



**Sports News**

**Pages 13/14/15**



**Entertainment  
News**

**Pages 8/9/10/12**



**BRS Travel  
News**

**Page 7**

# CyprusScene.com

The real newspaper For people - By people

25th December 2021 to 31st December 2021 / Year 5 / Issue 208 FREE to read or download

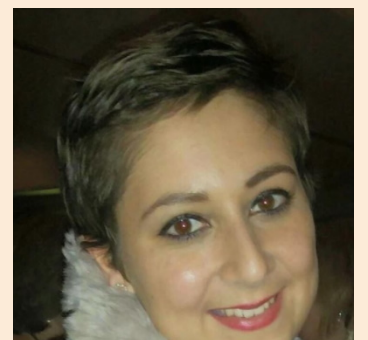
**CyprusScene wishes a  
Happy New Year to  
all of our readers**

**President Tatar's  
New Year message**



**Page 3**

**Tanyel's Smile Charity**



**Page 4**

**Trevor's Tips are back for  
2022**



**Page 11**

To read all  
**CyprusScene.com**  
Enewspapers go to:

<https://cyprusscene.com/e-newspaper/>

## **EDITORS NOTE**

Despite more team health issues this past week and through lots of hard work we have been able to publish another CyprusScene enewspaper.....Page 2



25th to 31st December 2021

## Ministry of Health - COVID-19 - Update



**31**  
Aralık | December  
2021

**GÜVENDE KAL GÜNLÜK TABLO**  
STAY SAFE DAILY CHART

24 Saat İçerisinde Takılan Bileklik Sayısı  
Number of Wristbands Fitted in The Last 24 Hours **489**

24 Saat İçerisinde Takibi Sonlandırılan Bileklik Sayısı  
Number of Wristbands Whose Tracking Has Been Ended in The Last 24 Hours **382**

**GÜVENDE KAL GENEL TABLO**  
STAY SAFE GENERAL SITUATION

Takip Edilen Bileklik Sayısı  
Number of Wristbands Followed **5935**

Takibi Sonlandırılan Bileklik Sayısı  
Number of Wristbands Whose Tracking Has Been Ended **104.206**

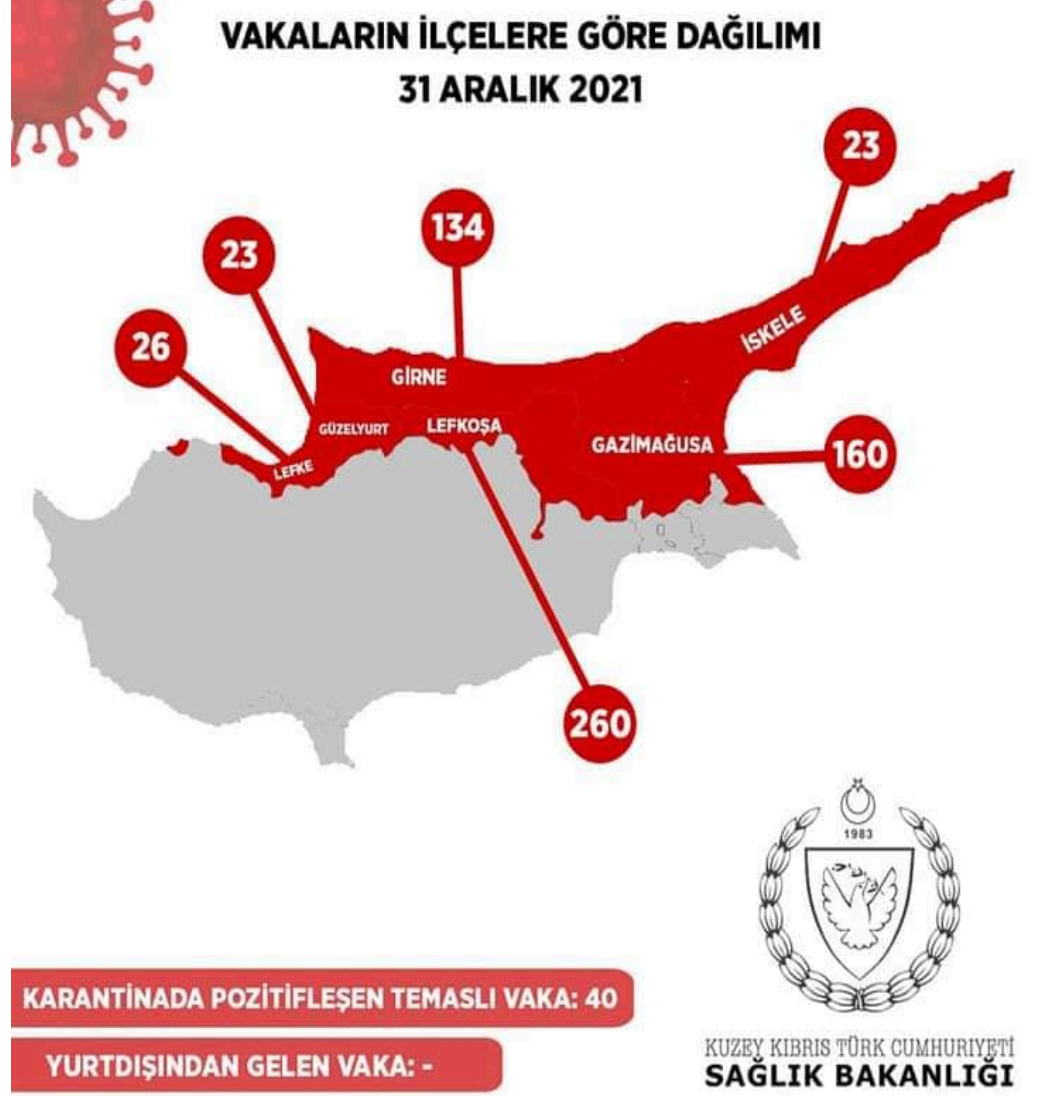
KUZEY KIBRIS TÜRK CUMHURİYETİ  
SAĞLIK BAKANLIĞI

**COVID-19 GÜNLÜK TABLO**  
COVID-19 DAILY CHART

Bugün Yapılan Test Sayısı Test Conducted Today	<b>15.137</b>
Bugün Saptanan Pozitif Vaka Sayısı Positive Cases Confirmed Today	<b>666</b>
Ülke Dışından Gelen Vaka Sayısı Positive Cases From Abroad	<b>-</b>
Karantinada Pozitifleşen Temaslı Vaka Sayısı Contact Cases That Became Positive in Quarantine	<b>40</b>
Bugün Saptanan Yerel Vaka Sayısı Positive Local Cases Confirmed Today	<b>626</b>
İyileşip Bugün Taburcu Edilen Hasta Sayısı Patients Recovered Today	<b>147</b>
Bugün Kaybedilen Hasta Daily Deaths	<b>-</b>

**COVID-19 GENEL DURUM**  
COVID-19 GENERAL SITUATION

Yapılan Toplam Test Sayısı Tests Conducted in Total	<b>4.702.172</b>
Toplam Vaka Sayısı Positive Cases Confirmed in Total	<b>35.983</b>
İyileşip Toplam Taburcu Edilen Hasta Sayısı Patients Recovered and Discharged in Total	<b>32.985</b>
Tedavisi Devam Eden Vaka Sayısı Patients Receiving Treatment	<b>2901</b>
Pandemi Merkezindeki Hasta Sayısı Number of cases in central quarantine	<b>40</b>
Merkezi Karantinadaki Vaka Sayısı Cases Receiving Follow Up at Pandemic Hotels	<b>2851</b>
Toplam Kaybedilen Hasta Sayısı Deaths in Total	<b>139</b>
Yoğun Bakımda Yatan Hasta Sayısı Patients in Intensive Care	<b>10</b>
Ülke Geneline Bugün Yapılan Aşı Miktarı Amount of Vaccines Administered Across the Country Today	<b>2348</b>



## Happy New Year from CyprusScene

CyprusScene.com

**EDITOR AND NEWSROOM**

Chris ELLIOTT

email:

kyreniacommentator@cyprusscene.com

**DEPUTY EDITOR  
EVENTS AND REVIEWS**

Margaret SHEARD

email:

kyreniacatkin@cyprusscene.com

**RESIDENT JOURNALIST**

Ahmet ABDULAZIZ

email: ahmet\_5591@hotmail.com

**SPORTS CORRESPONDENT**

Richard BEALE

email:

kyreniacommentator@cyprusscene.com

By Chris Elliott....

Firstly I would like to apologise that this week's edition is smaller and perhaps it's a little late arriving in your inbox,

As many readers are aware Margaret Sheard has been

undergoing chemotherapy and when she went for her treatment this past week the hospital found an issue and admitted her for tests and necessary treatment.

Naturally a lot of my time was spent visiting and caring for her but she was discharged on Friday

afternoon and the latest edition of our newspaper is now published,

Sadly we did not have time to translate and publish Turkish news but will do so on our website and in next week's edition of CyprusScene



Happy New Year from CyprusScene



25th to 31st December 2021

## President Ersin Tatar's Christmas and New Year message

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and hope that 2022 will bring good health, prosperity and peace to all.

This is a time of remembering that humanity is a mosaic of faiths, cultures and peoples, and all should be treated equally without any discrimination, and live by furthering cooperation for sustainable peace and stability.

As humanity continues to wage a struggle against the pandemic – which has become a fact of our lives -- I cannot stress enough the importance of getting vaccinated, adhering to social distancing, wearing protective masks and observing good hygiene.

As thousands of our expat communities and foreign residents prepare to celebrate Christmas, I wish for the season to be one of blessing, happiness and joy for all. I wish to emphasise my utmost appreciation for the impeccable charity and social responsibility work that you carry out – which is a shining example to us all.

We look ahead with hope that we will be able to secure sustainable peace and prosperity in Cyprus – with the reaffirmation of the sovereign equality of Turkish Cypriot people – which is an inherent right, and our equal international status. A settlement can be reached by acknowledging that there is a need to adopt a think outside the box approach, to putting forward fresh



ideas, for a basis of two States which coexist side-by-side in a cooperative relationship. This realistic, practical and fresh approach will facilitate the way forward for a better future for all our children and future generations.

As I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, it should be remembered that the festive season can

only be celebrated by giving the light of love to those who need it most.

Source: Presidency of Turkish Republic of North Cyprus

## Turkish Cypriot waves TRNC flag from highest point in Antarctica



Turkish Cypriot mountaineer Birkan Uzun, who lives in Seattle, Washington state of America, reached the summit of Mount Vinson, which is the highest point of Antarctica with an altitude of 4,892 meters, on 16th December and waved the flag of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC).

Speaking to Turkish Agency Cyprus (TAK), Uzun said that the goal of climbing the summit of Mount

Vinson in Antarctica constitutes the fifth leg of the "Seven Summits" project, which involves climbing the highest mountain of each of the seven continents of the world.

Uzun said "It is very proud to be able to wave the TRNC flag at the summit, I wanted to thank the country I grew up in."

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

## Altun praises Tatar's messages to the International Community

Presidential Communications Director, of Turkey Fahrettin Altun stated that TRNC President Ersin Tatar has given a strong and clear message to the international community that Turkey supports a two-state solution in Cyprus.

Altun noted that President Ersin Tatar took part in the Turkic Council Media Forum which took place two weeks before the Turkic Council meeting and that he explained to the participants why Cyprus is important for the Turkic world.

Stating that President Tatar gave the message that the TRNC is the bastion of the Turkish world in the Eastern Mediterranean, Altun added that with this strong message given, an important gain has been achieved in terms of the recognition of the TRNC and that Turkey has a clear position on the two-state solution in Cyprus has been brought to international platforms.

Altun also pointed out that it was decided to transform the Turkic Council into the Organization of Turkic States at the meeting of Heads of State



of the Turkic Council and underlined that this is a very critical decision.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



25th to 31st December 2021

## Çavuşoğlu: TRNC gained status in international organisations

Stating that the TRNC gained status in many international organisations as a result of the efforts made to increase the visibility and recognition of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) in the international arena, Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu noted that TRNC Representative Offices were opened in many countries.

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu evaluated Turkey's 2021 foreign policy by drawing attention to the tensions in the Eastern Mediterranean that were caused by Greece and the Greek Cypriot administration.

Emphasizing that the Cyprus problem should be solved completely, Çavuşoğlu said, "We negotiated for the federation for 53 years, and lastly we said in Crans Montana that we would not negotiate for a federation again"

.Noting that the Greek Cypriot side has not desired a solution for the past 53 years, Çavuşoğlu said that the reason the Greek Cypriot side does not desire a solution is because it does not want to share anything with the Turkish Cypriot side.

"If they wanted a solution they would not have destroyed the 1960 partnership. They see the



Turkish Cypriot people as a minority. That's why we are saying a solution based on sovereign equality must be sought" said Çavuşoğlu.

Explaining that another 53 years will not be wasted with talks on a

federation, Çavuşoğlu stated that other countries also supported the idea of a two-state solution on the basis of sovereign equality in Cyprus.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

## Tanyel's Smile representatives visit President Ersin Tatar



President Ersin Tatar received representatives of Tanyel's Smile – a charity that helps children and their families in the TRNC through the trauma of cancer.

Visiting was Ceyhun Uzun, his wife Gülay Uzun and Cavit Atalar, who informed the President about the work of the charity. Mr Uzun explained that Tanyel's Smile was set up in memory of Tanyel Uzun -- their daughter, who had died in January 2016 at the age of 20, following a long battle against cancer.

Mr Uzun, 52, explained to President Tatar that he is a police constable in the UK who received a British Empire Medal (BEM) in recognition for services to policing and to charity in 2020. Mr Uzun explained that they are helping children and young adults up to the age of 24 and their families "who are struggling with the reality of cancer by helping those in need and providing support".

"Raising awareness about the charity is very important for us," Mr Uzun said. "I have taken part

in different international events and marathons to raise funds for the charity. . .broken Guinness World Record titles for the London Marathon in a six-person costume. . .my next objective is to run from Yedigöller on the west of the country to Dikpazar on the east. I want to organise a major race in the TRNC in 2022 to raise funding."

In response, President Tatar said: "I commend you for your meaningful work for a very important cause. Being able to transfer funds raised in the UK in order to help those who have been affected by cancer in the TRNC is very important during the times of the pandemic. I wish to reiterate my sadness at the loss of your daughter. Her legacy and smile lives on through the important work of Tanyel's Smile."

President Tatar added: "I hope that 2022 will be a year where we will be able to undertake even more charity work and have more

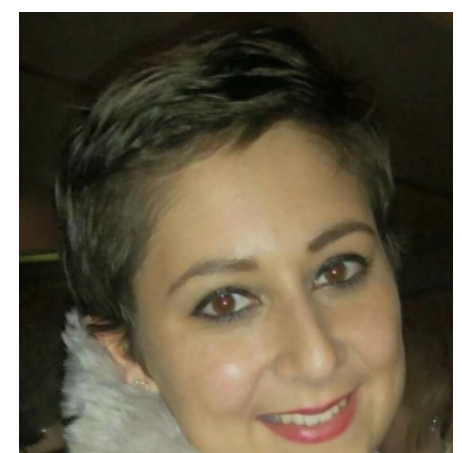
movement, as we continue our struggle against this pandemic."

The President stated that "2021 has been a year of great losses of life as well as economic difficulties stemming from the effects of the pandemic globally. I wish for 2022 to be one of happiness, good health and blessing," he said.

Source: Presidency of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

See more below:

<https://www.tanyelssmile.org.uk/>





25th to 31st December 2021

## Ertuğruloğlu dedicated his life for the recognition of the TRNC

FM Ertuğruloğlu gave an interview to AA

TRNC Minister of Foreign Affairs Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu stated that as the Turkish side, they came to a policy based on the existence of two separate states having sovereign equality and equal international status on the Island.

Minister Ertuğruloğlu made an assessment to the Anadolu Agency correspondent regarding the Cyprus issue and the reactions to his statements on the "recognition of the TRNC" during his visit to Pakistan.

Ertuğruloğlu argued that the claims made by some dailies that he did not want the recognition of the TRNC did not reflect the truth.

The Minister said that such claims were not convincing as he was someone who had dedicated his entire life for the recognition of the TRNC.

Ertuğruloğlu said, "Since the beginning of negotiation processes of the Cyprus issue until today, we have shied away from the recognition of the TRNC. This should not be interpreted as we do not want the TRNC to be recognised. There will be some conjectural conditions to come to the point of asking for recognition. Of course, we couldn't come to the point of asking for recognition in the negotiation processes, which were described as 'inter-communal talks, that stole our 60 years, which I have always criticised, '. We tried to realise our recognition within the negotiation

process without bringing an active recognition policy on the agenda.

Explaining that the policy carried out by the Turkish Cypriot side today is that the process of inter-communal negotiations on the Island has collapsed, Ertuğruloğlu also stated that this process will never be repeated.

Ertuğruloğlu said, "We have come to a policy of the existence of two separate states having sovereign equality and equal international status on the Island. In this context, demanding sovereign equality and equal international status should not be interpreted as demanding the recognition of the TRNC. In diplomacy, demanding the recognition of the TRNC is different from demanding the acknowledgement of equal international status".

Expressing that the policy that there is only one state on the Island should be eliminated, Ertuğruloğlu pointed out that the fact that this state, which represents the Greek Cypriots and is recognized as the "Republic of Cyprus" is not the only state of the Island should be revealed.

Ertuğruloğlu continued as follows:

"These two states (the so-called Republic of Cyprus and the TRNC) must have equal international status so that new negotiation processes can come to the fore. Recognition will come afterwards. Replying to a question during my visit to Pakistan last week, I have said that we have



demand recognition neither from Pakistan nor from Azerbaijan. However, the main principle of our foreign policy is the existence of equal international status and two states on the island. The reality of 'one island, two states' must be revealed.

Mentioning that the existence of a state cannot be measured by its recognition, Ertuğruloğlu pointed out that the whole world knows that the TRNC exists, but only Turkey has come to the point of recognising the TRNC.

Reminding that the informal 5+UN Cyprus meeting was held in Geneva on 27-29 April upon the call of the UN Secretary General, Ertuğruloğlu stated that on the ground that there was no common ground, the UN Secretary General closed the meeting by stating that he would call another informal meeting within 2-3 months.

Ertuğruloğlu continued his speech as follows:

"The UN Secretary General also knows that there is no common

ground between the two sides in Cyprus. As long as they recognise the Greek Cypriot side as the so-called 'Republic of Cyprus' and see the Turkish Cypriot side as a 'so-called community' of that state, there will be no common ground. It is high time that the Secretary-General should convene a meeting again and announce his final decision that 'there is no common ground'. The Secretary General also knows that this is the case, but he is playing for time not to declare it."

Ertuğruloğlu said that the "one island, two states" policy will be brought to the agenda as soon as the world, especially the UN, adopts a policy in line with the realities of the Cyprus issue and added that following the acknowledgement of this, they could move to an active policy towards seeking the recognition of the TRNC.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

## Minister Akar: We will not give up our rights and interests



Turkish National Defense Minister Akar reiterated his clear stance on the Cyprus issue in an interview with CNN Türk in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Akar said, "We support two equal states in Cyprus. We will not give up on our rights and interests in the

Eastern Mediterranean, and to protect the law of our Cypriot brothers."

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



25th to 31st December 2021

## Girne Municipality starts work on a new Recreation Area

Girne Mayor, Nidai Güngördü, announced that work has started on a new recreation, sports, and walking track on 58 thousand square metres of land allocated by the Forestry Department.

Güngördü declared, “As we have been saying for years, one of the biggest problems in Girne is that we do not have large-scale green areas. I am happy to announce that some public green space parcels of land have been

transferred to our Municipality as a result of the efforts we have been making, since my mayoral term began, to solve this issue.

We have now started the groundworks to create our first large-scale recreation, sports, and walking track on the 44 acres (58 thousand square metres) of land allocated to our Municipality by the Forestry Department, south of the West Ring Road. The first stage of a walking track and



landscaping will come into service in the spring."

Source (Turkish) Girne Municipality

## St Andrew’s Church closed due to Coronavirus outbreak



**Readers mail ....**  
**From St Andrews Church, Kyrenia....**

Sadly there has been an outbreak of Coronavirus in St Andrew’s which has affected several parishioners.

In light of this, the Church Council has been given permission to close for a period of two weeks to allow

any further cases of infection to come to light and to allow the appropriate quarantine procedures for those who have tested positive with a PCR test to complete.

\* The mid-week services on Thursday 30th December and 6th January are cancelled.

\* The Sunday services on 2nd and 9th January are also cancelled.

## Derek Brown: Rest in Peace

**Readers mail....**  
**Ralph Kratzer.....TFR.....**

The Foreign Residents in the TRNC (TFR) recently announce the sad passing of their longtime member Derek Brown and we are sharing below details of the funeral arrangements that were made.

*It fills me with great sadness that, at the end of the year, we have to say goodbye to a longstanding TFR-member and popular personality of our expat community...*

*The Funeral for Derek Brown will take place in Lapta International Cemetery at 11.00 am on Thursday 30th December.*

*The Family requested flowers only, but donations if desired instead of flowers can be made to the Tulips Cancer Charity.*

*There will be a final farewell after the funeral at Blue Song restaurant in Lapta...*

*Ralph Kratzer*





25th to 31st December 2021

## BRS News: Travelling to TRNC from the UK or Germany

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.

### TRAVEL TO THE TRNC FROM THE UK OR GERMANY

As of Monday 27th December the UK and Germany were placed into the RED list – as far as the TRNC are concerned.

The requirement to enter the TRNC from either of these Countries is now,

- \* A negative PCR test 72-hours prior to departure
- \* Self-isolation is recommended for a period of three days on arrival
- \* A PCR test no more than 72 hours after arrival in the TRNC. If negative no quarantine is required,

You are still required to complete the Guvende Kal TRAVEL form no more than 72 hours before your arrival in the TRNC.

### ADAPASS/ANTIGEN TESTS

Despite 'rumours' to the contrary the requirements for access to the following venues is still in force.

### TIER 1

FULLY VACCINATED – ALLOWED ACCESS

UNVACCINATED – 72 HOUR PCR/OR ANTIGEN TEST REQUIRED.

- \* Supermarkets/Markets
- \* State Offices
- \* Retail Stores
- \* Banks
- \* Outdoor Sports areas

### TIER 2

FULLY VACCINATED – 14 DAY PCR OR ANTIGEN REQUIRED

UNVACCINATED – NO ACCESS

- \* Indoor Areas of Restaurants, Taverns, Patisseries or Cafes
- \* Indoor Areas of Coffee shops/Coffee Houses
- \* Barbers, Hairdressers or Beauty
- \* Parlours
- \* Hotels
- \* Bars/Clubs
- \* Shopping Centres
- \* Cinemas
- \* Places of Worship
- \* Concerts/Theatres
- \* Offices
- \* Indoor Fitness Halls
- \* General Assembly Meetings
- \* Indoor Team Areas
- \* Youth Camps
- \* Boxing Wrestling Training
- \* Betting Shops
- \* Group Dances/Ceremonies
- \* Swimming Pools
- \* Internet Cafes
- \* Night Clubs
- \* Weddings
- \* Exhibitions



## Latest News



- \* Casinos

### INTER BORDER COVID REQUIREMENTS

The following conditions remain whilst 'LEVEL 3' requirements are in force whilst crossing the Green Line.

- \* Double vaccinated people with EMA-approved vaccines, as well as the Sinovac, Sinopharm or Sputnik vaccines, can cross with a 7-day negative rapid antigen test or PCR test, 14 days after their final dose (1st dose if Johnson& Johnson).

- \* Unvaccinated people (including unvaccinated workers and people who will cross for health reasons) can cross with a 72-hour negative rapid antigen test or PCR test.

Editor's Note: BRS have an excellent members' Facebook page which gives information and

allows members to ask questions however Facebook is excellent for sharing of information but it is no more than a stream of information and BRS found many questions were being asked time and time again so the BRS team developed BRITBOT on their website where members could retrieve information published on many past subjects.

Readers wishing to learn more of the British Residents' Society or registration as a member which can be started online please visit their website on the links below



<https://brstrnc.com>

<https://brstrnc.com/regform.asp>





25th to 31st December 2021

The Black Olive Newsletter 29th December 2021



**Readers mail ....**  
**From Vicki Karaca at the Black Olive .....**

Hello everyone,

Firstly I would like to wish all of you a very Happy New Year and hopefully, it can only get better.

Also, I would like to thank you all for your continuous support not only to The Black Olive but also

to my many fundraising events. One of the current ones I have been working on was asking for food donations for local families in need.

Well, we have already given food and toiletry parcels to over 45 people and we also had a secret donation of money to buy some cash bottles for the most needed.

Thank you all so so much

This coming New Years' Eve I will be joining the usual bunch of crazy people for the Chilly Dippers swim in aid of Tulips at Driftwood at 11.00 am. I not only hate the cold but I hate the sea even more as I am not a strong swimmer and never go deeper than my thighs but I have my rubber ring ready and Kay will hold my hand so if you would like to donate, come along and give it to Sue Tilt and say its for me.

Now back to work

Sunday 9th January... New start time at 5.00 pm.

Black Olive Sunday Roast and the bar opens at 4.30 pm with Roast served at 5.00 pm, Main course 90TL and Desserts 30TL.

Takeaway or sit-in places must be booked.

Wednesday 12th January at 2.00 pm.

Afternoon Tea with Issy in aid of Heartbeat., come along and meet Issy feel free to ask questions. Places must be booked.

Wednesday 19th January

Food is available from 1.00 pm and Bingo starts at 2.00 pm. All in aid of Heartbeat.

Sunday 23rd January at 5/00 pm

Black Olive Sunday Roast.

Friday 28th January at 7.00 pm

Black Olive Fun Quiz in aid of Heartbeat.

Love

Vicki xxx

Happy Garden Restaurant, Bingo players make a great donation

**Readers mail...**  
**From Tony Ray....**

Hello Chris

On the 23rd December 2021, the Charity Bingo players at Happy Garden Restaurant and Bar in Ozankoy held their Christmas party and Grand Draw.

During the Evening a 2600 TL donation was handed to the British Cemetery Committee to help them in maintaining the cemetery.

The Picture's shows Bill Grundy and Andy May of the Cemetery committee receiving the donation from me (Tony Ray) of the Bingo group together with Erbay 'Elvis' the Happy Garden



proprietor and Grand Draw Prizes to be distributed,.

Regards and best wishes for the New Year

Tony Ray





25th to 31st December 2021

Sumarts 29th December Karaoke at the Seabreeze Restaurant

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

Hello readers

We had another great night for Sumarts Karaoke at Seabreeze Restaurant, Kucuk Erenkoy on 29th December 2021.

We had excellent Fish and Chips and to cap our great evening we had brilliant singing from our Karaoke singers.

Seabreeze is lovely and warm and so inviting and they are so welcoming of their visitors

Thank you to Claire and Mehmet as always for hosting us and thank you to all you lovely people who joined us for a great evening.

See you again soon,

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Susie and Martin Xxxx





25th to 31st December 2021

Susie’s Quiz results for 30th December at the Balti House

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

It was the last Quiz of the year for Susie at The Balti House, Esentepe on 30th December 2021

The rounds were, Multiple Choice, Music, Danger Zone. Brainiacs, Tabletop, The Letter Round which was 1990s music, Easy 5 and The Impossible Question .

The results were:

- \*\ 1st Dunne and Dusted
- \* 2nd Tyke That
- \* 3rd The Shebells
- \* 4th Quizteama Aguilera
- \* And the Famous Lemon went to Just the 4 of Us.

Thank you to all of you for joining

those who are going back to the UK.

We would like to wish all our quizzers a very Happy New Year.

After 3 years of working at the Balti House after much thought, we have decided to move on and would like to thank you Mahmood, and all your staff for hosting us.

We have enjoyed our time with you at The Balti House and wish you the very best in the future.

We return back on Thursday, January the 6th at the Diiva Restaurant, Esentepe at 7.00 pm for more fun and entertainment.

Keep Safe and Keep Happy

Susie n Martin Xxxxx



2nd Tyke That

3rd The Shebells



Famous Lemon for Just the 4 of Us





25th to 31st December 2021

## Trevor's Tips returns to CyprusScene for 2022

### NORTH CYPRUS TREVOR'S TIPS



By Trevor Hughes

Many of you have been receiving my News Round for many years and have shown disappointment that I stopped sending out the monthly News Round.

Well, I am reintroducing it to the delight of many readers.

Bank of England warning as millions of £20 and £50 notes to become void.

The Bank of England has issued an important warning and reminder that some £20 and £50 notes are set to become void and unusable

On September 30, 2022, the Bank of England will withdraw all legal tender status of the paper £20 and £50 notes. Marking a year to this cut-off date, the Bank of England is reminding and encouraging expats to take any old notes they have and deposit them at their local bank. Ask your own Bank for their take on this matter.

After being handed in, these notes will be replaced with the new polymer £20 notes featuring J.M.W. Turner, and polymer £50 notes featuring Alan Turing.

From September 30, 2022, the new polymer £20 and £50 notes will be the only currency of this amount with legal tender status.

On top of this, anyone with old

notes should be able to exchange them through the Bank of England, directly.

Polymer bank notes will provide greater features that make them difficult to counterfeit, and less susceptible to fraudsters and scam artists.

The improved security measures include a hologram image change, which allows cashiers to tilt the note from side to side in order to check the word change between 'Twenty/Fifty' and 'Pounds', which will confirm its validity.

Furthermore, the new notes include see-through windows. Through this, cashiers will be able to examine the metallic image over the main window to see whether the foil is blue and gold on the front of the note and silver on the back.

Other security features include a silver foil patch, a purple foil patch, a portrait of The Queen which is printed on both sides, and an ultra-violet number.



TRNC Driving Licenses

Let me make it quite clear if you are driving a car in the TRNC and

you intend to stay for more than 90 days you must hold a valid TRNC driving license. For you to apply successfully for a license for the first time, you must hold a valid Temporary Residence Permit.

If you carry on driving without said license, you will be driving illegally, and this also includes an outdated license. If stopped by the police, or are involved in a road traffic accident, the penalty, if minor, will be a fine at the very least and your insurance will be invalid. One person last week, was stopped by the police and was fined 6,850 TL because his license was outdated.

Just think about it for a few minutes, if the accident involved



hitting a pedestrian, seriously injuring someone, or even killing someone, the penalty could be a custodial sentence, and after serving the sentence you may also be deported. You will also have to pay for the Third Party repair costs.

Doesn't bear thinking about does it!

Please don't listen to people who are trying to be helpful for the information may not be accurate.

Services Provided by Capital Insurance ALSANCAK BRANCH Due to the number of enquiries by people asking for help on matters that affect them on a daily basis and in order to meet high demand, we have developed a wide range of

services to meet most topics relating to complying with the Law of the land. Services on offer are as follows:-

- \* Motor Vehicle Insurance
- \* Property Insurance.
- \* Last Will and Testament
- \* Postal Services
- \* UK Passport renewal
- \* UK Driving License renewal
- \* Tenancy Agreement is written in both English/Turkish
- \* MOT Payment
- \* Road Tax Payment
- \* TRNC driving license applications, for first time and renewal
- \* UK Police certificate
- \* ADA Passes

All our services are a fraction of the cost of other agencies, but represent excellent value for money

If you need any additional information, please call on 0533 844 3403 or 0533 8389808.

Girne Tax Office

If you need to go to the above office to make an alteration to your vehicle log book, there is only one person dealing with this transaction. Fifteen in the morning and 15 in the afternoon. It is bedlam there and the chances of being dealt with on the same day are slim.


For those with long memories, it is going back to the bad old days when expats queued for hours trying to apply for their Temporary Residence at the main office in Lefkoşa and all too often achieved nothing.

Happy New Year to you all.




25th to 31st December 2021

## Forthcoming Events



**SUSIE'S**  
**? QUIZ ?**  
*of the week?*  
**ONEZEE OR PJ NIGHT**  
**RETURNS**  
Thursday  
6th Jan  
From 7pm  
+ Quiz Presentation



**Diiva**  
RESTAURANT - CAFE - BAR  
BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER  
ALKAN HOLIDAY VILLAGE  
0533 885 2908 ESENTEPE



**HATICAFE**  
00905338633862  
ESENTEPE



**Karaoke**  
Starts 7.00pm **NIGHT**  
Friday 7th January  
Special Menu Available...  
**Bookings are essential**  
Book with SUSIE or call HATI on 0533 863 3862

You have to be in it to win it...



**SUSIES**  
**FORTUNES**  
AND THE SURVEY SAID  
**XXX**  
Winning Team take all, maximum 4 to a Team,  
10tl per person entry fee...



**Diiva**  
RESTAURANT - CAFE - BAR  
BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER  
ALKAN HOLIDAY VILLAGE  
0533 885 2908 ESENTEPE

**Monday**  
**10th Jan**  
From 7.00pm



**BINGO**  
**BONANZA**  
with MARTIN  
Special Menu Available on the Night



**Tue 11th Jan**  
Eyes down from 7pm



**HATICAFE**  
00905338633862  
ESENTEPE

Need to book with  
Susie on FACEBOOK or Hati



25th to 31st December 2021

## Emergency Telephone Numbers

mobile numbers are prefixed 0533 or 0542 or 0548

landline numbers are prefixed 0392

### POLICE

Emergencies	<b>155</b>
General	228 3411
Girne	815 2125
Lefkosa	228 3311
Gazi Mağusa	366 5310
Güzelyurt	714 2140
Lapta	821 8512

### FIRE

Emergencies	<b>199</b>
Forest Fire	<b>177</b>
Girne	815 2111
Lefkosa	227 1259
Gazi Mağusa	366 5389
Güzelyurt	714 2200

### AMBULANCE

Emergencies	<b>112</b>
-------------	------------

### HOSPITAL

Girne	8152266/815 2254
Lefkoşa	228 5441;
Gazi Mağusa	3662876/3665328
Güzelyurt	714 2125

### ELECTRICITY









Electrical faults	<b>188</b>
Lefkoşa	225 3436
Girne	815 2223
Gazi Mağusa	366 5514
Güzelyurt	714 2122

### WATER

Water problems:	
Lefkoşa	228 3315
Girne	815 2118
Gazi Mağusa	366 4483
Güzelyurt	714 3516

## 8-day Weather Forecast

2nd January 2022 to 9th January 2022

Sun 2nd	Mon 3rd	Tue 4th	Wed 5th
 18° 6°	 19° 4°	 18° 9°	 19° 8°
Thu 6th	Fri 7th	Sat 8th	Sun 9th
 19° 9°	 19° 7°	 18° 8°	 17° 7°

# Esentepe Youngsters in Second Place

By Richard Beale....

Esentepe Under 21 finished the first half of the season on a high, winning a hard fought match against Yeniboğaziçi.

Sunday December 26: AKSA U21 League 1: Erdal Barut Stadium.

Esentepe youngsters finished 9 points behind leaders Gençlik Gücü to finish in second place as we head into the winter break. Considering the resources that Esentepe haven't got this has been a fabulous achievement and full credit to Coach Emek Kırılmaz and his assistant Gökhan Kim and all the players involved.

The first half of the season saw the team leading the table winning their first 5 matches

they have remained in the top 3 places all season. A combination of first team call ups, injuries and the only disappointment an excess of red cards leading to suspensions have at times stretched the squad to its limits.

Take nothing away from the team they have an amazing team spirit and togetherness and there is no reason why they cannot carry on in the same mode in the second half of the season.

I had intended to take photographs of the match but my camera is causing me big problems so I only took a few.

Scorers: ESENTEPE -----HALİT ÇULÇU (9), BOĞAÇHAN AYAR (12).

YENİBOĞAZİÇİ -----ADEM SEVEN (27)

**Results; ESENTEPE KSK U21 2 YENİBOĞAZİÇİ U21 1**





## Bah Humbug! No Christmas Cheer at Esentepe

**Result : ESENTEPE KKSK 1 YENİBOĞAZIÇİDSK 2**

By Richard Beale....

It might be the season to be jolly and goodwill to all men but visitors Yeniboğaziçi were in no mood to hand out any festive cheer.

Saturday December 26, 2021: AKSA League 1; Erdal Barut Stadium.

Weather: Dry and cloudy.

About this time of year on the telly there would probably be a rerun of "It Be Alright On The Night", well this match was not alright, as compare Denis Norden would say " we will consign this film to the archive files marked 'Forgetful Clips", well we can truly consign this match to the same place as well - it's forgotten already

Shame in front of one of the largest crowd, Esentepe in their last match before the winters break turned in their worse performance of the season, and visitors deservedly came away with the Christmas present of 3 points.

The match had little skill with the ball spending more time in the air than it did on the ground.

After shipping 8 goals in their last 3 matches Esentepe Coach Davut Kansu opted to make defensive changes. The vastly experienced defender Nersin Osman was dropped to the bench, with 18 year old Mustafa Soytürk given his first full start at senior level at right back. After struggling for many seasons with injuries Burak Tümkân was given a rare start at left back. However, his plans were in disarray in the warm ups as goalkeeper Onur

Özbingül who has been struggling with a knee injury failed a late fitness test and had to be replaced by Goalkeeper Coach Tuğrul Denkler.

Esentepe made a horrible start going behind to an early goal in the 7th minute. A corner on the left taken by Cemil went unchallenged and RAMADAN AĞDAÇ drove in a low shot that goalkeeper Tuğrul diving to his right managed to get a hand to but could not prevent it from going into the net. 0-1

Things got worse for Esentepe when Burak went down clutching his hamstring in the 14th minute, the unlucky player was replaced by Nersin. Tragedy for the popular player he has fought so hard to overcome injuries and to get back to full fitness.

Esentepe nearly went two goals down when a Ramadan corner caused confusion in a very static Esentepe defence resulting in a header going just wide.

14 minutes again Esentepe was guilty of giving the ball away again with Cemil having a shot outside the area saved by the diving Tuğrul.

Esentepe had started the match very sluggish and were second best to the ball as the visitors enjoyed the best of the opening half.

Esentepe at last had a goal scoring opportunity in the 27th minute following a Hüseyin Ermiş corner resulted in defender Devran driving a low shot past the Yeniboğaziçi right hand post.



In the 40th minute Devran gave away a free kick just outside the box out on the left, Cemil cracked a shot that had Tuğrul diving to his left to parry the shot, collided with the post in making the save, and had to receive lengthy treatment.

It was a poor first half display by Esentepe with striker Eser working hard up front but getting little support and often isolated, far too often Esentepe was relying on the long ball trying to get the speedy Hüseyin Deynekli into the game it was all too predictable. HALF TIME SCORE : 0-1

Esentepe immediately made a change during the break with Semih Arslan replacing Hüseyin Ermiş, the teenager taking up the role of supporting Eser.

The game continued to disappoint with many interruptions due to fouls it was poor fare to the large crowd.

Yeniboğaziçi increased their lead in the 75th minute when winger Serhat sent a high cross, that looked like was going over the Esentepe bar, but it dipped suddenly goalkeeper Tuğrul tried to palm the ball over the bar, instead he succeeded in flicking the

ball onto the bar wherein rebounded to substitute MEHMET ÖZTEMİZ to volley home. 0-2,

Esentepe was given a fortuitous lifeline in the 78th minute when a high ball into the Yeniboğaziçi area resulted in Esentepe winning a penalty after Hüseyin Deynekli again went to the ground following a challenge. ESER KAN put away the penalty taking his tally to 7 goals for the season.

Esentepe huffed and puffed but could not find a way to secure an equaliser which in all honesty they didn't deserve. FULL TIME SCORE: 1-2

SUMMING UP: A very disappointing Esentepe performance where their shortcomings were shown up, if there is any transfer money available during the winters break, then a dominant centre half and a creative midfield player must be top of the shopping list. Not many positives to take out of the match Tuğra in midfield worked hard and substitute Semih who came on at the break made his presence felt and put himself about. Veteran defender Okan Kibar was a pick of a very poor team performance.



## Esentepe Cup hopes washed away in the Rain

**Result : GÖÇMENKÖY İYSK 1 ESENTEPE KKSK 0**

By Richard Beale..

As predicted Esentepe Kıbrıs Cup hopes were extinguished in monsoon conditions to a hotly disputed penalty and once again the Atatürk Stadium "hoodoo" continues to haunt them.

Thursday 30 December 2021:  
Nicosia Group Kıbrıs Cup 1st Round: Atatürk Stadium.

The match was played in appalling conditions from start to finish - heavy driving rain, lightning, thunder, waterlogged pitch it was a lottery a farce no doubt about it if this game was played in the UK the match would be abandoned. Full marks to both sets of players who should be applauded in getting this match finished in these conditions.

Once again Esentepe went away from the Atatürk Stadium winless, this venue is certainly their "monkey on the shoulder, in truth they never looked like scoring, Göçmenköy goalkeeper Ali Duvarcı beaten eight times last Sunday could have sat in his goalmouth with an umbrella for protection such was how many times he touched the ball.

The Atatürk Stadium (capacity 28000) was host to around 50 hardy souls who braved the inclement weather.

Both defences dominated the match, close passing was impossible, the ball getting stuck in the many pools of water with

players slipping and sliding everywhere.

Esentepe squad was stretched through injuries and Covid played virtually a full strength team but gave a first senior debut to 17 year old Ismet Güneş at left back and he had a sound match.

Göçmenköy in the 5th minute attacked when a long cross from the left that was laid back by Cemal to Ali Uçtaş to crack in a shot that was deflected for a corner.

Göçmenköy put together a good short passing move surprisingly in the conditions resulted in Mehmet Göçben getting in a low shot outside the box that skidded along the wet surface that Esentepe goalkeeper Tuğrul diving to his left managed to get his fingertips to to deflect it for a corner.

Göçmenköy took the lead in the 38th minute through a hotly disputed penalty. A Cemil corner from the right to the far post was headed onto the crossbar where it rebounded as referee Zeki Torre



was convinced onto the arm of the Esentepe defender Okan Kıbar. Esentepe players protested strongly that the ball had struck Okan's thigh but the referee was unmoved. Göçmenköy top scorer BEKİR YILDIZ sent Tuğrul the wrong way with the penalty kick. HALF TIME SCORE; 1-0

The match continued in torrential rain with Esentepe defending doggedly but rarely threatening the Göçmenköy goal.

On the 48th minute, Ali Uçtaş tried a shot outside the Esentepe area but the ball cleared the bar.

Both sets of players battled manfully in the treacherous

conditions as the farce continued.

In the 78th minute following a free kick just outside the Esentepe box, Firket brought goalkeeper Tuğrul into action, the goalkeeper flinging himself to his left pushing the ball away for a corner. 0-1.

For once we were thankful that the match would not go into extra time or a penalty shootout as we were cold and wet! .FULL TIME SCORE; 1-0

SUMMING UP; A hard battling performance by Esentepe who defended stoutly but in truth created virtually nothing upfront. Veteran defender OKAN KIBAR had a strong match at the back his experience and leadership qualities keeping Göçmenköy chances to a minimum. He was unlucky to be penalized for the penalty his fellow defender Şenol Hacıoğlu also had a good match. The short winters break gives Coach Davut Kansu a chance to re-access his squad, if any money is available a central defender and a creative midfield player are a must.





**MERİT  
ROYAL**

HOTEL & CASINO & SPA  
Since 1988



*We wish you a very*  
**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**  
&  
**Happy New Year**

**Reservation: +90 392 650 40 00**