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## Artist Umay Yılmaz Kutay Presents ARUCAD Career Day



Organized by the ARUCAD Career and Alumni Office, “Career Days” continued with a speech titled “Parallel” by artist and designer Umay Yılmaz Kutay.

On Thursday, April 25th, Creative Director and Multidisciplinary Artist Kutay met with students at the University’s Conference Hall, where she talked about influential aspects and works from the early years of her art career. Kutay shared with students how her relationship with art began from her high school years and how the

path she followed in her career has influenced her. Kutay, after graduating from the university, made her transition to the field of communication and marketing, and the significant experiences she gained during this process. As one of the founders of the initiative “BEAZ Creative,” Kutay presented examples of the work she and her team have done.

Emphasizing the importance of teamwork, vision, equality, and researching global markets in her projects, Kutay provided examples

from the brands she has collaborated with. Following her presentation, Kutay answered questions from ARUCAD students and advised prospective graduates to “not hesitate to collaborate and remain open to continuous learning; showcase your work both on social media and in real life.”

ARUCAD Career Days will conclude on May 2nd with a discussion featuring architect Desen Çizener.

**Source (Turkish): Arkin University of Creative Arts and Design (ARUCAD)**

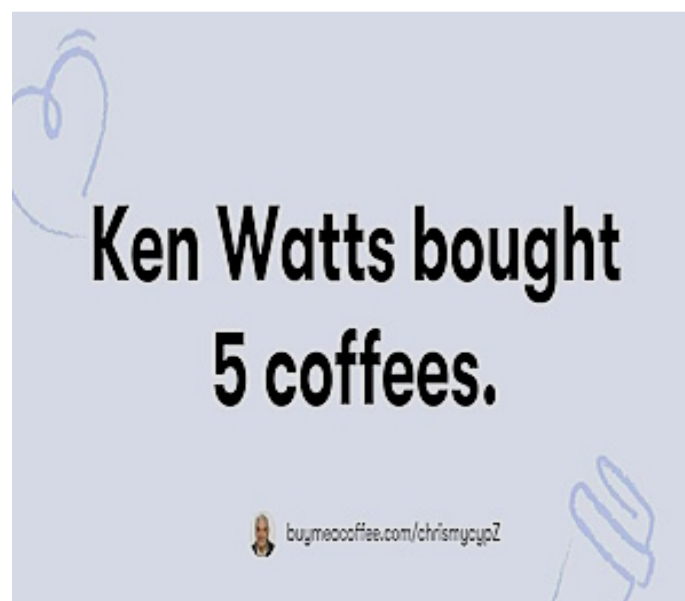


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## Minister Arıklı: Our Biggest Project In The Field Of Aviation Is Ercan Airport

The recent developments in the aviation sector of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) highlight significant progress, particularly with the completion of the new terminal and runway at Ercan Airport.

This expansion not only positions Ercan as a major airport in the region but also reflects a successful privatization effort, transforming it from a financial liability into a profitable entity.

The transformation of Ercan Airport serves as a testament to the TRNC's commitment to enhancing its aviation infrastructure, which has also fostered job creation and economic growth. The ongoing improvements at Ercan Airport are expected to further solidify its status as a key transportation hub as detailed below.

Minister of Public Works and Transport Erhan Arıklı participated in the panel on "Developments and Problems in TRNC Aviation" organized by Cyprus Science University.

In his speech at the panel, Minister Arıklı stated that the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus has carried out very important projects in the field of aviation in recent years, and the most

important one is the completion and commissioning of the new terminal and runway of Ercan Airport.

Minister Arıklı stated that the Turkish Cypriot people have the largest airport in the nearby geography and said, "Before privatization, Ercan Airport was losing 10 million dollars a year. Today, the new airport earns an income of 1 billion TL per year."

Noting that the privatization of Ercan Airport is unique in the world, Arıklı stated that 52 percent of each bill issued is left to the state, and that the money entering the state's coffers after the privatization has exceeded 600 million dollars.

**"Airports Are Like Living Organisms"**

Airports are like living organisms and their deficiencies are eliminated over time. Istanbul Airport has been put into service, but there are still deficiencies," said Arıklı, and underlined that negative thoughts about Ercan Airport are wrong in this context. Arıklı stated that Ercan Airport is the property of the people and said, "Ercan Airport is a source of pride that we can proudly show. There are deficiencies and they will be completed in time," he said.



Arıklı added that with the development of the capacity of Ercan Airport, there has been a serious employment environment.

**How Ercan airport has developed**

Mustafa Sofi, Director of the Civil Aviation Department, made a presentation on the development of Ercan Airport from past to present and answered the questions of the participants.

**Özçelik: Ercan Provides Services With All Its Technological Infrastructure Completed.**

In his speech, T&T Ercan Airport General Manager Serhat Özçelik said that the capacity of the new airport can be increased to serve 15 million passengers. Özçelik added that the

new terminal building and the runway are currently serving with all the technological infrastructure completed.

**Source: TRNC Ministry of Public Works and Transportation**



## BAHÇELİ RENEWAL ROAD WORKS STARTED IN THE VILLAGE



Minister of Public Works and Transport Erhan Arıklı examined the renovation works of the roads on site

in Bahçeli village.

**What was it all about?**

Arıklı, who carried out the inspection together with Çatalköy-Esentepe Mayor Ceyhun Kirok, also received information about the works from the company managers who won the tender.

Arıklı stated that the renovation works of the roads started with a week delay due to some bureaucratic reasons and stated that he asked the construction company to finish the roads as soon as possible.

Arıklı stated that in addition to the 10 km road from the entrance to the center of the village, all the roads in

the village will be renewed.

**Source (Turkish): TRNC Ministry of Public Works and Transportation**





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## Embargoed: How the UN, EU and the world was cheated by the Republic of Cyprus



Introduction by Chris Elliott....

learn more!

Having received a copy of the April 2024 Embargoed Newsletter, I decided to share this with CyprusScene worldwide readers as the Cyprob Issue is in full focus again and shows how the interlocutors trying to resolve the Cyprus dispute whilst Talking the Talk of an equitable settlement and satisfactory conclusion failed to Walk the Walk which allowed the Greek-controlled Republic of Cyprus 'Government' to gain EU membership and be acknowledged as representing the whole of Cyprus and for the Turkish Cypriots future to be embargoed.

### Greetings to all Members and friends of Embargoed!

Welcome to the revamped edition of our Embargoed! newsletter! We're excited to unveil our fresh new style and share the latest updates with you. You may have also noticed our brand-new website is now live, albeit pending some refinement. But that's not all— there's plenty more to discover, including details about our upcoming AGM and the Turkish Cypriot Cultural Festival. Dive in to

### 20 Years Since the Annan Plan

Apologies for the length, but the following is key to the situation today in Cyprus – and was actually the catalyst for the creation of our organization.

April 2024 marks 20 years since the last big push for the reunification of Cyprus; the United Nations sponsored 'Annan Plan', which took its name from the then Secretary General, Kofi Annan.

### Background Dynamics

The Greek-controlled Republic of Cyprus 'Government' first began talks aimed at EU membership in 1998, however, their initial approaches were given the cold shoulder. The overwhelming preference by member states at that time was to avoid absorbing the 'Cyprus Problem' into the bloc.

All that changed when Greece became more active in pushing the accession of its Greek Cypriot kin. Having been pressured to remove

their longstanding veto against the potential membership of Türkiye, Greece saw a chance to flip the balance of power by using their EU veto in a broader sense. This time as a means to advance the accession of Cyprus – which would remain under Greek Cypriot control, but act in the name of the entire island. The accession of Cyprus would provide a union of sorts with Greece and would oblige the EU to be firmly on the side of the Greek Cypriots, were they to become a member state.

### Context and Negotiations: The Road to the UN Settlement Plan

It should be noted that the 1960 Cyprus constitution had considered and forbidden such an eventuality. In order to ensure that the balance of influence by Greece and Türkiye remained equal, Cyprus was expressly forbidden from joining any union (political, economic, or otherwise) with any state or states, of which both Greece and Türkiye were not already a member. The EU therefore had a cast iron legal reason for rejecting the candidacy of Cyprus.

With the EU embarking on a phase of enlargement which was generally political (to secure the democratic principles of countries who had recently emerged from dictatorship) rather than the previous economic expansion, Greece indicated that it would indefinitely block the accession of the Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia, Slovakia and Malta, unless Cyprus joined too. The single-member veto which Greece had, until then, used against Türkiye, would instead be used to manoeuvre the EU against the Turkish Cypriots.

Rather than face-off with Greece, the EU Member states convinced themselves that they could leverage the situation to bring about a settlement in Cyprus. The carrot of EU membership would be offered to the Turkish Cypriot public in return

for their positive vote to a settlement plan which was sure to require painful concessions on their part. Until this time, the consensus was that it was Türkiye and the Turkish Cypriots who were the cause of the island's division. The thinking being that if they could be convinced, the Greek Cypriot vote would be a mere formality.

It was under these conditions that the UN presented their settlement plan which aimed at reunification of the 2 communities. Following extensive cross-border meetings and consultations, with Greece and Greek Cypriots on one side and with Türkiye and Turkish Cypriots on the other, it was agreed that any blanks (where agreement between the 2 communities was not made) would be filled in by the UN.

The resulting plan envisaged a federal republic of 2 partner states, which required the ceding of a significant amount of territory from Turkish Cypriots to Greek Cypriots (from 36.2% to 28.5%), a phased reduction in the number of Turkish and Greek mainland forces on the island (eventually leaving an equal, and only token number of each) and the opening of the Varosha/Maras region of North Cyprus, to be inhabited by Greek Cypriots.

To give the plan the best chance of success, the EU and UN sought and received assurances that the plan would be officially supported by both Cypriot Leaders (North and South of the border). Their support would be made plain throughout the run-up to a simultaneous referendum of the 2 communities. And to ensure that the moment was seized, the joint referendum would take place on 24th April 2004, precisely 1 week prior to Cyprus' accession on 1st May.

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**continued .... Embargoed and the Republic of Cyprus cheated**

**Imbalanced Scenarios:**

**Consequences of the Referendum Choices**

The rules of this high-stakes game were starkly different for each side. Just like the Cyprus status quo today, it was anything but a level playing field. The following is a summary of the 4 potential outcomes which each community had to consider before placing their vote:

\*In this last scenario it was intimated that the UN and EU would not go as far as recognising 2 separate (non-federated) states on the island. However, they would ensure that “the Turkish Cypriots would not be left out in the cold”.

**Outcome Implications: The Promise and Reality of International Recognition**

This was said as a means of encouraging and rewarding a Turkish Cypriot Yes, while simultaneously warning the Greek Cypriots that a No vote from their side would not be without consequences. If the Turkish Cypriots voted Yes, their international isolation – and the embargoes – would have to end.

**Referendum Ramifications: Diverging Paths and Unforeseen Consequences**

The result of the referendum was a resounding (76%) No (“Oxi”) from the Greek Cypriots and a majority (65%) Yes (“Evet”) from the Turkish Cypriots. Given the rules of the game the outcome was unsurprising.



For the Turkish Cypriots, their majority acceptance reflected a people who were desperate to remove the embargoes placed upon them.

1  
Greek Cypriot - Yes  
Turkish Cypriot - Yes

Both communities would join the EU in a new unified federal state.

The ‘Republic of Cyprus’ and ‘Turkish Cypriot Republic of Cyprus’ would cease to exist.

2  
Greek Cypriot - No  
Turkish Cypriot - No

Greek Cypriots would join the EU as the Republic of Cyprus (representing the whole island).

Turkish Cypriots would not join the EU and would remain in an unrecognised state, subject to continued embargoes.

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While acknowledging the painful concessions required and the inherent risk they were accepting, they saw a chance to take their place in the world; to travel, trade, share, interact and compete with the outside world as equals. It was a way to finally obtain their human rights.

For the Greek Cypriots, their overwhelming rejection reflected a state faced with the prospect of losing their title of the ‘sole legitimate Government of Cyprus’, and in doing so, it would have spelled the end to their cherished dream to rule Cyprus as a Greek island. Their decision was further influenced by a tearful television address by the then President, Tassos Papadopoulos.

**Tearful Tassos**

Despite having promised the UN, US

and EU that he would support the plan, instead he appeared on television on the eve of the referendum to beg his people to reject the deal with tears streaming down his face.



**“I personally feel that I have been cheated by the government of the Republic of Cyprus”**

Such was the turnaround in his attitude that the then EU Enlargement officer, Gunter Verhuegen, blasted the Greek Cypriot Administration for “cheating” its way into the Union. It was a rare and surprisingly strong

departure from the usually tame nature of diplomatic language. He considered the about-turn by Papadopoulos to have been a personal betrayal too, proclaiming “I personally feel that I have been cheated by the government of the Republic of Cyprus”. On 26th April 2004 Verhuegen continued to rail against the Greek Cypriots when he complained that “A unique opportunity to bring about a solution to the long-lasting Cyprus issue has been missed and is a shadow now over the accession of Cyprus. What we will seriously consider now is finding a way to end the economic isolation of the Turkish Cypriots.”

**In the days after Cyprus’ accession, we heard a flurry of announcements from world leaders promising the lifting of economic and cultural embargoes, the opening of the air and seaports, the agreement of a substantial aid package and the tacit recognition of the existence of Turkish Cyprus.**

**So, what changed?**

In short, nothing. Unsurprisingly, all the initiatives detailed above have been blocked by EU Members, Greece and (Greek Cypriot controlled) ‘Cyprus’. And the EU has slowly but surely become another tool for Greece and the Greek Cypriots to use against the Turkish Cypriots.

It was a direct result of this betrayal by the UN and the EU which led to the birth of Embargoed! The embargoes against the Turkish Cypriots were cruel and unjust at their onset in March 1964. They became even more so after April 2004.

To read more of other issues in the Embargoed Newsletter and perhaps lend you support by becoming a member and help fight for Justice and Equality of the Turkish Cypriots, please click below.

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## Fahri Zihni: The mother of all betrayals



**Fahri Zihni talking  
in the Cyprus Mail**

**Readers mail....  
From Fahri Zihni....**

Hello Chris,

Please would you read and share my latest article "The mother of all betrayals" published on 28th April 2024 in the Cyprus Mail with your worldwide CyprusScene followers.

Thank you and with best wishes

Fahri

**The Annan experience was devastating for Turkish Cypriots. Who can blame them for being cynical about future talks?**

**By Fahri Zihni,**

If we take August 1960 as the year of the shotgun wedding between the Turkish and Greek Cypriot communities, December 1963 as their separation, and July 1974 as their divorce, the Annan referendum of 2004 must surely represent the date of a fresh proposal for reconciliation and re-marriage. Sadly, the consequence of this proposal was the Turkish Cypriot bride being jilted at the altar, and the Greek Cypriot groom marrying someone else a week later. How did this happen? What does the future hold for future relationships?

The then United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan, working closely with the Turkish and Greek Cypriot leaders, UK, Greece, Turkey and the European Union developed a plan to address the long-standing Cyprus problem over a four-year period. This

was concluded in April 2004. It was linked to the accession of Cyprus and Turkey into the EU, with Cyprus joining immediately, and Turkey following suit at the earliest time thereafter.

### **What did the Annan plan contain?**

The final version of the Annan plan proposed that the numbers of mainland Greek and Turkish troops stationed in Cyprus be reduced dramatically (from approximately 30,000) to 6,000 with immediate effect, reducing to 3,000 on January 1, 2011 and reducing again to 950 Greek and 650 Turkish troops on January 1, 2018. If Turkey joined the EU earlier, the latter numbers would apply on that date. It also included concessions of land transfers from the north to the south including Morphou and Varosha. A sophisticated power-sharing formula was also developed for implementation as a bizonal, bicomunal federation.

A border crossing point in Nicosia opened on April 23, 2003 for the first time after 29 years, which facilitated the movement of Cypriots in both directions. The vast majority of Turkish Cypriots who crossed over to the south found a world that was sparkling with wealth and vigour as compared with their impoverished north, weighed down by social and economic embargoes. In particular, young Turkish Cypriots discovered unbridled fun when they visited holiday resorts such as the post-1974 established Ayia Napa.

They also enjoyed taking part in EU-

sponsored "peacenik" music and dance festivals and making new friends. All this captured their imagination for a peaceful and prosperous future based not on Hellenism or Ottomanism, but on a brand-new Cypriot identity. So, in the run-up to the Annan plan referendum, thousands of mostly young Turkish Cypriots carried out rallies to the cries of "Yes, be annem!" (Yes, mama!).

On the Greek Cypriot side, former Cyprus presidents Glafcos Clerides and George Vassiliou called a rally before the referendum to promote a Yes vote and complained that the benefits of the plan had been kept from the public by new president Tassos Papadopoulos and his media associates.

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### **Why did Tassos Papadopoulos oppose the plan?**

The left leaning Turkish Cypriots and politicians were quite dismayed when, just before the referendum, not only nationalist Papadopoulos but also the communist Akel party leader Demetris Christofias, both of whom had been supporting the Yes vote all along advised Greek Cypriot voters to vote No. I would refer readers to an

article by Leontios Ierodiakonou which provides extraordinary insight into how the rejection of the plan by Papadopoulos came so late in the day.

Reacting to Papadopoulos and Christofias' late rejection, Gunter Verheugen, the enlargement commissioner who helped Cyprus into the EU, told the European parliament on April 21, 2004 that he felt "disappointed" and "cheated" by the Greek Cypriot government. "For months on end I have done everything I could in good faith to make it possible for the Greek Cypriot side to accept this plan on the understanding that this is what they intended to do. Now things look very different," he said.

As anticipated, the result of the referendum was an enthusiastic Yes vote from the Turkish Cypriots (65 per cent) and an overwhelming No vote from the Greek Cypriots (76 per cent).

This drew the ire of virtually all international actors against the Greek Cypriot leadership, and an outpouring of sympathy towards the Turkish Cypriot community. Having voted for a European future, they were, after all, going to be excluded, whereas the Greek Cypriot community, which had voted No would be welcomed into the EU (this took place a week after the referendum).

The UN secretary-general, the European Commission, the Council of Europe, the EU Parliament, and official representatives of the UK, United States, France, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Austria, Czech Republic and Sweden expressed their disappointment to the No vote. They variously pledged their economic and political support for the Turkish Cypriots, who had been left out in the cold, and many pledged to support the removal of the unfair embargoes.

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## continued....The mother of all betrayals

### Did promises of help for the TRNC happen?

Sadly, these promises were not kept. A myriad of embargoes are still placed on northern Cyprus. For example, a direct trade regulation for trade between northern Cyprus and the EU was drawn up in 2004 and still exists to this day, but it has never been implemented. Turkish Cypriot football teams are excluded from competing with teams from other countries.

Much has changed since 2004. I outline these, and the insurmountable

challenges facing any Greek Cypriot leader in implementing a new Cyprus solution in a previous article.

Even the most ardent pro-federation Turkish Cypriot politicians, some being veterans of the Annan Plan (2004) and Crans-Montana (2017) negotiations are declaring quite openly that there is no trust in any of the current Greek Cypriot leaders to deliver a new solution, and claim that they are “status-quo” protagonists in disguise.

The Annan experience was the mother

of all betrayals – the Turkish Cypriots were betrayed by Greek Cypriot politicians, the European Union, and the United Nations. The only country that stood by them was Turkey. Who can blame Turkish Cypriots for being cynical about future negotiations?

Perhaps self-sufficiency is the only way forward for Turkish Cypriots, despite the obstacles. As Billie Holliday sang:

*Them that's got shall get  
Them that's not shall lose  
So the bible said and it still is news*

*Yes, the strong get smart*

*While the weak ones fade  
But God bless the child that's got his own*

*(lyrics abridged for brevity)*

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## TRNC Presidency discuss the Immovable Property Commission

### High-level meeting on the functioning of the Immovable Property Commission held at the Presidency

A high-level meeting was convened at the Presidency, headed by President Ersin Tatar, to discuss the functioning of the Immovable Property Commission and the latest developments.

#### Who attended the meeting?

The meeting was attended by Prime Minister Ünal Üstel, Republic of Türkiye Ambassador to Lefkoşa Metin Feyzioğlu, Turkish Cypriot Peace Forces Commander Major General Sebahattin Kılınç, Security Forces Commander Major General Osman Aytaç, Minister of Internal Affairs Dursun Oğuz, Minister of Foreign Affairs Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu, Attorney General Sarper Altıncık, Head of the Immovable Property Commission Növber Ferit Veçhi and senior



officials.

Növber Ferit Veçhi, Head of the Immovable Property Commission, which is recognized by international law as a domestic remedy on the Cyprus issue and has been operating since its establishment on March 17, 2006, briefed the officials attending the meeting about the work and activities of the commission.

In his speech at the meeting, President Ersin Tatar said that the Immovable Property Commission has undertaken an important task and that the applications were being evaluated and concluded rapidly. President Ersin Tatar noted that it is important that the properties evaluated by the end of 2020 begin to be paid. He further expressed his expectation that the applications to the Immovable Property Commission to increase. The

President said the commission, which is an effective domestic legal remedy, is the only way to address the property problem regarding the Cyprus issue.

**Source: PRESIDENCY OF THE TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS**



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## TRNC MINISTRY OF HEALTH “WORLD MALARIA DAY” STATEMENT



### “TSHD Continues Its Mosquito Control with Effective Methods

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared April 25th as “World Malaria Day” in 2007. This day aims to continue the work on the prevention and control of malaria and to inform people about the disease.

Malaria is an infectious disease that is prevalent in 91 countries,

especially in Africa. In the past, malaria was a common disease in our country, but now only malaria cases are reported abroad.

The Department of Primary Health Services under the Ministry intensively carries out mosquito control activities in a planned manner in order to prevent diseases such as filariasis, West Nile virus, yellow fever and dengue fever as well as malaria, which can be



transmitted by infected mosquitoes.

### How can mosquito breeding be controlled?

To prevent mosquito breeding, biological spraying continues by our teams in places where there is stagnant water, stream beds, wells, lakes, dams, and similar places in rural areas from March when the weather starts to warm up to the end of October – November when the weather starts to get colder. In addition, fish called Cambodian fish are also released into stagnant waters for biological control.

As part of the anti-malaria control program in the buffer zone under the United Nations, the health teams of the two communities regularly spray stagnant water sources and stream beds.

### What can the public do to help?

In the fight against mosquitoes, anything that can hold a small amount of water in your garden, such as containers of potted plants, ornamental pools, deposits in rain gutters, buckets that can collect rainwater, toys, wheelbarrows, pet containers, can turn into a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Therefore, drain or replace the accumulated water in 3-4 days.

Remember! Infected mosquitoes cause diseases such as malaria, filariasis, West Nile virus, yellow fever, and dengue fever. The fight against mosquitoes, which cause all these diseases, can only be successful with the cooperation of the public and institutions.

**Source (Turkish):**

**TRNC Ministry of Health**



## First Aid Course Is Being Given To Successful TRNC Driving Instructors

Candidates who are successful in the TRNC Driver Trainers Written And Practical Exam, which is held in accordance with Article 9 (7) C of the Regulation on the Principles and Criteria for Driving Schools dated 30.11.2001 and numbered A.E. 753 made under Article 5(1) (P) of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Law No. 21/1974, will be required to attend the First Aid Course to be held by the Ministry of Health on 03 May 2024.

### TRNC Driving Instructors First Aid Course

They must be ready to attend the Chief Physician’s Office building of Nicosia Burhan Nalbantoğlu State Hospital at 09.00 am.

They were also requested to send their information for registration.

**Source (Turkish): TRNC Ministry of Public Works and Transportation**





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## Designer Zerrin Akıncı at ARUCAD Careers Day

Arkin Creative Arts and Design University (ARUCAD) kicked off its Career Days with a speech by Zerrin Akıncı, one of the successful figures in the fashion world. Akıncı talked about the establishment of her design brand “Made by ZA” and her career journey.

### Designing elegant fashion designs for women

Fashion Designer Zerrin Akıncı highlighted her production of strong and elegant fashion designs for women for the past 10 years and contrasted their production against the fast fashion trend. Akıncı shared her

passion for fashion design since childhood and explained how she decided to pursue this field at the age of 26, moving to America to continue her education.

Akıncı pointed out that fashion design is becoming increasingly accessible in Northern Cyprus and with the



widespread use of the internet, reaching global brands has become possible. She encouraged young designers to join the workforce and stressed that there is much to learn

from the designers they work with.

**Source (Turkish): Arkin Creative Arts and Design University (ARUCAD)**

## Girne Tourism Festival Was A Great Success



A ‘Tourism Festival’ was organized in Girne from April 15th to 22nd as part of Tourism Week. The ‘Tourism Festival’, organized in collaboration with Girne Municipality and the Ministry of Deputy Prime Ministry, Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment, took place at Girne Ancient Harbour. As part of Tourism Week, the opening of Girne Ancient Harbour, which underwent restoration and renovation work in December 2022 and acquired a new look, also took place.

### What happened and who was there?

The Tourism Festival kicked off with a procession march between Girne Ramadan Cemil Square and the

Ancient Harbour. Subsequently, at the stage set up at the entrance of the Ancient Harbour, Girne Mayor Murat Şenkul, Deputy Prime Minister, Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment Minister Fikri Ataoğlu, Parliament Speaker Zorlu Töre, Prime Minister Ünal Üstel, and President Ersin Tatar each delivered an opening speech.

### Şenkul: “Proper Collaboration Needed Between Central and Local Government To Effect Changes

Girne Mayor Murat Şenkul stated that the projects of the ministry in the Ancient Harbour and the municipality’s Kordonboyu renovation projects are proof that beautiful things can be done even in

the desperate times the country is going through, emphasizing that more serious collaboration between local and central governments will create much greater changes in the country.

Thanking everyone who contributed to the amendment of the Municipalities Law, Şenkul reiterated his belief that with the rectification of the deficiencies in the law, much better works will come to life. As part of the Girne Tourism Festival, various concerts, modern dance performances, folk dances, theatre shows, fashion shows, Ancient Harbour and castle tours, caricature drawing, and music

performances took place throughout the day at three separate stages set up in the Ancient Harbour.

During the ‘Tourism Festival’, complimentary refreshments were served, and stands were set up for the sale of food, beverages, and handicrafts related to the Turkish Cypriot culture throughout the day.

The Tourism Festival concluded with a concert by Fikri Karayel at 21:30 on 22 April.

**Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality**





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## A press conference for the '19th Cyprus Silk Cocoon Festival' was held



The Cyprus Silk Cocoon Festival, which will be organized for the 19th time by Girne Municipality, in cooperation with Beylerbeyi Mukhtar's Office and Green Peace Movement, and with the communication sponsorship of TRNC Telsim, will be held on 4-5 May this year.

### A press conference was held today 26th April at Bellapais Monastery regarding the event.

Girne Mayor Murat Şenkul congratulated everyone who contributed to the event, which will be held for the 19th time, and invited all citizens to the festival.

Noting that the festival will contribute to the discussion of silk cocoon production, industry and trade, which is a very valuable value of the country, as well as various entertainment, Şenkul said that the festival, located in a tourist region such as Beylerbeyi, will also contribute to the promotion and marketing of this valuable asset to the world and Europe.

Reminding everyone that Beylerbeyi has hosted silk cocoon craftsmanship from past to present, Şenkul noted that in order for the village to reach the point it deserves and to be introduced with its values in the best possible way, arrangements and businesses in line with the texture of the region should be included on the main street from the entrance of the village.

### What does the festival achieve?

Şenkul pointed out that festivals

contribute significantly to the motivation of citizens, increasing the investment budgets of the municipality and the maintenance of these traditional productions by entrepreneurs, and inviting all citizens to the festival.

Beylerbeyi Mukhtar Niyazi Engin reminded everyone that the festival, which will be held for the 19th time this year, was initiated with the aim of keeping silk cocoon craftsmanship alive, promoting it, and passing it on to future generations, which is a unique value to the country, and said that with the event,

The interest in silk cocoon craftsmanship in the country will increase and different institutions from different regions will work to keep this culture alive. He stated that it was pleasing that he is involved with it.

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Doğan Sahir, Secretary General of the Green Peace Movement, reminded everyone that the festival was organized 19 years ago to preserve the silk cocoon craftsmanship, silkworm breeding, and mulberry trees, which are the most important values of the Cypriot culture, and said that the priority element in order to carry this culture to the future and introduce it to the world its citizens, and local governments,

### Promoting the Cyprus Silk Cocoon Festival worldwide.

He emphasized that it is owned by institutions, organizations, and the state. Sahir said that their main goal when they set out was to give the festival an international dimension, but there was still work to be done for this, and emphasized that the support of municipalities and the state was needed, especially in the registration of silk cocoon works of art specific to Cypriot culture.

Hayri Küçük, one of the Silk Cocoon breeders in Beylerbeyi Village, stated that he has been farming for 15-16 years to carry this tradition from his ancestors to the future and keep it alive, and noted that silkworm farming is a very ancient business.

Emphasizing again that the silk

cocoon craftsmanship of Cypriot Culture does not receive the value it deserves, Küçük emphasized the importance of children getting to know and learn this culture, which is a legacy of their ancestors, starting from an early age.

### The 19th Cyprus Silk Cocoon Festival will start on Saturday, May 4th. Opening speeches will take place at 14.00 pm.

There will be presentations and talks about silkworm breeding and cocoon handicrafts, workshops, planting mulberry saplings, artistic activities for children, poetry and music recitals, group painting exhibitions of the country's artists, as well as various silkworm handicrafts and food and beverages at the stands set up in the area in front of the monastery where sales will also be made.

During the festival, mulberry saplings will be distributed among visitors every day through a raffle.

The event will end with the Beyaz Trio concert on **Sunday, May 5th, at 19.00 pm.**

**Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality**





1st May 2024 to 9th May 2024

## Girne April 23 Children's Festival



The Girne Municipality organized a "April 23 Festival" for children on Tuesday, April 23rd. The event, held at Ramadan Cemil Square, staged many lively events.

### What did the children enjoy?

Between 11:00 and 18:00, a variety of activities were available for children to enjoy with activities such as clowns and mascots, inflatable play areas, various stalls, free balloon

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## Review of Hilltop Bar and Restaurant – Safakoy, Bogaz



### Reader Mail....

#### Pondering Traveller....

Hilltop Bar and Restaurant is a very popular family-run and family-friendly venue 1km off the main Iskele to Yeni Erenkoy road; just north of the Bogaz village centre.

### Who runs It?

Dogan, a skilled chef, has been running this warm and comfortable establishment for over a decade.

Open all year, there is seating indoors and outside and, during really busy times, tables are placed on the road in front! In the summer season, there are regular music events; mainly British cover bands, but also Karaoke and soloists.

You will be sure to find your favourite tipple here! Alongside a decent selection of beers, wine, and spirits Murat behind the bar can rustle up a good range of Cyprus Cocktails; with his Brandy sour being especially

good!

### What's on Offer?

The menu is reasonably priced and extensive. There are a good selection of popular dishes such as Fish and chips, Chicken Supreme and Steak.

All day English breakfast is a popular choice as are a variety of pasta dishes and Kebabs. Portion size is generous and the food really tasty. Worthy of special note are the chips!

I challenge you to find tastier chips anywhere in North Cyprus!

Dogan's staff are attentive, polite and helpful. The atmosphere of the bar is friendly and perhaps appears a bit cliquy because a good many of the patrons are residence in the nearby resort. However, you will find everyone welcoming and open to a good chat!

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## Staying fit at 70 plus is a challenge to help achieve more from Life!



**Readers mail....**  
By Puffing Billy....

Staying fit at 70 plus is a wonderful journey that combines physical activity, mental well-being, and a balanced lifestyle, and here are some tips for maintaining vitality and health:

**Stay Active:** Regular exercise is key. Engage in activities you enjoy, such as walking, swimming, or yoga. It's never too late to start!

**Strength Training:** Incorporate strength training to maintain muscle mass and bone density. Light weights or resistance bands work well.

**Flexibility and Balance:** Yoga and Tai Chi enhance flexibility and balance. They're gentle on joints and promote relaxation.

**Nutrition:** Focus on whole foods, fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, and healthy fats. Stay hydrated and limit processed foods.

**Mindfulness:** Practice meditation, deep breathing, or mindfulness exercises. Mental well-being is as important as physical health.

**Social Connections:** Stay connected with friends, family, and community. Social interactions positively impact

overall health.

**Quality Sleep:** Prioritize restful sleep. Create a calming bedtime routine and maintain a consistent sleep schedule. Remember, age is just a number. Embrace each day with curiosity, gratitude, and a zest for life!

**Healthy Eating Habits:**

- \* Increase calcium intake with low-fat dairy products, leafy greens, and fortified cereals.

- \* Consume fiber-rich foods like whole grains, fruits, and vegetables.

- \* Prioritize protein from lean meats, fish, eggs, and plant-based sources.

- \* Limit salt and choose healthy fats (avocados, nuts, olive oil).

- \* Boost potassium intake (bananas, oranges, tomatoes).

- \* Consider the heart-healthy Mediterranean diet.

- \* Stay hydrated and limit alcohol.

**Exercise Recommendations:**

- \* Aim for about 2½ hours of aerobic exercise per week (brisk walking, dancing, tennis).

- \* Include stretching and yoga for

flexibility.

- \* Variety keeps things interesting, so explore new activities.

**Remember, it's never too late to prioritize your well-being. Stay active, embrace life, and celebrate each day!**



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1st May 2024 to 9th May 2024

## Review of the Levant Restaurant, Karmi, Kyrenia

### Reader Mail....

#### Pondering Traveller....

On the northern slopes of the Beshbarmak (Five Fingers) mountains, in the centre of historic Karmi, this charming village oasis is a real find! Beautifully decorated; with a varied and original menu, superb setting and wonderful staff; this restaurant must be on your list for a quiet, relaxed lunch in a delightful setting.

Levant is a well known restaurant and has been one of the focal points in Karmi village life for many years. In order to keep it going after the previous owners retired it was bought by eight couples who are residents of the village. After dealing with much bureaucracy, they reopened this spring.

The menu is designed and prepared by Ercan, a highly professional chef with many years experience in

London restaurants. The menu caters for all palates, and there are weekly specials to enhance a small, but varied range of meals. After crunchy crudities as appetizers, I started with Seabass with apple in a tasty honey sauce and my partner, a mackerel dish. Presentation is excellent and the sauces a wonderful experience for the taste buds!

For a main I opted for their popular Beef Stifado in red wine, tomato and onion sauce. My partner settled for mixed seafood casserole with rice. Portion size was spot on and both meals delicious and highly recommended.

Opening has been carefully managed to allow time for experimentation with dishes and staff training to ensure that standards are high from the beginning. Currently it is open only for lunch. In May it is intended to start serving dinner and the separate bar area will be opened for snacks and drinks.



I can honestly say that this restaurant is in a class of its own. It has a real Mediterranean feel, combined with a homeliness that is comfortable and relaxing. The front of house staff have been well chosen and are appropriately attentive, polite and helpful. The cuisine is unusual and such a pleasant change from the vast majority of places in the greater Kyrenia area. Prices are reasonable for the quality received.

This is somewhere that you will want to return to time and again. I very much look forward to a return trip

when they have evening opening hours.

We wish the Levant team of owners and staff the very best of luck with this exciting project. We need more places of this type of quality and class!

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1st May 2024 to 9th May 2024

## 21st Orchid Walk on 28th April 2024



### The 21st Orchid Walk: A Success Story of Collaboration and Support

On Sunday, April 28, 2024, the 21st Orchid Walk took place in Dilekkaya Forest, organized by the Cancer Research Foundation (KAV) in collaboration with the CENGO-V Foundation and sponsored by Telsim. The event was a resounding success, bringing together hundreds of participants to raise awareness about cancer and support ongoing research efforts.

The walk commenced at 9:30 AM with opening remarks from distinguished guests, including Değirmenlik-Akıncılar Mayor Ali Karavezirler, Telsim General Manager Sefer Tüz, CENGO-V Foundation President Özge Özbekoğlu, and KAV President Prof. Dr. Mustafa Camgöz.

Mayor Karavezirler expressed his delight in hosting the walk for the second time, emphasizing its significance in raising cancer awareness and commending KAV and CENGO-V for their unwavering commitment to the fight against cancer.

Sefer Tüz, representing Telsim, the main sponsor for 11 consecutive years, echoed the importance of social responsibility and expressed Telsim's pride in supporting the Orchid Walk. He encouraged participants to view the event as a symbol of unity, support, and determination in the collective fight against cancer.

Özge Özbekoğlu highlighted CENGO-V Foundation's dedication to children and youth, emphasizing their educational and sports initiatives, park development, and the recent collaboration with KAV to support Prof. Dr. Mustafa Camgöz's ongoing cancer research.

Prof. Dr. Mustafa Camgöz, KAV President, marked the 21st anniversary of the Orchid Walk, emphasizing its record-breaking participation and the unprecedented collaboration between KAV and CENGO-V. Despite the challenging week marked by air pollution and dust, Prof. Dr. Camgöz expressed gratitude to the unwavering participants and paid tribute to the "Champion Angels," families affected by childhood cancer. He also urged the public to review KAV's annual progress report, highlighting the 2023-2024 edition available in the walk's goodie bags, and KAV President Prof. Dr. Mustafa Camgöz.

Concluding the opening remarks, Prof. Dr. Camgöz expressed his appreciation to the numerous sponsors, supporters, and volunteers, including Dima Discount, Girne Con Kahve, Play FM, and Değirmenlik-Akıncılar Municipality for their invaluable contributions. With a resounding "Let's embark on this journey together!" he officially kicked off the 21st Orchid Walk.

### TRNC President made a speech

President Ersin Tatar, gracing the

event with his presence, delivered the closing speech, commending Prof. Dr. Mustafa Camgöz's leadership in cancer research. He acknowledged Prof. Dr. Camgöz's London-based efforts supporting local universities and students, further emphasizing the significance of the Orchid Walk.

President Tatar stressed the importance of prioritizing one's health amidst the demanding and stressful modern lifestyle, encouraging regular exercise, a balanced diet, and mindful living. He concluded by wishing all participants a healthy life.

The 21st Orchid Walk concluded with a lively atmosphere, featuring prize draws, certificate presentations,

performances by the Değirmenlik Akıncılar Municipality Folklore Group and the Dilekkaya Muhittin Tüzel Gymnastics Association, and a collective rendition of the inspiring song "You'll Never Walk Alone."

The Orchid Walk stands as a testament to the power of collaboration and community support in addressing cancer awareness and research. It serves as a reminder of the collective responsibility to prioritize health and wellness, both individually and as a society.

### Source (Turkish):

### KAV Cancer Research Foundation





21st April 2024 to 25th April 2024

## ‘The Herse and Lokma Day’ Greatly Enjoyed

The ‘Herse and Lokma\* Day’ event, organized by the Baf Turkish Union and brought to life with the contributions of Girne Municipality, took place on Saturday, April 27th, at Ramadan Cemil Square. The event, held between 16:00 and 19:00, saw the participation of CTP Chairman Tufan Erhürman, Girne Mayor Murat Şenkul, Girne Municipal Council Members, politicians, booth owners, and a large number of citizens.

As part of the ‘Herse and Lokma Day’ event, at 16:15, the Girne Young Art Lovers Association’s Children’s

Group performed a colourful and lively folk dance show. Then, at 16:30, the Retro Musicians provided enjoyable moments for the audience with Cyprus music. Throughout the day, herse and lokma were distributed at the event, and various taste booths set up also attracted attention.

**Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality**

**\*\*“Herse” is a traditional Turkish sweet made from flour, sugar, and butter, often flavoured with nuts or spices, and cooked until golden**



**brown.**

**“Lokma” is a Turkish dessert made**

**of deep-fried dough balls soaked in syrup, often flavoured with lemon or cinnamon.**



## “The Crocodile Fire” Performed at Spectrum Hall



The play “The Crocodile Fire,” starring Hazar Ergüçlü, Funda Eryiğit, and Hidayet Erdiñç, premiered on 26th April and repeated on 27th April.

The play, staged in cooperation with Girne Municipality and Birinci Global; sponsored by Kamacıoğlu Group, Özmerhan Group, Rocks Hotel, Uptown Hotel, and Girne American University, opened its

curtains at Girne American University Spectrum Hall. According to the information provided by Girne Municipality Social Affairs Branch Directorate, a portion of the proceeds from the first performance was donated to the Champion Angels Care Association, and another portion was donated to Girne Municipality Animal Shelter and Rehabilitation Center.

### The Plot of The Play

“The Crocodile Fire” tells the tumultuous story of two sisters, as polar opposites, living with their father. The play takes the audience on an emotional journey, delving into the depths of family ties. Written by Meghan Tyler, directed by Mehmet

Ergen, and translated by Zeynep Anacan, the cast of the play includes veteran actors such as Hazar Ergüçlü, Funda Eryiğit, Okan Demirok, and Hidayet Erdiñç.

**Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality**





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19<sup>th</sup> Cyprus Silk Cocoon Festival

FESTİVAL PROGRAMI FESTIVAL PROGRAMME  
4 MAYIS 2024 CUMARTESİ 4 MAY 2024 SATURDAY

- 10:00: Stantların Açılışı ve Müzik Yayını (Opening of Stalls and Music Broadcast)
- 12:00: Müzik Yayını (Music Broadcast)
- 14:00: Festival Resmî Açılışı ve Konuşmalar (Festival Official Opening and Speeches)
- 14:15: Halk Dansları Gösterisi (Folk Dance Performance)
- 14:30: Beylerbeyi Anaokulu Öğrencilerinin 'İpek Böceğinin Yolculuğu' İsimli Sergilerinin Gezilmesi (Beylerbeyi Kindergarten Students Visiting the Exhibitions titled 'The Journey of the Silkworm')
- 14:45: Konya El Sanatları Atölye Çalışmaları El İşi Üreten Stantçılarının Katılımlarıyla (Cocoon Handicraft Workshops With the Participation of Stallholders Producing Handicrafts)
- 14:45: Konser Folklorik Kıbrıs Müzikleri Dikem (Dikmen Gençlik Eğitim Merkezi) (Concert Folkloric Cyprus Music Dikem (Dikmen Youth Education Centre))
- 15:45: Bellapais'te İpek Böcekçiliği ve Yetiştiriciliği Konuşmaları: Zekiye Paşa (El Sanatları Ve İpek Böceği Üreticisi) (Silkworm Farming and Cultivation in Bellapais Speakers: Zekiye Paşa (Handicrafts and Silkworm Producer) Hayri Küçük (Silkworm Producer))
- 16:00: Tango Dans Gösterisi Kyrenia Tango Argentino (Tango Dance Show Kyrenia Tango Argentino)
- 16:15: Sunum Kıbrıs'ta İpek Böcekçiliğinin Tarihi Prof. Dr. Ali Eftal Özkul (Öğretim Üyesi) (Presentation History of Silkworm Farming in Cyprus Prof. Dr. Ali Eftal Özkul (Lecturer))
- 16:30: Konser (Concert) Burçin Boran (Vokal- Gitar) ( Vocals - Guitar) Mehmet Sakarya (Flüt) (Flute)
- 17:30: Halk Dansları Gösterisi Oksem (Folk Dance Performance Oksem)
- 17:45-19:00: Konser Jazz Trio (Concert Jazz Trio) Ezgi Akgürgeç (Vocal) (Vocal) Kadir Evre (Gitar) (Guitar) Cahit Kutrafalı (Bas Gitar) (Bass Guitar)

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**19. Festivali 2024**  
19<sup>th</sup> Cyprus Silk Cocoon Festival

FESTİVAL PROGRAMI FESTIVAL PROGRAMME  
5 MAYIS 2024 Pazar 5 May 2024 Sunday

- 10:00: Stantların Açılışı ve Müzik Yayını (Opening of Stalls and Music Broadcast)
- 11:00: DUT Fidanı Dikimi Yeni Şiir Fuarı Niyazi Sokak - Sövalye Yolu Bellapais Mulberry Sapling Planting Location: Şiir Fuarı Niyazi Sokak - Sövalye Yolu Bellapais
- 12:30: Şiir ve Şarkı Dinletisi Beylerbeyi Anaokulu Öğrencileri (Poetry and Song Recital Beylerbeyi Kindergarten Students)
- 13:00: Müzik Yayını Nostalji Dünya Müzikleri (Music Broadcast World Nostalgia Music)
- Koza El Sanatları Atölye Çalışmaları (El İşi Üreten Stantçılarının Katılımlarıyla) (Cocoon Handicraft Workshops With the Participation of Stallholders Producing Handicrafts)
- 13:15 Sunum: Huzur ve Bereketin Sembolü DUT Ağacı Mehmet Atak Ziraat Yüksek Mühendisi (Girne Belediyesi Park Bahçeler Şube Amiri) Presentation : Mulberry Tree, Symbol of Peace and Abundance Mehmet Atak Senior Agricultural Engineer (Kyrenia Municipality Park Gardens Branch Supervisor)
- 13:30: Solo Konser Erce Güner (Solo Concert Erce Güner)
- 14:30: Halk Dansları Gösterisi Çatalköy Nostalji Halk Dansları Topluluğu (Folk Dance Performance Çatalköy Nostalgia Folk Dance Group)
- 14:45: Konser (Concert) İbrahim Özbaskın Grup Black Trio (Group Black Trio)
- 15:45: Söyleşi:1952-1956 yılları arasında Bellapais'te yaşamış ünlü İngiliz yazar Lawrence Durrell'in 'Acı Limonlar' isimli eserinde yer alan Kıbrıslıların, sosyal ve kültürel yaşamları üzerine değerlendirme Sunum : Prof. Dr. Şevket Özcan Araştırmacı - Yazar Kıbrıs Türk Yazarlar Birliği Başkanı / Araştırmacı- Yazar (Interview : An evaluation of the social and cultural life of the Cypriots in the work 'Bitter Lemons' by the famous British writer Lawrence Durrell, who lived in Bellapais between 1952 and 1956. Presentation : Prof. Dr. Şevket Özcan Researcher - Author President of the Cyprus Turkish Writers Union / Researcher-Writer)
- 16:00: Dans Gösterisi Kıyıcı Kıbrıs Filipinliler Derneği Dans Gösterisi (Dance Show Northern Cyprus Filipinos Society of Northern Cyprus Dance Show)
- 16:30: Halk Dansları Gösterisi Fogem (Folk Dance Performance Fogem)
- 17:45-19:00: Konser (Concert) Beyaz Trio

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## FRUSTRATION, FRUSTRATION, BUT ESENTEPE GET AWAY IT!

**Results: : ESENTEPE KSK 0 MORMENEŞKE GBSK 1**

By Richard Beale....

Esentepe blew it! They had a really good chance to get a secure grip on that second automatic promotion place, instead they "had butterfingers" and remained clinging on to it by their fingertips.

**Saturday, April 20, 2024: AKSA League 1: Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadium.**

Weather: dry/sunny occasional cloud.

Esentepe lost but they got away with it as the AKSA League 1 produced an incredible round of shock results, as their promotion rivals also stumbled against lowly opposition. Only Dems. Con Çanakkale won out of the top 7 and they did Esentepe a huge favour beating 3rd place Gönyeli 2-1.

Next Sunday Esentepe plays Çanakkale away and Gönyeli travels to Binatlı who need to win to stay in the promotion "playoffs"

An Esentepe win and a Gönyeli loss will see us promoted, and another nail-biting day next week in store for us.

Esentepe have only themselves to blame over the last few weeks with their failure to beat lowly struggling teams 0-1 Maraş, 2-2 v Ozanköy, 0-0 v Girne Halk Evi, and now this result, promotion should have been secured long ago.

Without their only recognised striker the injured Deniz Kıbar, the Esentepe squad lacking forwards was crucially shown up.

Esentepe Coach Davut Kansu

selected his strongest side available, there was no lack of effort from the team but they couldn't find a way past a stubborn Mormeneşke defence.

This was a crucial win for Mormeneşke but they are still in a relegation play-off place as most of their rivals also won - as I said before an incredible round of scores.

A large crowd including a noisy contingent from Mormeneşke saw the visitors dominate the opening 15 minutes, they were quicker to the ball, spraying the ball around and breaking at pace, and deservedly took the lead in the 9th minute.

İzzet produced a lovely ball on the right putting through ŞABAN AKSOY running on into the box to beat the advancing Osman. **0-1**

Mormeneşke continued to dominate using the wings, where Cenker and Yasin kept the Esentepe defence occupied.

Esentepe was sluggish and giving the ball away far too often.

In the 22nd minute, Emek and Efe got themselves in a tangle allowing İzzet to streak away on the right, he cut inside and beat the onrushing Osman, squaring the ball across the area but there was no one there to apply the finishing touch - a real let off for the home team.

Esentepe had their best chance of the match shortly before the break when good work on the right by Efe beating a couple of players before squaring a low cross to Burak Karabacak whose shot deflected off goalkeeper Ozan - who didn't know too much about it for a corner.

ŞABAN scores the only goal of the game.



**HALF TIME SCORE : 0-1**

It was a different Esentepe in the second half they meant business with Efe bursting through a crowd of players but his shot was deflected for a corner, from that kick Semih had a header scrambled away by Justice.

With the crowd behind them, this was much better from Esentepe, veteran Captain Emek was constantly overlapping and using all his experience in using the left wing in particularly.

In the 59th minute, Esentepe laid siege to the visitor's goal, Ali had a shot charged down, there was an almighty scramble, Semih had a shot cleared off the line, another shot was blocked, and then finally Emre from outside the box shot into the grateful arms of Ozan.

With all this pressure and being unable to score from it Esentepe was becoming more and more frustrated.

They made substitutions to give the team more energy but the stubborn Mormeneşke defence did not wilt with their Captain Ertan Bulut, 44 years old using all of his experience to keep Esentepe at bay.

Pushing men forward Esentepe was always susceptible to quick Mormeneşke breakaways with Yasin Kurt another vastly experienced player putting in some telling runs and crosses on the right flank.

In the 82nd minute, a careless back pass by Mustafa let in Cenker, Osman rushing out of goal managed to make the winger go wide of goal and recover to block his shot for a corner.

Emek injured himself after taking a free kick, clutching his knee, Esentepe had used their allotted 3 times substitutes and he was barely a passenger in the end - very worrying for the last 2 matches.

**SUMMING UP:**

It's in Esentepe's hands at the moment they are very slippery with 2 matches left against playoff contenders - win against Çanakkale and Gönyeli lose they are promoted.

No lack of effort today but they missed Deniz - hopefully he will be fit for next week.

A goal tally of 39 goals in 28 matches, where rivals have scored 68, 62, and 52 tells its own story.



## HEARTBREAK FOR ESENTEPE!

**Results: DEMS. CONS. ÇANAKKALE TSK 2 ESENTEPE KSKK 2**

By Richard Beale....

**93 minutes** and Esentepe were on their way to the Super League, Gönyeli losing to Binatlı they just had to last out for another 3 minutes and that second automatic promoted place was theirs. Tragically for them, they conceded an equalising goal to Çanakkale in the 94th minute, the Champagne remains on ice until the last match of the season next Sunday.

**Sunday, April 28, 2024: AKSA League 1 : Famagusta Dr Fazil Küçük Stadium.**

Weather: Cloudy, humid, and dry.

So it goes down to the wire, we must wait, and give our fingernails a chance to recover.

Esentepe continues to make life difficult for themselves, automatic promotion should have been sealed a few matches ago, and their hands continue to be slippery. The only consolation is that their nearest challenger Gönyeli is going through a rough patch themselves, losing their second consecutive match.

The final round of matches are next Sunday and there are no easy matches, it's going to be anxious faces looking at the other scores and listening to the radio next week.

ESENTEPE v BİNATLI (Esentepe must win to go up automatically, Binatlı must win

to clinch a promotion playoff spot)

GÖNYELI v YILMAZKÖY same scenario as above for both teams, Gönyeli must win.

YALOVA v DEMS. CONS. ÇANAKKALE both need to win to stand outside chances of gaining automatic promotion.

A big crowd was present at the magnificent Dr Fazil Küçük Stadium and there were shocks to both teams line ups.

BERKANT ISTANBUL, Çanakkale goal machine broke down in the pre match and had to sit on the bench, even then he wasn't used. Esentepe suffered the same fate with their striker DENİZ KIBAR. Also missing through injury was Esentepe Captain, penalty and free kick specialist EMEK KIRLIMAZ his place was taken by teenager MEHMET ADA who certainly didn't let the team down.

Esentepe started brightly in the opening period and took an early lead in the 9th minute when good combination of work on the left involving Efe led to ALI AVCISOYU cutting across goal just outside the area where he sent in a low shot that beat the diving Yusuf on his right hand side **0-1**

Mustafa Soytürk was pretty prominent on the right putting in some strong tackles and making surging runs on the wing.



The opening 25 minutes belonged to Esentepe, after that period the match became scrappy, with little goalmouth action with plenty of fouls.

Çanakkale finished the half strongly but failed to trouble Osman in the visitors goal.

**HALF TIME SCORE : 0-1**

Çanakkale pushed their strong man Yunus Kalaycı upfront from his defensive position.

And it was YUNUS KALAYCI who equalised for Çanakkale in the 54th minute following a dreadful mistake from goalkeeper Osman. A Sami Ergazi corner from the left should have been dealt with by Osman but he completely missed punch sending the ball to an opponent whose shot was blocked on the line by Semih, falling to Yunus to crash home the rebound.

**1-1**

Esentepe regained the lead shortly afterward in the 62nd minute following a dubious penalty. Semih was definitely brought down by Mustafa but it did appear to be just

outside the penalty area. With regular penalty taker Emek, injured up stepped EFE ÇOPUR to score from a coolly taken penalty to send the Esentepe replacement bench leaping for joy as well as their jubilant fans - the Super League was definitely on again. **1-2**

**68 minutes** Osman made up for his previous error producing a fine save to push away a Özger shot in the 68th minute.

The game was being stretched now substitute Burak went on a run on the left before finding Emre who cut inside in the 75th minute but fired into the side netting.

In the 80 minute Semih who was previously booked, challenge for a bouncing ball with Çağdaş both players had their feet raised with the Çanakkale player falling to the ground. Very surprisingly I thought referee Fehim sent off the Esentepe player for a 50-50 challenge. This incensed the Esentepe supporters lighting the touch paper.

Çanakkale could sense their chance



## continued.....HEARTBREAK FOR ESENTEPE!

**Results: DEMS. CONS. ÇANAKKALE TSK 2 ESENTEPE KSK 2**

now as they poured forward putting the Esentepe defence under siege with centre defender Oğuz Göktaş outstanding having another strong match. Çanakkale experienced defenders Sami Ergazi was constantly raiding down the left flank, Orhan Kalaycı brother of Yunus showed what a fine player he is, strong at the back he was now adding his strength and height to the Çanakkale cause.

With Gönyeli losing at Binatlı. That Super League place was slowly becoming a reality we were counting down the clock, Esentepe supporters were now on their feet urging their team on to survive the final minutes.

The game entered into 6 minutes of injury time, Esentepe were hanging on, bodies on the line, blocking and charging down shots.

**94 minutes** a Çanakkale corner from the left taken by Sami, Osman was caught in two minds and stranded in no man's land, the ball went across to the far post to ORHAN KALAYCI to put the ball into the net **2-2**.

Pandemonium broke out wild celebrations from the Çanakkale players and supporters, it was too much for some of the Esentepe supporters and players from the bench as scuffles broke out, Police and coaching staff from both sides trying to quell tempers. Referee Fehmi handed out yellow cards like confetti.

Esentepe hearts were broken, cruelly taken away from them 2 minutes is all that was left on the clock, their dream of Super League must wait for a further week.

### SUMMING UP:

A draw was a fair result, though 2 defensive errors proved costly. Panic seemed to set in those the final 5 minutes where a little control and calm was needed. Strong defensive performances by all defenders, Emre Mutlu ran and ran and upfront Semih had his best game of the season, putting himself about both in attack and defence and was so unfortunate to be sent off. Once again no faulting the teams effort they gave it everything

So once again we face our old rivals Binatlı in a crucial match. **So once again we face our old rivals Binatlı in a crucial match.** the finishing line is in sight.

**ESENTEPE TEAM:** Osman (gk) : Mustafa, Devran, OĞUZ, Mehmet Ada : Ilyas (c), Tuğra, Emre : Ali (Burak Tümkan 68), Semih, Efe.

**Red card** - Semih (Esentepe) 80

**Yellow cards** -Orhan, Yunus, Ekrem (Çanakkale). İlyas, Deniz (Esentepe)

**Referee** - Fehim Dayı - inconsistent - not one of his best matches.



EFE penalty restores Esentepe lead . 1-2



93rd minute ORHAN ( 3rd Çanakkale player from left) is poised to equalise 2-2.



We go again in the final match!