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Why does the UK not recognise the TRNC and Turkish Cypriots

Hello, my friends my name is Chris Elliott looking at the events in Russia and the Ukraine, and at times it's hard to accept the news being broadcasted and clearly, there are a lot of lies and misinformation being circulated to gain advantages.

This is not uncommon in politics and we only have to look at the history of the Cyprus Issue to see Greece and Greek Cypriots breaking the Cyprus Agreement and forcing the Turkish Cypriots from the then, Cyprus Government and pursuing a policy of ethnic cleansing which has been so well documented.

Now Great Britain as the former administrator of the island and one of the guarantors of the Cyprus Agreement quietly sat on their hands and watched things worsen over the years.

The UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus established in 1964 to prevent further fighting between the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities and bring about a return to normal conditions has achieved very little other than to continue with an insistence that a settlement between the two sides be a Bizonal, Bicomunal Federation.

The mission's responsibilities expanded in 1974, following a coup d'état by elements favouring union

with Greece, but despite the UN presence as peacekeepers, nothing changed until Turkey as the third guarantor of the Cyprus Agreement intervened to stop further bloodshed in 1974 and the so-called Republic of Cyprus with a Greek Cypriot administration still existed and they have convinced the US, UN, UK, the EU, and the world that they have the sole right to the governance of Cyprus to this very day.

In a recent meeting in Northern Cyprus, the British High Commissioner to Cyprus, Irfan Siddiq OBE claimed to the anger of British expats that Turkey had grabbed land in their second peacekeeping operation in 1974.

He did not mention the Turkish Forces reached Larnaca and the south coast of the island but then they withdrew to another peacekeeping defence line. Does that sound like land grabbing?

Its worth noting the 2 UK sovereign bases were divided by the Turkish Peace operation but were re-united after the Turkish military withdrawal from between them.

I find it most puzzling why Great Britain/UK has not lived up to their responsibility to help both the Turkish and Greek Cypriots other than to insist the 2 groups must unite under the RoC administration which was a deviation from the original Cyprus Agreement overseen by them the British.

When the UK government or MPs are questioned on the need for change and a fair approach for those in Northern Cyprus (TRNC) they quickly talk about Red Lines that cannot be crossed and clearly, they have not and will not review the historical facts other than insist the problems were started by Turkey in 1974 but did they?

Looking back at Cyprus History, we see Great Britain leased the island from the Ottomans and all was well until the Ottomans decided to be a partner of the Germans in the First World War, and the island of Cyprus was then annexed



by the British.

Following this, the British and allies led by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Winston Churchill tried to invade Gallipoli in Turkey and after lengthy fighting, they were forced to withdraw with very heavy losses on both sides.

Could it be that the Ottoman/Turkish Cypriots of Cyprus at that time had their future cards marked as not being given fair treatment in the future by the British?

Perhaps, some very interesting old documents may be found in the British archives in London that could clarify this and with a list of UK governments as long as your arm who really knows the truth or is it a case of not wanting to be first to rock the boat?

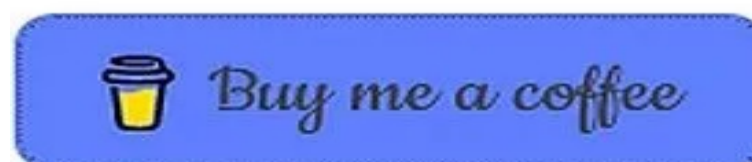


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President Tatar welcomes the Direct Flight call from Iain Duncan Smith



President Tatar assesses UK Parliamentarian Iain Duncan Smith's call for direct flights between the TRNC and the UK.

“The call by a prominent British political figure such as Iain Duncan Smith for direct flights to be initiated between the TRNC and the UK is a manifestation of rational politics from a human rights perspective, that is far from dogmatic obsessions”.

President Ersin Tatar has welcomed the message from UK Parliamentarian, former minister and Conservative Party leader Iain Duncan Smith who called for direct flights to be initiated between the TRNC and the UK, in a recent video message.

President Tatar said in a written statement:

“I wholeheartedly welcome the call by UK Parliamentarian Iain Duncan Smith of the ruling Conservative Party, in support of the initiation of direct flights between the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and the United Kingdom. This call is a manifestation of rational politics from a human rights perspective, that is far from dogmatic obsessions.

Direct flights will not only go

beyond facilitating hundreds-of-thousands of Turkish Cypriots and British nationals who live in the TRNC and the UK, who are demanding to travel directly between the two countries but it will also cut down air fares and travel time. This understanding will naturally facilitate the enhancement of historical, social, cultural and economic relations between the two countries, and it will also address the fundamental human rights issue.

As one of the guarantor powers, the UK has important obligations and must fulfil these obligations with an objective understanding.

The UK continues to have the respective rights and privileges as one of the guarantor powers, with two Sovereign Base Areas on the Island of Cyprus, in accordance with the articles enshrined in the founding treaties of the 1960 partnership republic. Our belief is that it is the historical and humane obligation of the UK to act in a responsible manner when making political determinations with regards to the grievances and restrictions imposed unjustly on the Turkish Cypriot People over the past 60 years, which have now reached unconscionable levels.

As the Turkish Cypriot People who have inherent equal rights in Cyprus, our legitimate expectation

from the UK is for respect to be shown to our sovereignty which would also be in compliance with the fundamental principles of western democracy. The UK knows exactly what took place in Cyprus and it is high time they take action to spearhead an end to the outdated and inhumane restrictions which have been imposed on the Turkish Cypriot People for many decades. This restriction, which has denied Turkish Cypriots the right to have direct flights to their own country, is also a clear violation of Article 13 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948”.

In this context, as a diplomat who should know well the realities on the Island of Cyprus, British High Commissioner İrfan Siddiq should be supportive for Britain to take the appropriate political stance to remove the unjust restrictions which have been imposed on Turkish Cypriots in violation of international law for many decades.

The new terminal building of Ercan Airport, which is contemplated to be in service soon, will comply with international civil aviation requirements and satisfy all standards, thus also making our airport technically better prepared for direct flights.

We have not forgotten the promises made in 2004, during the Annan Plan period, by international actors including the EU of which the UK was a member, to end the inhuman isolation of the Turkish Cypriot People. It had been promised that the isolation on the Turkish Cypriot People would come to an end if they voted in favour of a settlement in the referendum, and

that the Greek Cypriot Side would be penalised if they voted against the solution. Despite accepting the UN Comprehensive Settlement [Annan] Plan by 65 per cent, the Turkish Cypriot People were left out in the cold, whilst the Greek Cypriot Side, who rejected the plan by 76 per cent, were rewarded a week later with EU membership. In fact, despite the passing of 19 years, none of the promises to effectively end our isolation has been honoured. The current position is that, for both political consistency and the credibility and legitimacy of the western democracy, it is essential for policies to be formulated that can help facilitate mechanisms in order to honour the promises they made to end our isolation.

As I always underline, our position as the Turkish Cypriot Side, is for a realistic and sustainable settlement to be based on the sovereign equality and equal international status of the two Sides which co-exist as good neighbours in a cooperative relationship.

If the Greek Cypriot Side responds positively to our proposals, there can be a cooperation mechanism on a win-win basis that can undoubtedly benefit not only our island particularly in the areas of energy and improving the daily lives of People on both Sides, but also the entire region.”

Source: PRESIDENCY OF THE TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS

Direct Flights!

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Support for The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus is increasing!



President Ersin Tatar receives Numan Kurtulmuş, Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye and his delegation

“The survival of the Turkish Cypriots as sovereign People passes through the upgrading of the status of the TRNC and its existence in the region”

President Ersin Tatar received the Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye, Numan Kurtulmuş and his parliamentary delegation on Tuesday, July 11.

Mr Kurtulmuş, paying his first visit abroad to the TRNC after taking office, in a show of support to the country, was accompanied by the Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to Lefkoşa, Metin Feyzioğlu.

Speaking at a joint press conference following their meeting held at the Presidency in Lefkoşa, President Tatar expressed his gratitude to Mr. Kurtulmuş for paying his first visit abroad to the TRNC together with his delegation in a show of support to and solidarity with the country, recalling that this was also done last month by President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan of the Republic of Türkiye.

Emphasising that Cyprus is a “national struggle,” President Tatar stated that the “Turkish Cypriot People have been and are maintaining their existence and survival with the support of Motherland Türkiye”, adding that

“the Turkish Cypriots have sacrificed a lot in order to reach the days of freedom and independence in their own State”.

President Tatar stressed: “The Turkish Cypriot People, who endured years of genocide, persecution, imprisonment in enclaves and forced to emigrate from the island of Cyprus, put up an epic struggle to protect their inherent sovereign rights, whilst facing island-wide abductions, attacks and murders by the Greek-Greek Cypriot duo that aspired to unite Cyprus with Greece,” and added that Turkish Cypriot People, who were expelled by force of arms from the state apparatus of the partnership Republic of Cyprus in 1963, just three years after it had been established, have been governing themselves as a State from that period to the present day.

“We offer our gratitude to Türkiye for the support and solidarity to the Turkish Cypriot People, the Turkish Resistance Organisation (TMT) and our People, who put forth a determined struggle to protect their sovereign rights, independence and freedom,” President Tatar said.

Reminding that today is also July 11 Turkish Cypriot Press Day, President Tatar noted that the first Turkish newspaper named “Saded”, published 132 years ago during British colonial rule, had become the voice of our ancestors in their political struggle in Cyprus with the support of Motherland Türkiye.

He explained that the Turkish Cypriot

People had resisted the aspiration of ENOSIS waged by the Greek Cypriots with the support of Greece against the British colonial administration, and was one of the signatories to the international treaties for the establishment of the Republic of Cyprus which provided the Turkish Cypriots equality with the Greek Cypriot People in exercise of their inherent sovereign rights, in the hope of coexisting in peace. He said this republic also had three guarantor powers, namely Türkiye, Greece and Great Britain. Pointing out that the 1960 founding treaties enshrined unilateral intervention rights of the guarantor powers, President Tatar added:

“However, as Archbishop Makarios declared openly thereafter, independence was not the final aim of the Greek Cypriots whose sole intention was to use the Republic as a ‘springboard’ for ENOSIS and to rid the island from Britain, and true to his words, they destroyed the republic, expelling Turkish Cypriots from the state apparatus in 1963 with force of arms, usurping the rights of the Turkish Cypriot People through the implementation of the Akritas Plan. In March 1964, the UN passed the unfortunate Resolution 186, which treated the Greek Cypriots as the sole Government of Cyprus. However, despite the UN peacekeeping force being in Cyprus as from 1964, island-wide abductions and attacks on the Turkish Cypriot People until 1974 ensued as part of the aspiration of the Greek Cypriots to unite Cyprus with Greece.” President Tatar added that the ‘Hellenic Republic of Cyprus’ had been declared on July 15, 1974, following a coup d’état by the Greek junta and referred to the statement delivered by Makarios before the UN Security Council on July 19, 1974, when he declared that Greece had invaded Cyprus. President Tatar explained that whilst the UK

declined a joint intervention, the Republic of Türkiye invoked the relevant articles of the treaty as a guarantor power and unilaterally intervened on July 20, 1974, in accordance with her obligations set forth by the treaty.

President Tatar continued: “The Turkish Cypriot People, who have been governing themselves effectively as a State since 1963, are today living under the roof of their own State, and we have for decades arduously worked for a settlement in Cyprus. However, the Greek Cypriot Side, who continue to be treated as the government of the whole of Cyprus, still have an obsession for a Hellenic island and have rejected at least 15 settlement plans and ideas, the most recent being the UN Comprehensive Settlement [Annan] Plan of 2004, and Crans-Montana in 2017.”

Calling on the international community to end the inhumane isolation on the Turkish Cypriot People, President Tatar said: “I repeat the call made by the President of the Republic of Türkiye, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, during his historic address at the 77th session of the UN General Assembly, on September 20, 2022, where he called for an end to the uncivilised isolation and restrictions that is tantamount to the persecution of the Turkish Cypriot People. President Erdoğan also called for the formal recognition of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.”

The President added that following this call by President Erdoğan, the TRNC was admitted as an observer member with its constitutional name to the Organisation of Turkic States at the summit in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, in November 2022.

“All of these positive developments are tangible results of the increasing acknowledgment of the TRNC – a Turkish State which is located in the

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continued ...Support for The TRNC is increasing

eastern Mediterranean – an important geostrategic region, and the upgrading of its status,” President Tatar said.

Stating that 75 million m3 per annum of fresh water is being pumped via an 80km undersea pipeline from Anatolia to the TRNC under the ‘Project of the Century’, the President said that a “new phase has been entered” with the development of utilising this water in the agriculture sector as well as the transportation and service sectors.

Pointing to the importance of stability, President Tatar stated that he is putting forward a new policy for a settlement that is based on the sovereign equality and equal international status of the two Sides in Cyprus, which is fully supported by the Republic of Türkiye.

“There is no need to waste more time once again heading back to federal based negotiations, because this basis has been discussed in every detail numerous times over many decades and failed to produce any sort of outcome in the past. Negotiations under a federal basis have been exhausted. There is clearly need for a change. There is a need for our recognition,” President Tatar said.

“Sovereignty is an indispensable inherent right”

President Tatar, who stated that

“sovereignty is an indispensable inherent right”, referred to the “importance and power of Motherland Türkiye” in the collective defence mechanism, which was once again evidenced at the NATO summit held yesterday.

The President said that the Republic of Türkiye “is on the verge of completing her first century,” adding that “I hope the second century of Motherland Türkiye will be one of blessing, prosperity and success, which will also be beneficial to the TRNC”.

President Tatar stated that the survival of the Turkish Cypriots as a sovereign People passes through the upgrading of the status of the TRNC and its existence in the region.

Kurtulmuş: “Continued existence of the TRNC as an independent and sovereign State is essential not only for Turkish Cypriot People but also for peace in the region”

Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye, Numan Kurtulmuş, stated that he was paying his first official visit abroad to the TRNC adding that “as the Republic of Türkiye, we stand in full support and solidarity with the TRNC”.

He emphasised that the continuation

of the existence, independence and sovereignty of the TRNC is an important issue not only for the Turkish Cypriot People but also for sustainable peace in the region.

Mr. Kurtulmuş, who expressed his gratitude to President Tatar for their meeting, stated that Türkiye and the TRNC are “inseparable”, which he said has been demonstrated throughout history to the present day.

Pointing out that it has been 49 years since the Cyprus Peace Operation was undertaken due to the atrocities and developments at the time, he stated that “the protection of the legitimate rights and interests of the Republic of Türkiye in the region runs in parallel to our sovereign rights in the region, and in line with the policy for the reaffirmation of the sovereignty rights of the TRNC,” Mr. Kurtulmuş said.

“A lasting peace in the region cannot be reached on an understanding that ignores the existence of the Turkish Cypriot People,” he said, adding that “any result from such an approach that disregards the existence of Turkish Cypriot People will also not be acceptable to Türkiye”.

Stating that the two Peoples – the Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots have sovereign and equal rights in Cyprus, Mr. Kurtulmuş said that “it is

important to preserve this basis in the negotiations”.

Explaining that the Turkish Cypriots and Türkiye have always been the side that have arduously worked for a settlement and adopted a positive approach, Mr. Kurtulmuş stated that the Greek Cypriot Side and Greece were acting as the spoilt side which has ensured that the Cyprus issue remains doomed to an impasse.

Mr Kurtulmuş said: “At this point, the way to a settlement in Cyprus is clear. In the North, the TRNC now exists as a national identity. It exists as an independent State. Today, there is a TRNC that is ready to be recognised internationally. In the process ahead, it is time for the TRNC to be recognised, or at least for the inherent rights and existence of the Turkish Cypriot People to be reaffirmed by the international community.”

Underlining that Türkiye “will continue to do everything necessary to protect the rights and interests of the independent TRNC to the end,” Mr Kurtulmuş concluded that “we will stand together with our Turkish Cypriot brothers and defend your rights under all circumstances”.

Source: PRESIDENCY OF THE TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS



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UN Security Council supports Greek Cypriots claim for control of Cyprus



Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the TRNC regarding the statement made by the United Nations Security Council on Cyprus.

United Nations Security Council issued an unfortunate statement following the presentation of Mr. Colin Stewart, Special Representative and Head of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) to the Security Council regarding the two periodical reports of the United Nations Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus and on his Mission of Good Offices.

It is obvious that this statement is released by the Security Council, together with the support of the Permanent Members of the Security Council who do not refrain from openly supporting the Greek Cypriot side, with an aim to appease the Greek Cypriot side. Security Council, which serves the Greek Cypriot interests, issued a statement containing imposition of one side's views over the other, in contradiction with the principle of impartiality, we deem as totally unacceptable.

Said statement contains a call to the sides to restart formal

negotiations on a tried and failed basis in order to reach an agreement on the Cyprus issue.

Greek Cypriot side which benefits from the continuation of the status quo on the island, has in fact, no intention to work towards reaching an agreement. Greek Cypriot side rejected every opportunity outright for the past 50 years and now it is only paying a lip service to the tried and failed formula in order to deceive the world by using United Nations Security Council to achieve its aim. The only purpose of the Greek Cypriot side is to play for time with such instruments as appointment of an envoy in order to prevent the Turkish Cypriot people from becoming part of the international community.

Turkish Cypriot people who are forced to live under isolation due to the status quo, have taken their place in the previous negotiations and demonstrated the necessary good will and effort towards reaching an agreement. Therefore,

no one has the right to impose the tried and failed formula on the Turkish Cypriot people who have already proven their good will. The only way for the Turkish Cypriot people to be part of the international community is through recognition of its inherent rights. It is only natural to ask for the acknowledgement of sovereign equality and equal international status of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in line with our inherent rights. It is our expectation that those circles who assume that we will surrender to impositions study the history of the Turkish Cypriot people's struggle and acknowledge our inherent rights.

In this vein, we reiterate our disappointment from the unfortunate statement and underline our expectation from the United Nations to acknowledge the realities on the ground with no further delay.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

BRS News: BRS Lobbying Campaign Statement

LOBBY CAMPAIGN – Statement by the BRS Lobbying Campaign 9/7/23

Statement on the open meeting with His Excellency, Irfan Saddiq, British High Commissioner

Firstly, we would like to put on record our thanks to the British High Commissioner for agreeing to meet with the British population who choose to reside in the TRNC.

The meeting re-affirmed the passion people hold for the Cyprus issue, and certainly from the British perspective, the injustices they feel placed upon Northern Cyprus. It also highlighted that still, after over 70

years, there are widespread differences and interpretations of significant historical events as to what happened when, who did what to whom, and why and why Turkish Cypriots have suffered the consequences from ill-informed or ignorant governments, states, and unions. This is evidenced by the 'land grab' statement and the confusion over the 1960 Constitution statement along with the subsequent denial statement by the BHC and the FCDO.

If His Excellency's comments are representative of those of the current British Government, we find it astounding that as a country of global significance, a country that proposes free and fair values, and more

significantly a Guarantor Power of Cyprus, lacks the foresight to help alleviate any humanitarian injustices simply because of tired, out-dated UN resolutions.

In terms of His Excellency's comment 'good luck with that' referencing the BRS lobbying campaign, we found the comment somewhat sarcastically relayed rather than any genuine encouragement. Not very diplomatic from a diplomat! Our response is that 'it is not luck that we need, it is the British Government to treat us equally and fairly and with respect by listening to how we have been discriminated against for over 50 years'.



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How do we finally get Recognition for the TRNC?

Readers mail....

From Olcay Akdeniz....

Asking the British or anyone else with our Turkish Cypriot demand for recognition of the TRNC has and will get us nowhere and I blame ourselves for the past inaction in many categories of action and weak attempts.

The Turkish Military in 1974, had total control over Larnaca and the coastlines including Hala Sultan Tekkesi. (The Third Most Sacred Site in Islam).

Can anyone not see the strategic advantage that was within the grasp of the future Turkish Republic of Cyprus?

No 1- We would have had one of the British Sovereign bases within our territory, this being one of two bases and in my opinion, the British government would not have so readily recognised the Pseudo-Greeks as the

Official Government of the whole of Cyprus if the Turkish forces had not agreed to withdraw their forces to another peacekeeping defensive line.

No 2- The UN and the EU would have thought twice about treating the Turkish Community as an easy lot to pacify if we had not believed that the Truth would eventually be Recognised and we would have been treated better than we have. But sadly, The Easy Path is Always Preferred by so many and so we still have a stalemate situation in Cyprus!

Late it may have been, But at last, we have arrived at a point where we have been positive for once, and President Tatar's proposals for a Two State Solution of Equal International Status is a great plan but is that enough to give us freedom and recognition?

I am of the opinion that unless we formulate Plan No. 2 which would have a more positive effect on Option 1 or we will get nowhere in getting the so-called RoC to come to an



agreement when they have most of what they want!

So, Option No 2- Should be strong, logical, and applicable, and much less acceptable to southern Cyprus.

We must always keep in mind that, The RoC is southern Cyprus but The Turkish Republic of TRNC is in the East, West, and North of the island so we are not just North Cyprus only.

My Proposal for Option No 2 – is a Con-Federally United, Turkish Republic of Cyprus and the Turkish

Republic of Türkiye.

I believe that would make some waves in the little pond that the RoC swims in and it would have to be their choice of accepting Option 1 or 2.

To drive the Cyprus issue forward we must set an acceptable deadline for an agreement which I would suggest should be during 2024.

With my Respect and Best Wishes to All.

Türkiye reacts to UN Security Council's statement on Cyprus



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye made a written statement on the press statement of the UN Security Council on Cyprus. The statement by the Foreign Ministry is as follows:

“We fully support the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) concerning the UN Security

Council's press statement following the consultations during which Mr. Colin Stewart, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General and Head of the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), presented the UN Secretary-General's recently published reports on the Good Offices Mission and UNFICYP.

Detached from the realities on the ground, the UN Security Council

continues to insist on a settlement model from which the Turkish Cypriot side has openly withdrawn its support and which has been tried and has failed many times. All parties should realize that a federal settlement goal no longer reflects the sovereign will of the Turkish Cypriot people.

Instead of promoting a settlement in Cyprus, this Security Council stance, which is increasingly distant from the basis provided by the UN Secretary-General's reports, is fueling the Greek Cypriot side's intransigent attitude that disregards the Turkish Cypriots, the ancient and original co-owners of the Island. We expect the Security Council to comprehend the fact that the Turkish Cypriots have withdrawn their support from the settlement model discussed in the past.

We emphasize once again that a just,

lasting, and sustainable settlement to be reached in Cyprus must reflect the will of the two peoples on the Island and cannot be imposed by third parties.

We call on the UN Security Council and the international community to take into account the fact that there are two separate peoples and two separate states on the Island of Cyprus and to reaffirm the inherent rights of the Turkish Cypriot people, namely their sovereign equality and equal international status. We underline that this is an indispensable precondition for the start of any new negotiation process towards the settlement of the Cyprus issue.”

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

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TRNC FM slams the PACE President for ignoring the TRNC



Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus regarding the visit of Mr. Tiny Kox, the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe to the island of Cyprus.

The President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) Mr. Tiny Kox has opted to hold contacts only in the Greek

Cypriot Administration of Southern Cyprus during his recent visit to the island of Cyprus. The PACE President has overlooked the presence of Members of Parliament of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus at the PACE and displayed a biased approach vis-à-vis the Cyprus issue.

While it is obvious and an inalienable fact that there exist two separate States and two distinct Peoples on the island, each

governing itself, treating the Greek Cypriot Administration as the sole legitimate representative on the island is not the right approach. The said approach attributed to the Greek Cypriot Administration by the international community serves the continuation of the status quo on the island. Overcoming the status quo depends only on the determined and brave actions of the international community. Among these actions, recognition of the inherent rights of the Turkish Cypriot people, namely recognition of the sovereign equality and equal international status of their State is first and foremost. Any approach contrary to the realities on the ground and imposing exhausted formula, is not only doomed to fail but would only help the continuation of the Greek Cypriot strategy of playing for time.

Refraining from exchanging views with the Turkish Cypriot people and ignoring their voice is a grave injustice and deficiency especially at this time and age. An exchange on the Cyprus issue cannot be considered comprehensive, if only one of the two sides is given the possibility to express its views. Therefore, PACE President's visit to the island of Cyprus is deemed incomplete.

It is our expectation that the representatives of the Council of Europe and the international community respect the delicate balance regarding the Cyprus issue and adopt a well-balanced and objective approach.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

Introduction to “Talking Round North Cyprus”

By Roger Bara....

“Talking Round North Cyprus” is the only podcast dedicated to the Turkish Republic of North Cyprus and the people that make it tick.

The co-hosts are Sara Palmer and Roger Bara, who used to work together at the BBC in Jersey, in the Channel Islands. Sara lives and works in the U.K. but regularly visits her apartment in Iskele, while lucky Roger retired to the TRNC with Mrs. B. over ten years ago.

Each fortnight, you can hear the latest news and views about North

Cyprus, together with an exclusive interview with someone who has an affiliation with the place. Included in the 64 episodes already published have been restaurateurs, estate agents, reporters, doctors, and even a pig farmer from Nicosia!

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MAD MAX the 80s rock band from Münster back and in the TRNC**Readers Mail....****Roland EyerichBAYRAK International.....**

In the 1980s, the Münster band Mad Max was a fixture on the international hard rock scene, now they are back again. **A headliner concert is planned for October in Northern Cyprus in aid of the earthquake victims in Turkiye with bands from both parts of Cyprus. Mad Max will play for free, but we are asking for support for the flight tickets – help us to make this unique concert possible.**

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The Soulist Coffee and Music House

Back to old successes with a new singer, that's the new „Mad Max“ band.

The 64-year-old guitarist Breforth and drummer Axel Kruse are still part of the original line-up. The arrival of the much younger singer Julian Rolinger (28) was “a stroke of luck” for the band. Dethy Borchardt (Lead guitar) and Fabian “Fabs” Ranft (Bass) complete the quintet. With new momentum, Mad Max released the album “Wings of Time” last year, a tour of Eastern Europe and shows in Switzerland, Spain and South America followed – Columbia was one of the highlights. Not to forget as special guest on the Axel Rudi Pell “Lost XXIII 2022” tour. Full concert halls, celebrating fans – that's what Mad Max naturally want to achieve in North Cyprus with an extraordinary gig.

This is the first time that a German rock band will be performing in Northern Cyprus.

Again a matter of the heart for the two organisers Roland Eyerich and Alper Cengiz there – the well-tryed “Friends Across Borders (FAB) Team“ from the Soulist Coffee & Music House from Alsancak is also back. After the



successes in 2018 and 2019 with the festival for the benefit of the cancer aid organisation, this year the focus is on the earthquake victims in Turkey.... a special challenge (picture Jürgen Breforth + Roland Eyerich) + (Picture Jürgen Breforth + Roland Eyerich).

Planned: 14 October 2023.

Venue: Kyrenia.

Lineup with headliner Mad Max and bands from Cyprus like Private Garden (the other bands

will be announced later).

FAB TEAM:

Roland Eyerich (Radio Promoter bei Hoex Radio in the Netherlands and at BAYRAK International North Cyprus)

Aper Cengiz (Owner of Soulist Coffee and Music House, Alsancak and Frontman from Soul Stuff and Alper Cengiz & Friends)



Roland and Alper



Jürgen and Roland

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HUMAN, SPACE AND BEYOND

A Photographic exhibition at the Atatürk Cultural Centre Nicosia from 11 to 19 July 2023....

By Heidi Trautman...

The artist, writer and poet Ümit İnatçı – under the organizational roof of his Art Center – has curated a photo exhibition following a certain idea he wants to make visible, the relationship between Humans, Space, and Beyond. To achieve this, he invited the art photographers Yıltan Taşçı, Emel Sefer, Mustafa Müezzinoğlu and Mustafa Evirgen whose works would support his idea and topic.

I went to see the exhibition one late morning and found some of my photographer friends present. I have often visited their exhibitions in the past and knew what to expect and it was of great interest to me in what way they would comply to the curator's idea. Ümit İnatçı wrote in great detail about his research and the quality of the four art photographers' works contained in a catalogue that was distributed at the exhibition. The text is in Turkish but I had it google-translated and will attach it hereafter without editing, hoping for your understanding.

But here are my impressions which are in line with those of the curator. Art photographers are storytellers with their own philosophy and line of interest and understanding. Their senses are highly tuned and always fully alert. Their knowledge of the laws of light, composition, and the resulting effect is fully experienced –

besides being knowledgeable of all the available technical possibilities in photographic art. They are after the soul of something they are interested in and go right down to the roots.

And here, in the present exhibition, their photographic artworks prove the statement of a relationship between Humans – Spaces – and Beyond. Be it the human figures in a place of culture, be it gypsies and their living space, be it the worker in his workshop or the farmer in his working surrounding. Or be it the relationship of architectural structures and the human being making use of it. However, the human being is the creator of his/ her surroundings, of culture in general, he is always out for change, he will not adapt to nature, he will make it work for him/her. The human being will not become a grass blade, a tree, he/she will create the relationship and will make use of it and beyond.

Beautiful and meaningful works, altogether 30. Yes, it is to be recommended that we citizens would also ask ourselves about our relationship to the surroundings we live and walk in

Daily visiting hours:

* Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8.00 – 14.30

* Thursday: 8.00 – 17.15

Ümit İnatçı's Text

Photography includes the function of recording snapshots of the physical environments we are in, still or

moving objects, living things on a surface by means of a technical apparatus with the permission of light. This was the case at the beginning, and now there is no need for a different definition. However, when it comes to aesthetic tendencies and the search for artistic language, we find ourselves in a plural search trajectory. Today, with the possibilities offered by digital media, the photographer who does what the painter does conventionally at a technical level may be in search of the same representation; it is just the modality of the changing tools and work.

When we look at the population number of the society we are in, we can encounter a considerable number of people dealing with photography. However, the work of taking pictures is very difficult to go beyond the arguments around a few technical concepts. For a photographer, it is technically and thematically sufficient to do justice to the photograph only by solving the mechanical function of the camera and the discipline of using the apparatus for the result. However, when the concept of art enters the picture, other areas of thought are included in the perspective. The photographer who instrumentalizes photography as an artistic discipline can be considered an artist responsible for his own language, just like the painter who makes art through painting.

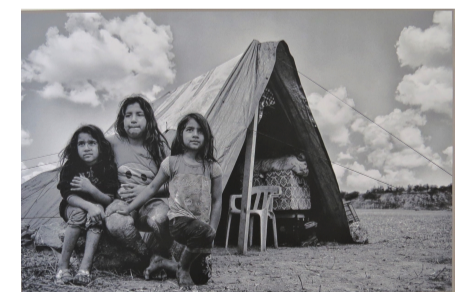
We can say that this collective exhibition, which we presented to the audience under the name of "Human, Space and Beyond", fell into our minds with these thoughts. It can be a useful activity experience to see the products of people who have built a justified photographer identity for themselves through quality, intensity in practice and persistent production in their fields of activity collectively around a concept and to be able to recognize their tendency differences.

The importance of visual culture in the formation of collective memory



cannot be denied.

Photography is an effective memory tool in this regard and our country needs such a memory in the aesthetic sense. Especially in this age where visual media comes to the forefront, if we consider that photography is one of the most powerful visual culture tools, we have to make an effort to approach this objective reality through a text. Thinking, producing, reflecting on what is produced and thinking



through a written text is an intellectual initiative that triggers new openings and supports visual culture with written culture. Any product that has not been named and has not been able to go beyond the periphery of feeling is not actually fully made and produced.

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Because we know that what we call civilization is built on written culture.

In this exhibition, where we will see the works of Yıltan Taşçı, Mustafa Evirgen, Mustafa Müezzinoğlu and Emel Sefer together, we will watch the visual data presented to the audience about the nature or city we live in, cultural or social spaces, collective presence or urban environments, and the relationship of human beings with space. In this case, we can not only go beyond people and space, but subjectively we will also witness the opening of a dialogue space.

What all the works in the exhibition have in common are social and anthropological layers, as required by thematic reference. When we look at how each photographer creates his own visual language according to the position of his lens against the subject, of course there will be differences.

Yıltan Taşçı's subjective approach to photography gives the impression that he is fed by the frames that need a moment of meditation. In general, the effort to orient towards a 'meaning' can be considered as the common effort of every photographer, but the effort to transform the frame into a scene setup can also lead him to some posing interventions. Just like in the photo "Mothers and babies". When we look at the group of photographs he compiled for this exhibition, what is constant in the photographs where the figure is used in the plural and

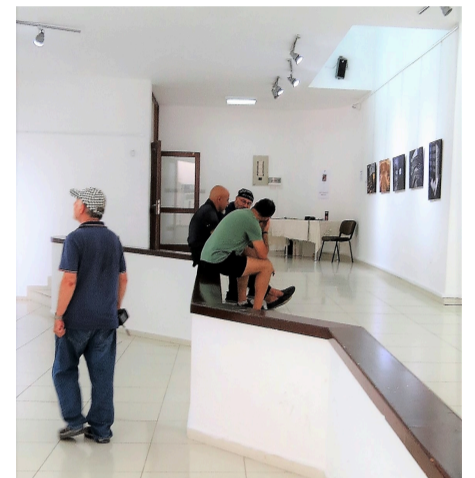
singular is that the horizontal perception mechanism comes to the forefront. The human being who is in the natural structure of the space – whether nature or architectural space – is always positioned in front of a depth that extends toward the horizon. Even in interior photographs, we see that a hidden horizon line depth is determined. In this case, whatever Tasci is directed towards, it is embodied in a landscape fiction. Everything is built on a horizontal plane and acquires its own meaning there.

Mustafa Evirgen's relationship with human beings in his spaces, which usually contain multiple perspectives, is a metric relationship. The quality that stands out prominently in space photographs is that vertical and horizontal depths offer a measurement opportunity for anthropometry compared to the human body. As the foreground and background are positioned as spatial layers, we realize that the proportions of light and shadow form a geometric pattern. The cultural identity of the place takes precedence over the cultural identity of the human being. The approach here also refers to the usual sociological movement of man. People come and go, but the spaces that are indicative of a civilization are permanent. And every mortal who passes by is obliged to show temporal sensitivity to the splendour of these spaces. The spatial depth in Mustafa Evirgen's photographs also wants to emphasize a temporal distance. This is an indication that time has entered the frame as a fourth dimension.

Mustafa Müezzinoğlu's photographs make you feel the use of a camera that internalizes the style of poetic editing and cinematographic expression. Its objective use in spaces that emphasize architectural character includes an attitude that emphasizes static and monumental façade views. In group portraits in narrower spaces, the holistic and relational fiction of this "exaltation of the subject" comes to the fore. In this sense, the construction of light in a theatrical presentation order gives the power to reflect the situations of the figures in relation to their own space. Photographs that approach the language of cinema are like the trailers of a movie. However, we understand that what Mustafa Müezzinoğlu understands from photography is not to produce independent frames in the specific sense. He usually turns to photography, which reflects a holistic thought and gains a meaning in the sum of its parts. The fact that he occasionally uses subject models is because he wants to act like an editing director. This is the side that touches the cinema.

Emel Sefer tries to detect people in their own living space in the places she is with his camera. In different geographies, in different cultural environments, there is a tendency to keep an objective that draws attention not to the presence of people at that moment, but to their presence in relation to their space in a broader context. What she looks for indoors

and outdoors are clues to cultural anthropological layers. Her presence there at that moment is a temporary situation for her, but it will take a place in his memory as an experience. This quest to build memory is the first salient quality in her photographs. In this sense, those frames are documentary visual minutes about a place and a person.



Whatever happens, there is reflected in the photograph as if it were being transferred to her own mind through the camera. This tendency encourages Emel Sefer to behave like a local rather than a guest in the places she is located, but she is still timid. Because the fact that you are always on a threshold in the photos also reveals itself. In the meantime, we can see that aesthetic sensitivity does not fall into the second plan in these searches. Hoping that this exhibition, consisting of thirty photographs in total, from five to five pieces, will be useful in order to draw attention to the qualified efforts made to date and to carry the work done in this field to a language environment that it deserves.

To see more pictures please go to my Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/heidi.trautmann.1>



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Former National Serviceman in Cyprus receives the BEM



Introduction by Chris Elliott....

It was great to receive news about Les Smith who my late partner Margaret Sheard, was often in contact with and helped publish many articles about many former National Servicemen who served in Cyprus.

“Rainford man, 84, awarded a place on King’s honours list: A former National Serviceman has been awarded the British Empire Medal in the recently announced King’s Birthday Honours.

Les Smith, from Rainford, who served with the Royal Horse Guards in Cyprus from 1957 to 1959, said: “It came as a complete surprise that

someone should recommend me for the award.”

The 84-year-old receives the BEM for research work that has led to the relatives of hundreds of former comrades – killed during the Cyprus Emergency between 1955 and 1959 – being presented with the Elizabeth Cross.

The Elizabeth Cross is a commemorative emblem for those members of the British Armed Forces killed in action, or through terrorism, after the Second World War.

The award was instituted in 2009, but few relatives are aware that next

of kin are entitled to receive it.

Les said: “More than 22,000 British servicemen and women served in Cyprus during the emergency – and we lost a total of 372 servicemen and 21 British policemen during that time.”

In 2016 Les embarked on a quest to track down the families of those who lost their lives during the conflict to inform them that they are entitled to receive the Elizabeth Cross. This was after several years of building up a network of over 600 surviving comrades and organising commemorative events both at the National Arboretum in Staffordshire and in Cyprus.

So far, he’s managed to get in touch with more than 200 of the bereaved families and guide many of them through the application process.

A small handful have politely declined, but Les is committed to finding all of them and, at least, accounting for those who do not have any living relatives. Just over 200 next of kin have now either received their

medals – or are in the process of doing so.

He set up a website, and a Facebook group and has conducted dozens of interviews with local newspapers and radio stations to appeal for next of kin to get in touch.

“The Cyprus Emergency is often described as one of Britain’s ‘forgotten wars’,” said Les.

“I’m just trying to ensure that those who were killed in the conflict are not forgotten – and that their loved ones have something to recognise the sacrifices made by their family members.”

Les would like to hear from anyone who served in Cyprus from 1955 to 1959. You can contact him by email at cyprusveterans@gmail.com

Les Smith served with the Royal Horse Guards in Cyprus from 1957 to 1959

Source: 24th June 2023 St Helens Star newspaper

MAYHEM Rocked again at the Moonshine Restaurant

Readers mail....

Susie L Ford....

Hello readers,

It was another fantastic BANGING night for MAYHEM who performed at the Moonshine Restaurant, Esentepe on Saturday 1st July 2023

Moonshine did us proud and the food was fantastic, the service great and the atmosphere brilliant with lots of singing, dancing, and laughter!

A BIG thank you go out to:

Everyone who donated raffle prizes including:

Pampers Nails, Tumbas, The Greenhouse, Malcolm The Mechanic, Tim’s Cafe, Lesley and Keith Ellis,

MAYHEM, Linda Lamb, Kerry Bowler, and to anyone I may have missed. Love you all xxx

Thank you to those who helped get those raffle prizes especially Linda Lamb who worked so hard in doing so and sold the raffle tickets and collected the monies.

Thank you to The Exotic Hotel & Spa who also donated a wonderful prize worth over 4000 TL which we auctioned off at the end and well done to Kate and Charlie Bell who bid to claim this great prize!

Thank you to Mehmet, Furcan, Cuma and their team who worked so hard, and thank you for having MAYHEM, and thank you all for joining us and helping make it a night to be remembered.



Thank you to my MAYHEM peeps!

Charlie Bell, Graham Loftus, Kate Bell, Kath Gardner & Martin Ford. You guys are amazing to work with and so much fun. Well done to you all.

As most of you know we raise monies for Tulips, the cancer charity and tonight we raised an amazing

8,200 TL so well done to you all.

The next show is at Diiva restaurant, Esentepe on the 21st of July 2023 so please come along and enjoy our show.

Thank you all again for your wonderful support

MAYHEM’s Susie Q xxx

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A holiday in an unrecognised country that was not the TRNC



Introduction by Chris Elliott....

We all need to get away sometimes for a holiday and have a change in our lives and I asked my friend Nick who had just come back to the TRNC from a holiday in Moldova what it was like and he said:

“Hi Chris,

It actually turned out to be in the breakaway so-called Republic of Transnistria I went from one place that doesn't officially exist to another!

I never heard a word of English spoken all the time as everyone only spoke Russian. The house was in a little village of about 300

mainly old people, quite poor but spotlessly clean as everywhere was.

I lived very well on fresh milk, cheese, butter, eggs, and delicious honey that I got from neighbours but the downside there was there was no running water, kitchen, bathroom, or toilet.

I got water from the well in buckets, the shower was a tin shed across the yard and the toilet was a hole in the ground with a shed on top about 100 yards away. My immediate neighbour was an old Babushka who lived nearer my loo than I did!

Once I got sorted, I had a proper chill mainly reading, going on walks, and lots of sleeping. It was hard work in the beginning and gave an insight into how people lived in years gone by.

Paka!”

Conclusion:

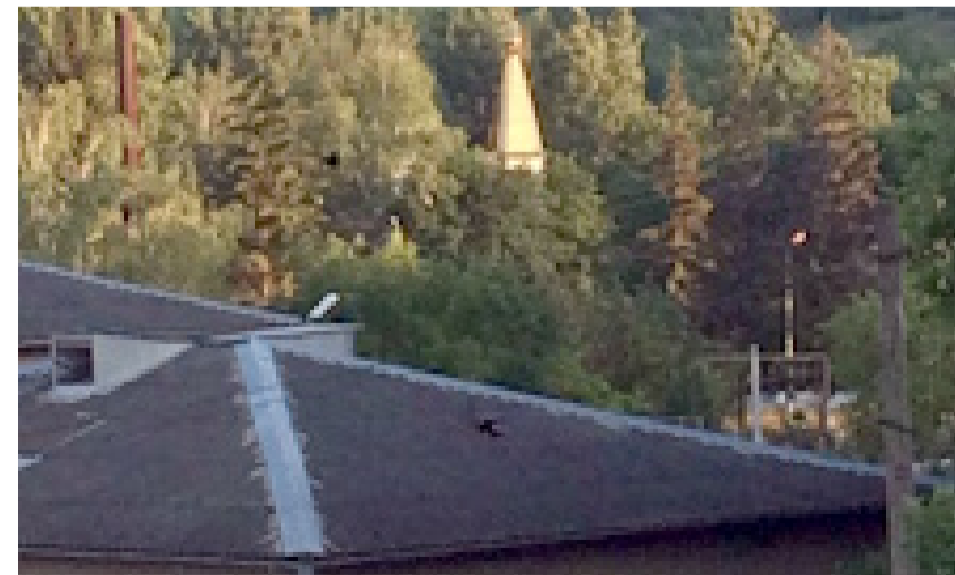
I have had a very testing 18 months in my life and desperately need a holiday now and will take one soon away from my home in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus where I think I will be hard-pressed to find the same **level of mod cons or not**, that Nick experienced on his holiday.



Village well.



Time for a shower



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Beautiful portraits by the artist Maxene Shailer



By Heidi Trautmann....

I have been asked more than once if I knew someone to do art portraits from photos as a special present. There is always an occasion to celebrate or to say thank you.

Recently, Maxene Shailer, a friend and member of the Thursday Artists, came to our meeting with a beautiful portrait she had done as a birthday present made from a daughter to her father.

So, I told her that portraitists are in great demand and I suggested that she would do it professionally as it would give her the opportunity to try her art

with different personalities. In art, I said, it is the continuous observance and work that brings us further, that makes us understand, especially with human beings. In the meantime, she has done some more portraits and she told me, yes, she would very much like to continue on this line.

I have been following Maxene Shailer for many years, the first years she worked in watercolours inspired by the beauty and colour of Cyprus. She later was trained in Istanbul in collage and followed on to develop her own distinctive style in a wide variety of semi-abstract paintings. Many will remember the exhibitions

where she showed her work. She has also been commissioned by businesses and individuals alike for personal and corporate work, which means going to the core of the project, and bringing out the essentials. 12 years ago, she joined the Thursday Artists to develop life drawing. She makes part of my art book 'The Thursday Artists – A Road of Friendship' where you can read her complete biography and see samples of her work.

So, if you have a favourite photograph of someone special, she will transform it into an A4-mounted oil pastel study for you. The photograph must be as clear and

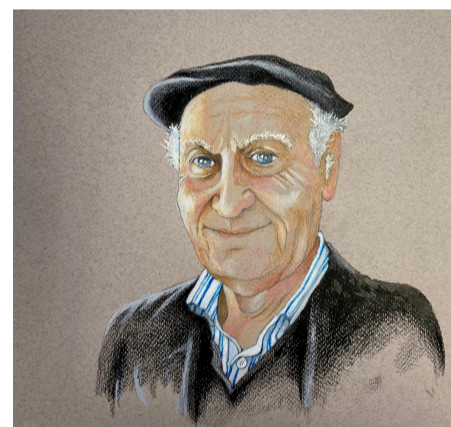
detailed as possible, head and shoulders only.

Maxene Shailer would for the start make an introductory price of £95 or €105, respectively, the equivalent in TL will be to the current exchange rate. If you are interested, get in touch with her and get details from maxeneshaier@gmail.com

I attach here some artworks of hers from different periods and the latest portraits, also pet portraits, she had done.

To see more pictures please go to my Facebook page

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Thank you for supporting CyprusScene and Buying me a Coffee

By Chris Elliott....

The journey of Cyprus Scene spreads over 11 years and was created because we watched with frustration as local news media newspapers and magazines came and then disappeared and I guess it's because it was too much like hard work and cost people money.

I have been funding the various CyprusScene media operations like a website, online e-newspaper, podcasts, etc from my shrinking pensions, and with my production costs rising I decided to reach out to our followers and ask for their help.

When publishing articles through our various media channels, we now ask readers if they like what we are doing

to promote news and reviews from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus to consider making a small donation to our "Buy Me A Coffee" account which will help support our continued publishing costs.

I would like to say a big thank you to all those lovely people who have made donations and also to the many people who acknowledge and like our articles wherever they are shared through social media pages.

Since Margaret Sheard my lovely friend and partner died last year, it has been very difficult to keep the volume of CyprusScene publishing going and I would like to thank HughJarrs who does a splendid job translating all of our Turkish



<https://www.buymeacoffee.com/chrismycypZ>

language contributions and If there is any reader who would like to perhaps create or help post articles on our website ready for publishing, I will be delighted to hear from them.

Finally thank you to all of the contributors for all of the news and reviews you send to us for publishing and if you can **Buy Me A Coffee** that will also be appreciated.

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The Book 'Artists Who Make Games' Published By ARUCAD Publications.



The book 'Artists Who Make Games,' written by Prof. Dr. Hasan Erkek, a faculty member of the Acting Department at Arkin Creative Arts and Design University (ARUCAD), in the genre of biography-memoir-criticism, has been released by ARUCAD Publications. The book examines the lives and works of nine esteemed science and art professionals who have contributed significantly to Turkish theatre, elevating it to a respectable position. This new book, 'Artists Who Make Games', is the third publication of ARUCAD Publications.

The book examines in detail the artistic and scientific works of the nine distinguished science and art professionals who have made significant contributions to Turkish theatre including Prof. Dr. Metin And, Prof. Dr. Sevda Şener, Prof. Dr. Özdemir Nutku, Prof. Dr. Cevat Çapan, Genco Erkal, Prof. Dr. Ayşegül Yüksel, and Prof. Dr. Nurhan Karadağ. Author, Hasan Erkek, sheds light on their lives and memories, offering insights into theatre history. The book, characterized by a critical perspective which builds bridges from tradition to

the future.

'Artists Who Make Games,' which shares the experiences of these nine science and art professionals who are researchers, theorists, writers, dramaturges, translators, directors, actors, and critics, serves as a guiding light for professionals and amateurs in the field of theatre, especially young individuals. It also provides inspiration for those involved in different art disciplines.

Who is Prof. Dr. Hasan Erkek?

Prof. Dr. Hasan Erkek's career began when he won the TRT Radio Theatre Grand Prize with his radio play titled 'Bedel' while he was a third-year university student. Since then, he has authored a total of 43 dramatic works, including eight adult stage plays, four youth stage plays, eight children's stage plays, seven film screenplays, and 16 radio plays, published in 15 countries (Turkey, France, Germany, Russia, China, Bulgaria, Romania, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Albania,

Cameroon, Iran, Spain, and Croatia). He has authored 30 artistic and scientific books. He has published 22 books abroad. He has presented papers at more than 30 festivals and symposiums in various countries and served as a jury member at national and international festivals. He has received over 20 national and international awards for his works. In the years 2014-2015 and 2016-2017, he served as a visiting faculty member at the Theatre Department of Paris 8 University in France. Prof. Dr. Hasan Erkek, who has held positions such as the Head of the Performing Arts Department at Anadolu University State Conservatory, the Chairman of OYÇED (Playwrights and Translators) Board of Directors, and the Dean of ARUCAD Faculty of Music and Performing Arts, currently serves as a faculty member in the Acting Department at ARUCAD.

Source (Turkish): Arkin Creative Arts and Design University

KADS and Poppy Players Presentation at Acmenya Coffee Shop

Introduction by Chris Elliott....

These days without my late partner Margaret Sheard helping me, I am increasingly struggling to process and share widely lots of news and reviews being sent to me at CyprusScene and I would just love time away from the desk to be on hand to witness some of the great events taking place in our communities like the following

Readers mail....

"Hi Chris

Please see attached photo of the presentation by KADS of the sum of 6000 TL to Jeremy Muncer of the Freedom Neutering Campaign raised as part of the recent joint production with Poppy Players of 'Wedding Expectations'.



This took place at Acmenya Coffee Shop, Alsancak this morning Thursday 6th July.

Regards and thank you for sharing

Stephen Everett

Kyrenia Amateur Dramatic Society"

PS If there any creative people out there who would like to help me set up

ready for publishing, this type of article which when published goes worldwide from Northern Cyprus through social media pages, please email me. Thank you.

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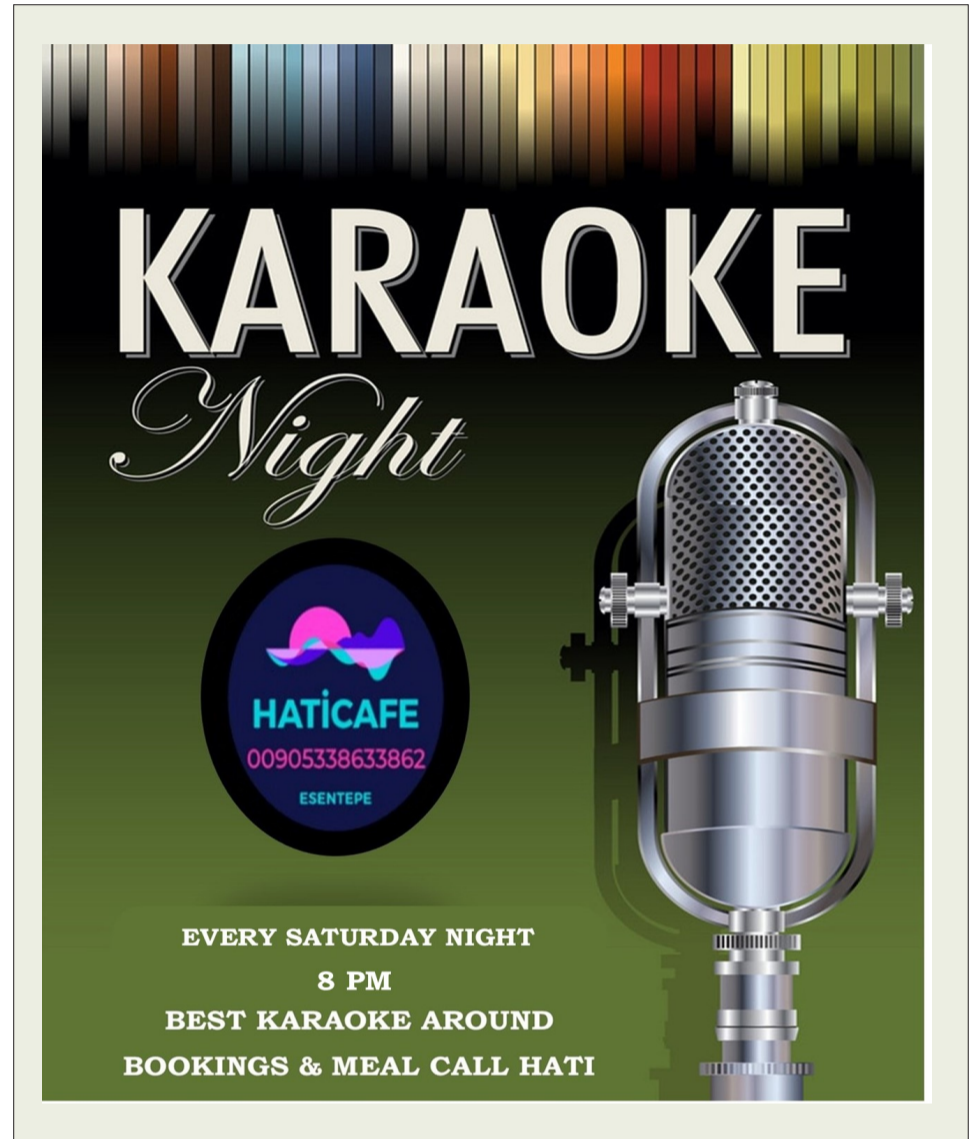
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Tatlisu beaten by Serdarli with last minute goal

Results: TATLISU SERACILAR GSK 3 SERDARLI GB 4

Tatlisu Hearts Are Broken By Aytac's Injury Time Winner.

By Richard Beale....

What an incredible match, pulsating, dynamic, words fail me but in the end Tatlisu were robbed of a deserved point when an AYTAC ŞAH rocket shot deep in injury time gave the visitors the points.

Friday July 7: iktisatbank BTM League 2, Group 8 : Tatlisu Rauf Raif Denктаş Stadium.

Serdarli were expected to win over bottom club Tatlisu, in fact, they had to win to keep their chances of qualifying for the quarter-finals alive. They did with only 10 men but the “whipping boys” of the group Tatlisu gave them the fright of their lives. When HİKMET scored after his initial penalty was saved in the 82nd minute it looked like the home team would pull off the shock result of the season. Serdarli were clearly rattled but they laid siege to the Tatlisu goal in the closing stages of the match and it was inevitable that the home team's vulnerability at the back, they would concede an equaliser and eventually in injury time surrender all 3 points to the visitors.

Serdarli has to thank their goalkeeper Erhan who in injury time pulled off two incredible saves from Gökdeniz and Ibrahim Çelik in quick succession, the ball was transferred upfield to AYTAC ŞAH to hit a stunning rocket shot from all of 30 yards to send the many travelling Serdarli fans into raptures and break the hearts of Tatlisu players and supporters.

The season will go down to the wire now with Bahçeli, Alaniçi, and Serdarli vying for the 2 qualifying

places.

There is not much consolation for Tatlisu, they deserved a point as they did in their last match against Alaniçi, they are a young team and physically it is “boys against men”. These boys however have grown into men, they are not far off being a decent team, they just need maybe 3 or more experience players.

Ibrahim Çelik is one of those players, sent off in the first match of the season, suspended for 3 matches, and troubled by an injury he came on as a minute replacement and ignited the Tatlisu team. He always plays with “fire in his belly”, sometimes his temper gets the better of him but how he has been missed this season, if he had played in all the matches Tatlisu wouldn't be bottom.

Tatlisu has some outstanding youngsters MUHAMMED YASIR BEGEÇ, MAHMUT ŞEN, REMZİ KİLİNÇ, EMRE ALKAŞ, and others, which will attract the attention of other clubs I am sure.

Serdarli who have invested heavily in the transfer market and were the group favourites, started the season well but have slipped recently due mainly to injuries, notably to their leading goal scorer Arda Özkan but they have enough experience to take them through to the quarter-finals.

MATCH HIGHLIGHTS AND GOALS

9 mins: A cross from the right was met by ALİ KÜÇÜKOĞLU who was heavily challenged but managed to shoot past the diving Ulaş to give the visitors the lead. **0-1**

15 mins: Serdarli Captain Efe normally a midfielder was playing as a centre back put in an inch-perfect



AYTAC ŞAH hidden is swallowed up by his team mates after scoring a last kick winner in 8 minutes of injury time

through ball to Oğün who rounded goalkeeper Ulaş but his angled shot hit the right-hand post and the rebound was scrambled away.

34 mins: A Tatlisu corner taken by Muhammed was met at the far post by Player- Coach Murat but he blasted high over the bar from a great position.

37 mins: Another great chance for Tatlisu a good move on the left involving Ahmet and Gökdeniz, led to Serkan being put through but he shot straight at the advancing goalkeeper Erhan.

48 mins: A Serdarli corner taken by Ali on the right was met at the far post by Caner, but his header was scrambled off the Tatlisu goal line.

54 mins: Caner then upended Gökdeniz with his second yellow offence and referee Serkan was given no option but to show him a red card.

63 mins: A great run out of the defence by Tatlisu replacement Ibrahim Çelik took him past 3 players at speed, before laying the ball off to MUHAMMED YASIR BEGEÇ to shoot pass a wrong-footed Erhan. **1-1**

65 mins: Tatlisu equaliser was short-lived as their vulnerability in the air

was punished when BARAN ŞAHINSOY headed in an Ali corner at the far post. **1-2**

75 mins: Great work on the right by Remzi beating a couple of players before sending in a lovely cross that was just missed by Hikmet but went to GÖKDENİZ KOL who hit a tremendous scissor kick that sailed past goalkeeper Erhan – this goal would grace any stadium in the world. **2-2**

77 mins: Muhammed was brought down just outside the Serdarli box and Ibrahim Çelik sent in a free kick that crashed against the crossbar and rebounded to safety.

82 mins: A handball by Efe in the Serdarli box, up stepped substitute HİKMET MİLLİ to take the resultant penalty but his effort was saved by Erhan diving to his left, the goalkeeper could not hold onto the ball and a grateful Hikmet following up scored – incredibly Tatlisu was in the lead. **3-2**.

85 mins: end-to-end stuff Oğün had a goal ruled out through offside. Serdarli now laid siege to the Tatlisu goal, shots went wide, shots went

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continued....Bahçeli beat group leaders Serdarlı

high, could they hang onto their lead?

86 mins: NO is the answer! Tatlısu cannot defend when the ball is in the air an Ali corner was unfortunately headed into his own net by Mahmut Şen, (I'm not sure), under pressure from Ogün. 3-3.

8 MINUTES OF INJURY TIME!

90 +5 mins: Serdarlı goalkeeper Erhan makes a great save diving to his left to push away a Gökdeniz shot.

90 + 6 mins: Erhan denies Tatlısu again blocking a close-range effort from Ibrahim Çelik.

90 +7 mins: The ball is cleared up field to Serdarlı's AYTAC ŞAH who from a fully 30 yards lets fly, giving

the diving Ulaş no chance.3-4

Tatlısu hearts are broken – Serdarlı live to take their season into the final match – no team deserved to lose

THIS IS WHAT SUPPORTING AND WATCHING LOCAL FOOTBALL IS ALL ABOUT !

TATLISU “MAN of the Match “ – GÖKDENİZ KOL – a quiet first half,

was switched to the left wing in the second half, scored a stunning goal, and was a constant threat down the left.

SERDARLI – MAN of the MATCH – OGÜN DURSUN – on his own upfront mostly, but ran and ran, never gave up.

Crucial Win For Alaniçi Just About!

Results: ALANIÇİYSK 2 TATLISU SERACILAR GSK 1

By Richard Beale....

CRUCIAL WIN FOR ALANIÇİ BUT TATLISU GAVE THEM A FRIGHT.

On paper, this was a certain home win and yes it was but bottom club Tatlısu a team made up of mostly youngsters certainly deserved a draw.

Saturday, July 1: İktisatbank BTM League 2, Group 8: Akova Eray Vudalı Stadium.

Weather: Boring hot!

Group 8 consists of 4 teams, with the top 2 going onto the quarter-finals is certainly very competitive with Serdarlı, Bahçeli, and Alaniçi all fighting it out for those two places.

Tatlısu are the weakest team in the group, the whipping boys but they certainly didn't look like that on Saturday as they gave Alaniçi some anxious moments.

Tatlısu is a team with no money, which I find surprising with all the building work going around in the area, surely they can find a rich building company as their sponsor.

Having no money, they cannot pay the wages to attract a higher class of

players and must rely on mostly teenagers, youngsters with no experience and this is a tough competitive group, with the other teams delving into the transfer market.

Tatlısu will finish bottom of the group but they are not far off being a decent team, what they lack is 3 or 4 players in their late 20's and early 30's to give them a spine and experience. They have teenagers and youngsters and some are very talented who run and run, so as the advert says “the future is bright, the future is orange or in Tatlısu case yellow and blue.

Back to the match Alaniçi have the experience and some good solid players and their remaining 2 matches against Bahçeli and Serdarlı will be absolute crackers.

Alaniçi scored as early as the 3rd minute and I feared That Tatlısu would crumble and crack under an avalanche of goals. Somehow Tatlısu survived, a combination of bad misses, near misses, dogged tackling/defending and a couple of good saves by their goalkeeper Enes they remained in the game. Alaniçi increased their lead in the 35th minute but Tatlısu pulled a goal back in the 43rd minute and missed a glorious chance a minute later.

Alaniçi being older, stronger, physically should have wrapped the game up, but couldn't find that third killer goal and they became restless and frustrated.

The Tatlısu youngsters stuck to their task, not giving up, putting their bodies on the line, I had nothing but admiration for them. The boys were growing up and though they rarely looked like scoring they certainly had the legs on their tiring opponents.

The game was played in great spirit between the two teams, excellently handled by the experienced referee Şakir Azizoğlu in was a such a shame that the game was interrupted and stopped for 10 minutes by ugly scenes involving players and spectators. Tatlısu won a throw in front of the main stand, in their eagerness to take the throw in quickly, two opposing players tussled for the ball, the Alaniçi supporters didn't like this and a few mindless idiots scaled the fence and started to attack the Tatlısu player. All hell let loose as players and spectators from both sides joined in the fracas, luckily the Police and there was quite a number of them acted quickly to put a stop to these disgraceful scenes.

Alaniçi player Veli Zekeriya was shown a red card, unfortunately this



stoppage put paid to the momentum that Tatlısu had built up as they tried to save the game.

I thought Tatlısu players Muhammed Yasir Begeç, Emre Alkaş and Mahmut Şen had very good matches as did Alaniçi players, defenders Ogün Baturay and Ferdi Çelik.

GOALS :

3 minutes: A corner from Sedat from the right went to the far post where the ball was collected by OSMAN GÜN who sent in a cross shot that beat the Tatlısu goalkeeper Enes at his left hand post. **1-0**

35 minutes: A corner from the left taken by Osman Gün was headed in by FERDİ ÇELİK. **2-0**

43 mins: A cross from the left was controlled by MUHAMMED YASIR BEGEÇ to control and shoot pass Mustafa. **2-1**

Bahçeli Through To The Quarter Finals

Results: BAHÇELİSK 3 ALANIÇIYSK 1

By Richard Beale....

Bahçeli sealed their place in the quarter-finals in a hard-fought match against an Alaniçi side who were reduced to 10 men after only 3 minutes.

Saturday July 8: Itkisatbank BTM League 2, Group 8 : Dikmen Fazil Küçük Stadium.

Weather: Dry, hot, and sunny with a slight breeze.

With one match to left to play in the group, Bahçeli can afford to relax, they have qualified they play bottom club Tatlısu next Sunday and probably this will their give squad players a runout.

Alaniçi on the other hand are still in with a chance in their final match away to Serdarlı they have won, nothing else will do, whereas Serdarlı can probably get away with a draw to clinch their quarter-final place.

This was my first visit to Dikmen Dr Fazil Küçük Stadium and it is what it is basic, one very small, covered stand with open terraces on either side of it. No toilets! And the cafe was not open, still we managed to find a cold beer in a small cafe in the village even though it was 60 TL!

Alaniçi supporters arrived early, decking the stand out with their banners and flags, creating a noisy atmosphere with their drums and vuvuzelas. Bahçeli supporters, therefore, had to be content with part of the stand and the open terraces, they still were able to play their "Black Sea" music.

Bahçeli were given a dream start and Alaniçi a nightmare start after only 3 minutes, when following a Uğurcan

throw in on the right, Osman sent over a wicked cross that Soner got in a shot that was blocked on the goal line by defender Sedat Batular with his arms. Referee Abdullah Genç was given no option but to award a penalty and red card Sedat. SONER SOYTÜRK put away his penalty. **1.0.**

Really the game was over, Alaniçi on a really hot day they would have to play 87 minutes with 10 men. In fairness, they stuck to their task well only really wilting in the last 20 minutes.

Bahçeli dominated the play Berk was prominent bringing a good diving save from the Alaniçi goalkeeper Mustafa and having a few efforts going wide or over the bar.

Alaniçi failed to trouble Tuğrul in the Bahçeli goal.

Bahçeli Coach Yusuf Tek has assembled a very good team the best Bahçeli team I have seen over a number of seasons. They have in Tuğrul a very experienced goalkeeper, and full-backs Asıl Arif and Uğurcan are always willing to overlap. Samet and Emre Can form a solid central defensive partnership. Midfield is where Bahçeli strengths lie Aydın Karadaş is often behind most of their moves, Edip just runs and runs and newcomer Ahmet Biçen showed some nice touches. Osman on the right wing, provides width and trickery, and Berk is always a willing runner, complementing the skills of Soner.

Alaniçi in really their first attack of the match, shocked Bahçeli, as they rarely looked like creating anything themselves so any threat would come from a Bahçeli error. On the left a defender miss kicked allowing Sedat to cross to HÜSEYİN ŞEREF looking offside, to beat Tuğrul. **1.1.**

The equaliser had the Alaniçi fans on



their feet and lifted the players, they could save this game and get away with a draw.

Bahçeli for the first time, their play became ragged they were waiting for something to happen.

After Edip had a header scrambled off the Alaniçi goal line, Bahçeli regained the lead in the 65th minute following a run and cross from the right by Uğurcan, the goalkeeper was only able to push the cross into the path of SONER SOYTÜRK who made no mistake following up. **2-1**

Both sets of plays were visibly tiring in the hot conditions and welcomed the water break.

Soon after the break substitute Mustafa Ercan was sent away down the left in the 80th minute and his low cross to the far post was met by OSMAN SEYHAN who shot past



SONER SOYTÜRK yellow far right puts Bahçeli 2-1 up

Mustafa. **3-1**

Alaniçi had given their all they were out on their feet as Bahçeli finished strongly with goalkeeper Mustafa making a couple of good saves to keep the score down to **3-1.**

For Bahçeli they can relax for a couple of weeks, it's party time!

For Alaniçi they need to regroup, they are not out of it, they need to win at Serdarlı and this time with eleven players on the field.

BAHÇELİ "Man of the Match" – AYDIN KARADAŞ – quietly went about his work in front of his defence, building attacks, doing the simple things.

ALANIC "Man of the Match" – MUSTAFA TANYERİ- made some good saves kept his side in the match.



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