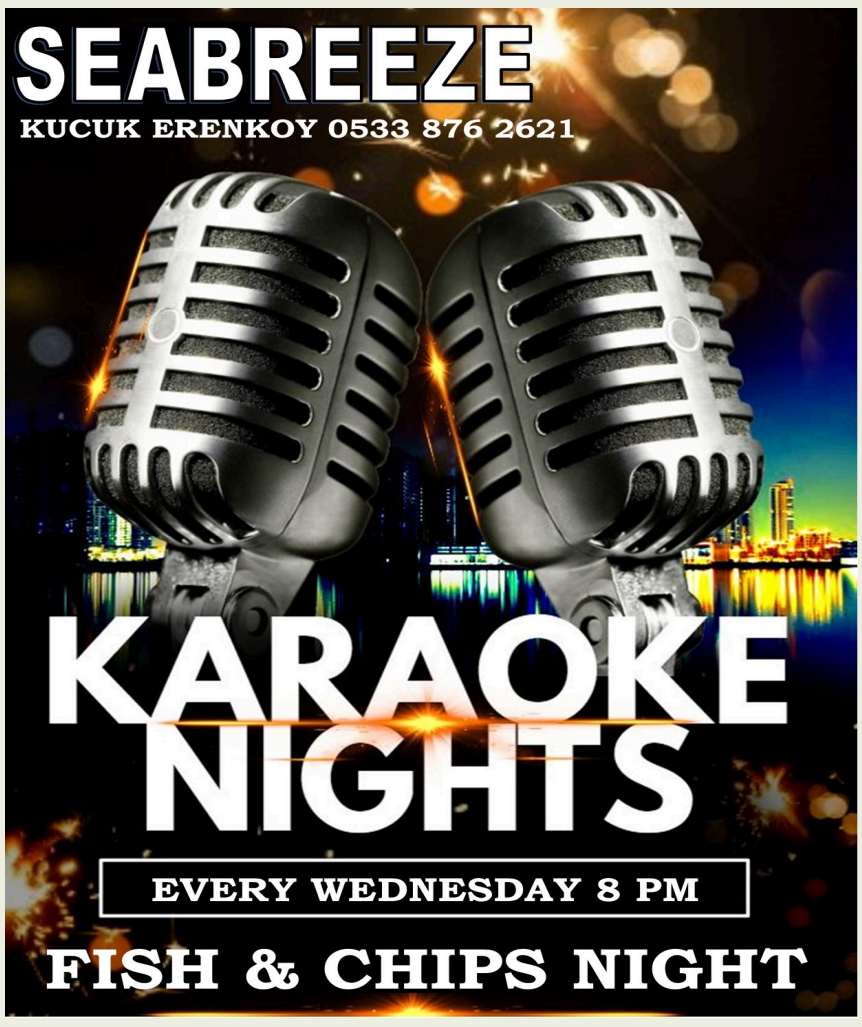




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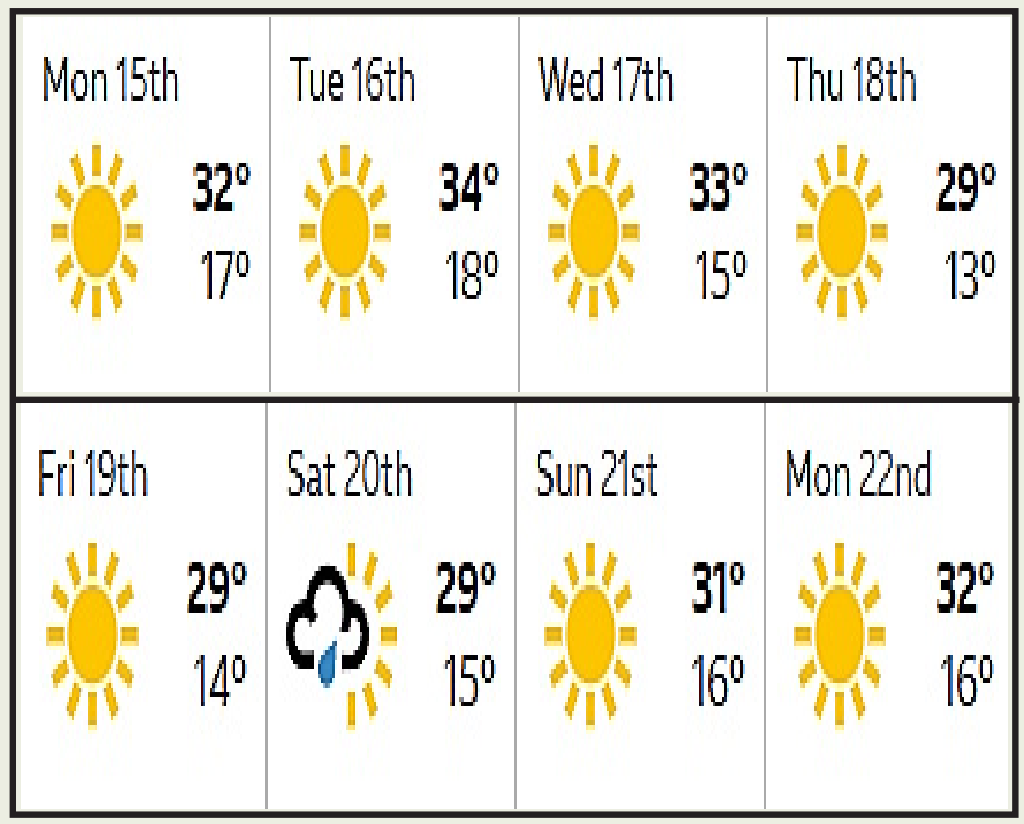
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ESENTEPE DRAW A BLANK – GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES

Results: ESENTEPE KKSK 0 DÜZKAYA KOSK 0

By **Richard Beale….**

Esentepe extended their unbeaten run to 16 matches but with second place Yeniboğaziçi surprisingly losing, they could not take advantage of that or gain extra "play off points" over their chasing rivals.

Sunday April 30 : AKASA League 1: Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadium.

Weather: Cloudy, occasional sunny periods.

A huge crowd was attracted to this important match and with it being a 'derby match" as well.

A hard-fought match between 3rd place Esentepe and 4th place Düzkaya, it was always going to be a tight affair, and so it was with very few chances. Düzkaya will be the happier of the two teams especially due to their first-half injuries to Hüseyin (15 mins) and a very serious one involving ex-Esentepe favourite Uğurcan (33 mis) their plans were disrupted then having Batuhan red carded (83 mins) a point was very welcomed.

LET'S LOOK AT THE TABLE AND PLAYOFF PLACES

Miracle Karşıyaka were promoted as Champions despite losing 5-0 to Mormeneşke (Esentepe's next opponents). Second place Yeniboğaziçi (56 points) needing 3 points to clinch automatic promotion lost 1-0 to Lapta. Esentepe (53 points) are guaranteed a play-off place, and if by some miracle Yeniboğaziçi fails to score and lose their last match to Düzkaya and Esentepe beat Mormeneşke by more than 3 goals they will get promoted. Düzkaya (51 points), Yalova (51 points), Baf Ülkü Yurdu (49 points), and Gençler Birliği (49) are all competing for 3 of the remaining places with one match remaining, it's all to play for, no dead matches but its if, if and if !.

An Esentepe win against Düzkaya would have them only 1 point behind Yeniboğaziçi and gain a point advantage in the play offs it was not to be they tried were the better team but could not break down a well-organised defence.

The opening minutes were pretty even, both teams committed with some meaty challenges, with referee Utku being keen to let the game flow.

Düzkaya were forced to make an early change after 15 minutes when Hüseyin Türk who was injured previously with a collar bone problem was replaced by Kamil.

The only goal effort came after 23 minutes from Esentepe's Mahmut who shot from outside the box over the bar.

Neither keeper was forced into action, but the game erupted in the 32nd minute when Semih and ex-Esentepe player Uğurcan were involved in a clash of heads with the Düzkaya player coming off far worse. Paramedics and players from both sides rushed to Uğurcan's aid and it was clear that he was seriously injured. A stretcher was called for and he was carried off where there was great concern for his well-being.

Düzkaya were forced into a second substation with Murat coming on for the unfortunate Uğurcan

In the 40th minute, there was another nasty head collision again involving Semih and Düzkaya defender Serkan – it was a frightful collision, and talking to people after the match maybe Esentepe should have been awarded a penalty as Semih was definitely taken out by Serkan in the box. Thankfully both players recovered after lengthy treatment, with Uğurcan also continuing to receive treatment from the medics. Semih as a precaution against possible concussion was replaced by Ege Can.

HALF-TIME SCORE : 0-0

Concern during the break continued and we were still awaiting the arrival of the Ambulance, which eventually came as the second half got underway. Today (Monday morning) we learned that Uğurcan has fractured his cheekbone in 3 places and is undergoing surgery.

We wish one of Esentepe's favourite sons our best wishes and a speedy recovery.

Esentepe again started the second half the better side with young full-backs Dursun and Mustafa eagerly overlapping at every opportunity.

59 minutes from a Dursun Ali corner, the ball was partially cleared to Devran who hit a shot just past the right-hand post.

Düzkaya's defence stayed firm with Afün and Serkan being rocks that Esentepe attacks floundered on. Esentepe striker Melih looked like was given a free role, and he was dropping deeper looking for the ball, and popping up on the flanks, this then caused Deniz to come up against the 2 Düzkaya central defenders making him less effective.

Both keepers remained largely untroubled by having to deal with a few crosses though the match was not boring, it was competitive and absorbing.

Deniz hit a free kick over the bar and was probably fortunate not to have



received a red card after having a penalty appeal turned down, appeared to push out at the referee Mr. Utku probably sensing the forward's frustration booked him instead.

Düzkaya's defence continued to give ex Esentepe goalkeeper Ali Karal maximum protection as the game entered its closing stages, players were showing signs of tiredness and fatigue.

Esentepe almost took the lead in the 80th minute with a brilliant move, Deniz spotting substitute Hüseyin run on the right who sent over a perfect cross to the far post to another replacement Ege Can whose powerful header was somehow brilliantly saved by Ali pushing the ball away (a la Gordon Banks style), wonderful goalkeeping.

Düzkaya at last produced their first shot of the match in the 82rd minute with Osman pushing away a shot from outside the area from Barış.

There was lots of effort and graft from both sides but lacking quality, Düzkaya was reduced to 10 men when Batuhan was sent off for a deliberate handball in the 83rd minute.

Düzkaya hung on thanks to their tough and resolute defence.

FULL-TIME SCORE : 0-0

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A BATTLING DRAW FOR ESENTEPE YOUNGSTERS

Result: ESENTEPE KKSK U21 2 DÜZKAYA KOSK U21 2

By Richard Beale…

Playing against superior opposition who were physically stronger, Esentepe fought back from being two goals down to earn a creditable draw.

Sunday April 30: AKSA U21 League 1 : Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadium.

After losing the last 2 matches Esentepe produced a stirring performance to gain a well-deserved point over 3rd place Düzkaya.

Düzkaya with far greater resources than Esentepe has a very good team with some talented individuals. They looked stronger both physically and age-wise.

Düzkaya who won their previous match 17-1 is the League's leading goal-scorer and NECDET NUMAN is the League's leading goal-scorer on 28 goals.

For the majority of the match the Esentepe defence kept him quiet, and so did the Düzkaya defence against the home team's attack.

The midfield battle was pretty even with Düzkaya's Ali tüfekçi catching my eye, Esentepe's Mahmut Şen was playing a Captain's role in midfield getting through a lot of work.

The game which looked like it would be heading for a goalless draw erupted with 4 goals in 16 minutes.

DÜzkaya were a goal up in the 52nd minute and it was the goal poacher NECDET NUMAN getting a touch to a header at the far post, despite desperate efforts from Esentepe goalkeeper Can and defender Mehmet Ada, the ball just crossed the line.

Necdet set up Düzkaya's second goal in the 65th minute crossing the ball on the right-hand by-line to ENES MALIK HIZLI who miss-kicked his first effort but managed to score with his second. **0-2**

Many of the team would have rolled over but not Esentepe as within a minute of Düzkaya's second goal they pulled a goal back when GÖKDENİZ KOL got his head onto a long bouncing ball. **1-2**

3 minutes later he equalised with a brilliant goal, he went on a run beating a couple of players before hitting a shot that struck the left-hand post before rebounding back to him to crash into the net. **2-2**

This was Gökdeniz's 12th goal of the season, sometimes he does some outrageous things on the pitch that doesn't come off, but the talent is there it can be worked upon.

Düzkaya finished the match strongly but the Esentepe defence stood firm.

There were good performances from HÜSEYİN AKCAL playing at left-back due to an injury to Atakan Kar. On the right flank, Mehmet Beyazbayram had a good match, often overlapping.

All in all, a good enjoyable match.



ESENTEPE KKSK U21



NECDET MUMAN gets a touch to give Düzkaya the lead.



GÖKDENİZ celebrating his goal 2nd

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SUPER ESENTEPE ON THE SUPER LEAGUE ROAD

Result: ESENTEPE KKSK U21 2 DÜZKAYA KOSK U21 2

By Richard Beale…

Esentepe can do no more, they did what they had to do, win their last League match, which they did very impressively and await the result of the Düzkaya – Yeniboğaziçi match.

Saturday May 6, 2023: AKSA League 1 : Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadium.

Weather : Thunder, lightning, rain.

Esentepe may have played their last match of the season, let's hope so but in the meantime the Champagne must remain on ice until Monday evening. Shame that a potential grand finale was spoilt by the terrible weather. Torrential rain, thunder and lightning all around, a waterlogged pitch, threaten to wash out Esentepe's match. Thankfully the rain eased off a little and though areas of the outfield were covered in puddles, Referee Evren Karademir deemed the pitch to be playable. Not so the vital match at Çatalköy between Düzkaya and Yeniboğaziçi which was a victim of the appalling weather so Esentepe are waiting to know if they go up automatically or to try to achieve that goal through the Play Offs.

A bumper crowd would have been expected but the weather and some event in the UK put paid to that. Many spectators parked their cars round the perimeter and stayed in them and when Esentepe scored they would beep their horns.

The match was a lottery in the earlier stages, with the ball getting stuck in the puddles of water, defenders unsure of their footing and short passing nigh on impossible.

Full marks to both teams for playing in these conditions, especially Mormeneşke, safe in mid table, nothing to play for, they competed well in the first half and might had scored a couple of goals themselves if it wasn't for the conditions.

MATCH HIGHLIGHTS:

1 min: Esentepe had the ball in the net but goal ruled out for offside. Mormeneşke goalkeeper Hasan overstepped outside his area, bang on the goal area, central, Emek free kick beat the diving Hasan, hit the right hand post, rebounding to Salih who crossed too Semih to put in, but he was offside.

7 mins: An early lead is what Esentepe wanted an in came from an Emek corner from the left where it was met at the far post by MELİH NİSANCI to head home **1-0.**

22 mins: Another Emek corner from the left was met by EGE CAN AÇIKPORTALI who beat Hasan with a low shot. **2-0.**

Mormeneşke came close of two occasions within 5 minutes, reminding Esentepe the game wasn't won yet.

25 mins: Esentepe goalkeeper Osman was unable to hold onto the slippery ball but great defending by Devran heading away Ertan's shot, prevented the visitors pulling a goal back.

27 mins: With the ball getting stuck in puddles and defenders unable to tackle properly Ertan had another chance but shot straight at Osman.

39 mins: A very clever ball by Melih put EGE CAN AÇIKPORTAL in on the left and he went on unmarked to beat Hasan. **3-0.**

45 mins: Esentepe young midfielder Salih Karal almost scored his first



senior goal, curling an effort just pass the left hand post.

HALF -TIME SCORE: 3-0.

Mormeneşke Coach during the break made 3 replacements to try and get his team back into the match and Ahmet Can came close hitting a shot past Osman's right hand post.

The rain had almost ceased, the pitch was easier thanks to good drainage but it was still slippery conditions for the players.

Mormeneşke on the hour mark, probably thought the match was lost as Esentepe with the "bit between their teeth", kept going in search of more goals.

65 mins: Emek was again the provider another left wing corner headed home by defender DEVRAN GÜNEŞ, the ball getting stuck in a puddle and going through goalkeeper Hasan's legs. **4-0**

75 mins: A long goal kick from Osman saw MELİH NİŞANCI looking offside fasten on to the ball and finish with aplomb.**5-0**

76 mins: MELİH NİSANCI completed his hat trick being put through on the right before hammering his shot past Hasan. **6-0**

Esentepe Coach Davut with possible thoughts of injuries in the wet conditions and the possible play offs took the opportunity of giving most of the replacement bench a run out.

FULL-TIME SCORE: 6-0

SUMMING UP: The team were prepared mentally and physically despite the bad conditions they knew what their target was and achieved this with a fantastic TEAM EFFORT, 17 matches unbeaten what a run. I must mention goalkeeper Osman still relatively inexperienced , he didn't have a lot to do but his handling with a wet ball was immaculate.

Hopefully neighbours Düzkaya who must win for "play off points" can beat Yeniboğaziçi on Monday and we can take that Champagne off the ice and celebrate.

NB: DÜZKAYA KOSK v YENİBOĞAZİÇİ DSK (kick off 4-30) ; Çatalköy Nıhat Bağcıer Stadium (behind the old Temp Supermarket, or by the LODGE bar and Resturant.

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