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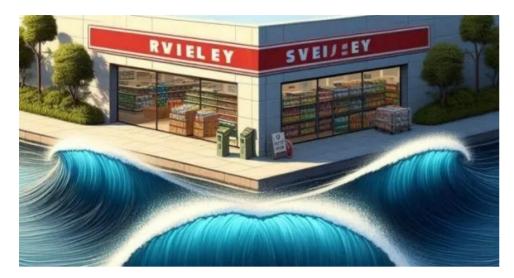
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# A 66,000% Profit on water supplied?



**Readers Mail....** 

The cost of water....

From A A Wisley....

Usually I refill my 15 litre watercooler bottles at the local shop. It is just ordinary tap water from the mains. The 15 litre water bottles supplied by supermarkets also contain, basically, just mains water. I suspect (based on Coca Cola doing exactly this in London) that cheap non gassy bottled water is also just mains water but with added nasty chemicals leached from the plastic of the bottles. The price differences are, though, astounding.

- Mains water direct from the Belediyesi, per tonne 20TL
- 15 litre refills (including new caps), per tonne 1,333TL

• 15 litre bottles from supermarkets, per tonne 6.467TL

• 1.5 litre bottles of still water, per tonne 13,333TL

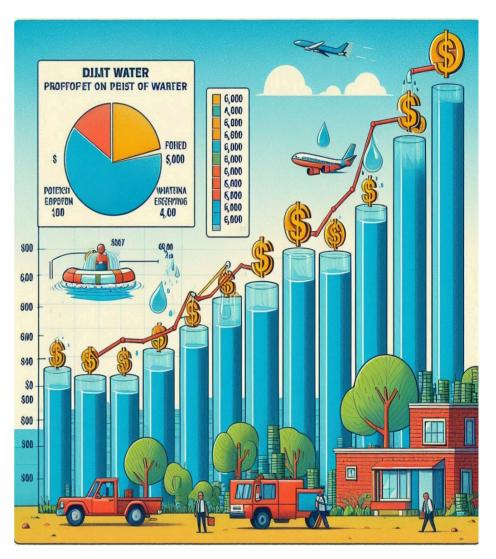
The gross mark-up on 1.5 litre bottles of water (sourced from the mains) is **66,000%**. That's a pretty

good margin which relies entirely on our laziness and empty headedness.

But that profit is not enough for

me. I think I can do better than 66,000.

Just you wait until it rains.



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# TRNC Presidency: "The mandate of Holguin was not extended"

TRNC Presidency made a statement on news reports claiming that there will be an extension of Holguin Cuellar's term in Office. The statement is as follows:

"The news in the Greek Cypriot press about the extension of the mandate of the Personal Envoy of the UN Secretary-General, Maria Angela Holguin Cuellar, does not reflect the truth.

# UN sources have also verified that the news is not true.

Our esteemed President had given his consent to this appointment, provided that it was limited to a period not exceeding six months, and he will continue to work constructively with the Personal Envoy in the remaining 1 month."

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



# Tatar thanks Aliyev for supporting TRNC's full membership to OTS



President Ersin Tatar thanked Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev for supporting the TRNC to become a full member of the Organization of Turkic States

(OTS).

TRNC becomes a full member of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS). Tatar emphasized that Aliyev's statement, "As Azerbaijan, we support the TRNC's full membership to the Organization of Turkic States.

This is very natural because, historically, the TRNC is a part of the Turkic world. The Turkish people living there are our brothers." is significant and invaluable for the Turkish Cypriot people.

He also added that Mr. Aliyev has expressed the fact that the TRNC as the Turkish state in the Eastern Mediterranean is an integral part of the Turkic world in every aspect, and thanked Aliyev on behalf of the people of the TRNC.

Tatar stated "Our brotherhood from Lefkoşa to Baku will endure" and emphasized that the brotherhood between Azerbaijan and the TRNC, as members of the same nation will live on forever.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

# **Çavuşoğlu speaks at 8th Meeting of OTS Education Ministers**

Minister of National Education Nazım Çavuşoğlu attended the 8th Meeting of the Ministers of Education of the Organization of Turkic States held in Shusha, the cultural capital of Azerbaijan.

Nazım Çavuşoğlu speaks at the 8th Meeting of OTS Education Ministers

Speaking at the meeting where the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) participated as an observer member, Minister of National Education Nazım Çavuşoğlu stated that they provide services in a wide range from preschool education to higher education. He emphasized that the TRNC is among the countries offering quality education in the Mediterranean with an increasing number of local and foreign students in the higher education sector each year.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



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# **President Tatar meets with Downer**



President Ersin Tatar received Alexander Downer, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Australia and former Special Advisor to the UN SecretaryGeneral on Cyprus.

Alexander Downer's views on the future oF Cyprus are important. During the meeting, President Tatar pointed out that Alexander Downer, as a former Australian Foreign Minister and as a person who served as a Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General on Cyprus for six years, closely followed the process and developments in Cyprus and emphasised that Alexander Downer's views on the future are important.

President Tatar also stated that the new and official negotiations will begin if our sovereign equality and equal international status are confirmed.

The President noted that the solution on a federal basis, which has been negotiated for years, has not been achieved and that the negotiations on the federal basis collapsed, therefore the negotiations for federation will not be resumed.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



# FA Minister Ertuğruloğlu attends 16th Istanbul Security Conference

TRNC Minister of Foreign Affairs Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu attended the 16th Istanbul Security Conference, organized in Istanbul on May 31, 2024, in cooperation with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Association Strategic Studies and Implementation and Research Centre of the Başkent University.

Minister Ertuğruloğlu was accompanied by the TRNC Consul General to İstanbul Fatma Demirel and Consul Ülkü Alemdar at the conference in Conrad Bosphorus Hotel organized with the title 'Recoding Global Security'.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



# Hasipoğlu and Candan attend PACE Meeting



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A delegation from the TRNC Assembly consisting of National Unity Party MP Oğuzhan Republican Hasipoğlu and Turkish Party MP Armağan Candan attended the meeting of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) in Oslo, Norway, on 30-31 May 2024.

According to the statement of the

TRNC Assembly, during the meeting, the report on Maraş/Cyprus prepared by Italian MP Rapporteur Piero Fassino was also discussed.

The parliamentary delegation also held meetings with the Director of the Eastern Europe and Cyprus desk of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and representatives of the Norwegian think tank PRIO during their visit to Oslo.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

# Amcaoğlu attends 3rd Ministerial Meeting of TPS-OIC in İstanbul

### 3rd Ministerial Meeting of TPS-OIC in İstanbul

TRNC Economy and Energy Minister Olgun Amcaoğlu attended the 3rd Ministerial Meeting of the Trade Preferential System among the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (TPS-OIC) Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC) in İstanbul on 10-11 June 2024.

Minister Amcaoğlu said that he was honoured to attend this important meeting and emphasized that trade between the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and Islamic countries should be developed.

According to the information issued by the Ministry, the development of trade between Islamic countries and the suffering in Palestine were the prominent topics of the two-day meeting hosted by Prof. Dr. Ömer BOLAT, the Minister of Trade of the Republic of Türkiye.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



# Töre meets Gafarova and Asadov



The Speaker of the TRNC Assembly Zorlu Töre has met respectively with the Speaker of the Milli Mejlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan Sahibe Gafarova and Azerbaijan's Prime Minister Ali Asadov.

Speaker of the TRNC Assembly Zorlu Töre attended Milli Mejlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan According to the information received by the TRNC Assembly, during the meetings held in the Milli Mejlis of Azerbaijan and the Prime Ministry building, issues concerning the dialogue and cooperation between the two countries and the two parliaments were discussed.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

# **ARUCAD Dean Gave Training at the Hamburg Theater Festival**

Arkin University of Creative Arts and Design (ARUCAD) Dean of the Faculty of Music and Performing Arts, Prof. Dr. Kerem Karaboğa trained theater students and actors in workshops held at Hamburg Mut Theater as part of the Hamburg 7th Theater Bridge Festival program.

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Dean of ARUCAD Faculty of Music and Performing Arts, Prof. Dr Kerem





Karaboğa. in the workshop he prepared, gave training on how a text can be transformed into verbal and physical actions during performance, using the methods of Theodoros Terzopoulos and Vsevolod Meyerhold.

In the two-day training sessions, which focused on drama and body language, people from different cultures were able to come together and produce objective and unbiased critical thinking. After the workshops, participants were presented with a certificate of participation.

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

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# ARUCAD and Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University signed a Protocol



Arkın Creative Arts and Design University (ARUCAD) signed a protocol with Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University (ÇOMÜ) aimed at cooperation in scientific, artistic, social, research and cultural fields.

This important collaboration aims to contribute to the academic and cultural activities of both universities.

### ARUCAD agreement with Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University (ÇOMÜ)

Within the scope of the protocol, the focus will be on cooperation between the Urban Design and Landscape Architecture Department of ARUCAD Faculty of Design and the Landscape Architecture Department of ÇOMÜ Faculty of Architecture and Design. Annual and seasonal events are planned for scientific collaborations, scientific meetings such as symposiums, congresses, panels and workshops, as well as exhibitions and applications (designs, field studies and destinations). These researches and activities will allow the emergence of new projects and creative ideas for the students and academics of both universities.

### Source (Turkish):

Arkın Creative Arts and Design University (ARUCAD)

### **EMU Becomes A Member Of TURKUNIB**

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) added a new success to its international achievements by being accepted to the Organization of Turkic States, Turkic Universities Union (TURKUNIB).

### EMU Becomes A Member Of TURKUNIB

According to the information obtained from the EMU, Turkic Council (Türk Keneşi) Turkic Universities Union was established in 2013 with the aim of realizing cooperation in the field of higher education between the member countries of the Turkic Council. The Union aims to organize symposiums, academic activities and competitions in the fields of culture, science and sports between the member universities.

With the newly granted membership, EMU is included within a vast collaboration network among Türkiye, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Hungary and, aims to initiate more



collaborations in the field of education as well as actively participating in student and personnel exchange programs.

Source:

**TRNC Public Information Office** 

# Girne Mayor Şenkul Demands Answers To Water Problem



The Mayor of Girne, Murat Şenkul, directed a series of questions to the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources regarding the water issue that has been ongoing since June 4th. regarding the malfunction at the Geçitköy Pump Station, which has been causing problems since June 4th and was, reportedly, resolved last week according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Şenkul stated that much less water has been provided compared to before the malfunction occurred despite the ministry's claims that the issue had been resolved.

# "Less Water Than Before the Malfunction

Şenkul pointed out that the workers responsible for delivering water to the regions have been working continuously for 8 days with only a few hours of sleep. Despite this, there are still specific streets and complexes in the center of Girne that have not been provided with water, and in areas where water does reach, it is being supplied intermittently.

### "What Is The Problem?"

Şenkul called on the Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Hüseyin Çavuş, to make a statement on the matter. Continuing his statement, Şenkul listed the questions that need answering: "What is the problem?", "Why are we not getting enough water?", "You say the problem is solved, but many pump stations are not working because they are not receiving pressure. If you cannot provide the answers, then who will come forward to explain this to the citizens and when?"

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality

Mayor Şenkul raised questions

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### The European Union is Due a Dramatic Change

### By Prof. Dr Ata Atun.... Guest Columnist....

In the UK, it is already clear that the current Conservative Party will lose the general elections to be held on 4th 2024 July by a landslide.

In the USA, Presidential elections will be held in the first weeks of November.

In the European Union, elections will take place and the course of events is contrary to the principles of the formation of the European Union.

# Let us go back a little and then I will come to the point.

In 1945, after the Second World War, which ended with the defeat of Germany and the victory of the USA, the leading countries of the European continent, such as England, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, etc., saw becoming a political/economic colony of the USA as salvation in order to develop and return to the old days.

Under pressure from the USA, Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg, Luxembourg and the Netherlands united in 1951 to establish the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) in order to strengthen the coal and steel sectors, the two basic raw materials of industry. The USA tightly controlled the ECSC both politically and economically. All the necessary capital was provided by US companies.

ECSC members and Britain to grant independence to their colonies

As a second step, in order to expand its export market and to dominate the global economy and the financial world, the US forced the ECSC members and Britain to grant independence to their colonies. It took until 1967 for European countries to grant independence to their colonies. France continued to rule its colonies with critical minerals from behind the scenes until today, as if it had granted independence to its colonies.

Going back to the beginning, it is certain that the Conservatives will lose power and the Labour Party, the main opposition party, will win the elections in the UK, which will start this week and continue until the end of the week. Although the first and second days of the elections will be official working days, voters who cannot take leave from their workplace will be able to cast their votes through methods such as 'postal voting' and 'proxy voting', which are not in force in our country yet.

# Nationalist and conservative parties are on the rise.

In the European Union elections, the nationalist and conservative parties are on the rise, while the Liberal and Green parties are on the decline. Despite the rise, nationalist and conservative parties are divided into two groups within themselves. One group is pro-US and the other is anti-US.

In the European Parliament, some groups will lose seats while others will increase their capitulation. Of course, it is already becoming clear which groups will gain strength. In particular, the Renew Europe group, which includes



French President Macron's list, will lose 17 per cent of its seats. On the other hand, the Identity and Democracy Group (Identity and Democracy), formed by nationalists, will rise two places and take the 4th place.

Although Germany and France, the pillars of the EU, have been in serious disagreement for several years, France, Germany and Italy will increase their number of seats in the Parliament. This indicates that the absolute influence of the USA on the EU will continue.

The most important development will take place after the elections to the European Parliament.

The issue of 'ending veto rights in the European Union or ending unanimous voting and decisionmaking processes' will be on the agenda of the European Parliament.

# Veto rights in the European Union must end.

Over the past 12 months, tens of thousands of EU citizens have submitted their opinions to the 'Conference on the Future of Europe', where the future of the European Union and their concerns were discussed. The most important conclusion of the conference was that 'the European Union must reform in order to survive in tomorrow's world, and that veto rights in the European Union must end and decisions must be taken by majority vote'.

What will happen as a result? Countries such as the so-called 'Republic of Cyprus' will no longer be able to use the European Union for their own political and financial interests with the 'Veto Right' and hide behind the European Union.

In summary, it seems that different developments will take place in the coming years, especially in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East geography...

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# Fahri Zihni: How impartial can the UN in Cyprus really be?





Fahri Zihni talking in the Cyprus Mail

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

How impartial can the UN in Cyprus really be?

Hello, Chris please share my Cyprus Mail article,

This is one of several articles which exposes the failings of the UN both in Cyprus and in New York

Thank you and with best wishes

Fahri

By Fahri Zihni,

Unficyp should have asked Turkey and UK to foot their bill as well as Cyprus and Greece

The United Nations (UN) has three key principles for its peacekeeping operations. These are consent of the parties involved, impartiality and non-use of force except in self-defence and defence of the mandate.

In 2018, the Turkish Cypriot leader Mustafa Akinci called for a separate State of Force Agreement (SOFA) between northern Cyprus and Unficyp, and asked the UN Security Council for the reassessment of the Unficyp's mandate. Nothing has changed since. Currently, there is nothing on paper which sets out the UN's modus operandi in relation to northern Cyprus. North Cypriots are the invisible party. So there is no secret about the fact that the Turkish Cypriots, as one of the two essential interested parties have lost all confidence in the UN and Unficyp, and are not consenting to the presence of the UN. Indeed, in 2022, they went as far as asking Unficyp to leave their stations in the north.

purposes Partly for the of impartiality, peacekeeping soldiers are paid for by their own governments according to their own national rank and salary scale, not by the country in which they operate. These governments are then reimbursed by the UN from a central budget which is funded by all member states.

### This is not what happens for Cyprus.

In the early 1990s, the UN did not see Cyprus as a priority given that there had been no fighting there for nearly two decades, and no resolution was reached to the Cyprus problem after numerous UN attempts. It questioned the need to continue with this mission and incurring costs, having run-up a deficit of US \$200m. Surprisingly, an exception was made by the UN in 1993 that in the case of Cyprus, a new resolution (47/236) would apply which would allow the Republic and Greece to pay a substantial part of the peacekeeping mission themselves.

Today, the Unficyp approved budget for the period of 2023-2024 stands at

US \$56m of which \$24m is paid for by Cyprus and Greece. This amount matches the cost of the military and police personnel and it is paid directly into Unficyp mission's budget, not the central UN budget. The amount paid into the UN's central budget is only \$1m. This does call into question whether the impartiality of the UN forces in Cyprus, and its officials in New York is compromised due to this unique arrangement.

# The UN could have avoided this clear conflict of interest.

The UN could have avoided this clear conflict of interest by encouraging the relatively paltry shortfall payment to be made by the Cyprus constitution's three guarantor countries of the UK, Greece and Turkey. Questioning the need for the presence of the UN in Cyprus, seemingly ad infinitum, is a recurrent theme for the UN leadership and continues to this day. As an alternative to provisioning ongoing payments, the UN could have led discussions about an orderly and secure exit strategy that is acceptable to all sides, potentially benefiting all Cypriots through the use of land released by Unficyp, and reductions gained from the cessation of UN payments.

How important is UN impartiality? Apart from ethical considerations concerning fairness and justice, much espoused by the UN itself, if actions of the UN are perceived to be onesided, confidence will drop Without confidence, any proposals from the UN will be rejected. This is a particularly significant issue for *Cyprus, where there is an unfortunate* blurring of lines between the two distinct UN activities of on-site military-based peacekeeping, and the political support function necessary for the resolution of the Cyprus problem.

There are always complaints from both sides.

There are always complaints from both sides that Unficyp is not being fair in relation to buffer zone issues – some of these will be valid, others will be an "occupational hazard" for Unficyp. I have previously written about some examples of differential between treatment the two communities which stand out. But what about the UN's political support in relation to the Cyprus problem? Is this also compromised?

Let us take, for example, the task which has been taken up by Maria Angela Holguin as the United Nations secretary-general's (UNSG) personal envoy on Cyprus. Her publicly declared remit was simple: "to search for common ground on the way forward" and both sides agreed to take part in the project on this basis.

Only the people of Cyprus can rightly decide if they have common ground between them for further negotiation, each consulting with their contacts as they see fit. However, Holguin has clearly been persuaded, somehow, to go way off her declared remit and consult with foreign politicians as far and wide as France, Germany, USA and even Russia - countries which should never have a say in whether there is any common ground for discussion, or in the future of Cyprus. The UN envoy is doing this, presumably, so that these countries can be used to arm-twist one or both these communities of into submission through their "patron" countries to accept something that they would otherwise not wish to do. This is not only out of scope, but also somewhat cynical and quite improper.

# The issue here is not about the rights and wrongs.

The issue here is not about the rights and wrongs of the envoy's actions. It is about the fact that whereas she

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### continued......How impartial can the UN in Cyprus really be?

does need to be mindful of anything that the Greek Cypriot leadership may be wishing to do, she can readily ignore the wishes of the Turkish Cypriot leadership because neither Unficyp funding, nor UN-Cyprus relationship depends on them. They don't count.

In November 2023, deputy UNSG Jean-Pierre Lacroix, on a flying visit to Cyprus said: "First and foremost, we discussed the support provided by President Christodoulides and the Cypriot authorities to Unficyp, and we express our sincere appreciation for this support." One would expect deference and expressions of gratitude to be coming from a country for the support it receives from the UN. This is the other way round, and clearly demonstrates UN beholdence to the Republic for the payment of the Unficyp military and policing costs.

This cannot be right.

The UN will continue to fail in Cyprus, if it does not take steps to demonstrate that it is adhering to its own principles of consent and impartiality.

It is ironic that the UN has taken up the role of confidence building between the two communities when it enjoys little confidence from either community itself.

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### **Cyprus Mail articles by Fahri Zihni 9 June 2024**

Readers Mail.... From Fahri Zahni.... Guest Columnist....

Dear friends,

I hope you have had a good spring. Here in England, we have been starved of good weather, but we will be going to beautiful Cyprus soon, so we are happy! We also went to Singapore in February, an extraordinary country where everything looks great and works perfectly, and where, for a tiny island, an excellent balance has been kept between nature and the builtlandscape.

Bringing you the Truth of Cyprus.

As I wrote last time, my objective with the Cyprus Mail articles has been to bring to attention many truths about the Cyprus conflict which are not widely known or understood, and do so with honesty and fairness to both Greek and Turkish communities. I hope these articles will make a contribution to improving the lives of all Cypriots and their relationships with each other.

### Recently, I have also written about the appalling situation in relation to Gaza and Israel.

I am now a Regular Columnist with the Cyprus Mail. This means that you can access all my articles under one URL.

I will be happy to take your comments, ideas and suggestions for future articles.



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Happy summer time!

Fahri Zihni

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# **Girne Old Municipality Building redevelopment competition**



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The initiation of the 'Girne Old Municipality Building and Ramadan Cemil Square Public Space Arrangement Project Competition' marks a significant milestone in the urban development of Girne.

This competition, a collaborative effort between the Girne Municipality and the Union of Chambers of Cyprus Turkish Engineers and Architects (KTMMOB), aims to revitalize and transform the historical and cultural landscape of the city. The protocol signing ceremony, held at the Girne Municipality Assembly Meeting Hall, was a testament to the commitment of both institutions to foster innovation and community engagement in the architectural realm.

### The competion was launched

The presence of Girne Mayor Murat Şenkul, KTMMOB Chairman Seran Aysal, and former Chairman Tunç Adanır, along with other dignitaries, underscored the importance of this initiative. Their speeches highlighted the collaborative process and the shared vision for a rejuvenated public space that respects the heritage while embracing modernity. The meticulous planning process outlined during the meeting reflects a comprehensive approach to urban design, ensuring that all aspects of the competition from jury selection to the final announcement of results—are executed with precision and integrity.

### The importants of the Competition

Mayor Şenkul's acknowledgment of the day as a pivotal moment for Girne with resonates the citizens' anticipation for a project that promises to enhance the quality of public spaces. The competition is set to be a catalyst for change, inviting creative solutions that will shape the future of Girne's public realm. It is an opportunity for architects and designers to contribute to the city's legacy, crafting spaces that will serve

the community and enrich the urban fabric for generations to come.

The project competition is not just an architectural endeavor, it is a cultural and social investment in the heart of Girne. It represents a forward-thinking approach to urban planning, where functionality meets aesthetic appeal, and where the past and future coalesce to create a vibrant, inclusive environment. As the competition unfolds, it will undoubtedly spark a dialogue about the role of public spaces in enhancing civic life, fostering a sense of belonging, and promoting sustainable urban development. The 'Girne Old Municipality Building and Ramadan Cemil Square Public Space Arrangement Project Competition' is poised to become a benchmark for initiatives, similar inspiring communities to reimagine their shared spaces with creativity and purpose.

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality

# **Atelier Arkın's 2024 Spring-Summer Ceramic Trainee Exhibition**

The Atelier Arkın 2024 Spring-Summer Ceramic Trainee Exhibition, hosted by the Arkın Creative Arts and Design University (ARUCAD), marked a significant event in the cultural calendar of the university. The exhibition showcased the culmination of intensive training and artistic exploration by the ceramic trainees, under the guidance of the esteemed Atelier Arkın instructors.

### Atelier Arkın's 2024 Spring-Summer Ceramic Trainee Exhibition

The event was not just a display of artistic works; it was a celebration of the creative process and the journey of the artists from conception to completion.

The exhibition featured a diverse range of ceramic pieces, each telling its own story through the medium of clay. The use of three different types

of clay and a variety of techniques, including hand shaping, underglaze painting, and the application of artistic glazes, highlighted the trainees' mastery over their craft. The 32 works on display were more than just objects; they were embodiments of the trainees' dedication, creativity, and the innovative spirit fostered by Atelier Arkın.

The presence of ARUCAD's Board of Trustees Chairman Dr. Sinan Arkın and Rector Prof. Dr. Asım Vehbi at the opening event underscored the institution's commitment to nurturing artistic talent and providing a platform for emerging artists. Their attendance, along with that of the public, added a layer of gravitas to the occasion, reinforcing the importance of art in fostering community and cultural dialogue.

Director Yusuf Baydal's

acknowledgment of the trainees' efforts and Instructor Sinem Baba's reflections on the team's synergy spoke volumes about the supportive and collaborative environment at Atelier Arkın. Such an environment is crucial for artistic growth, allowing for a free exchange of ideas and mutual inspiration among the trainees and instructors.

Prof. Dr. Asım Vehbi's remarks onl, the significance of Atelier Arkın's role in enriching society through art education and events like the exhibition resonated with the attendees. The success of the exhibition and the positive reception by the audience are testaments to the vitality of the arts within the community and the essential role of educational institutions like ARUCAD in promoting and sustaining this vibrancy.

In conclusion, the Atelier Arkın 2024 Spring-Summer Ceramic Trainee



Exhibition was not only a showcase of individual talent but also a reflection of the collective spirit of ARUCAD. It served as a reminder of the transformative power of art and its ability to connect individuals, enrich lives, and enhance societal values. The exhibition set for future precedent events, promising continued engagement with the arts and a lasting impact on the cultural fabric of the community.

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

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# Morton Park FC on YouTube and the match that never was

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### Introduction from Chris Elliott....

It was good to receive from Ozen Orman news of the latest release of his Morton Park FC YouTube collection of videos and his latest video is titled:

Cyprus, Luton, and the match that never was.

We are also showing here 2 videos which describe memories of living in Cyprus and then leaving for a life in the UK.

This is a follow up video to his "Dad's memories of Pano Lefkara in Cyprus.

And it discusses the hardship of emigration, the history and facts of village life, changes and difficulties facing the Lefkara community.

# Departing Cyprus A short story Not a Travel Vlog Watch on Original Not a Travel Vlog

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# A Pet Message From Our Girne Schoolchildren

First-grade students from Girne 23 Nisan Primary School visited the Girne Municipality as part of a social responsibility project. During the visit, the students donated the pet food they had brought to the Girne Municipality Animal Shelter and Rehabilitation Centre. The students learned about the operations of the animal shelter and brought home to the community the message **"Don't Buy, Adopt!"** 

Source	(Turkish):	Girne
Municipality		

**Editor's Comment:** 

A large number of municipality and charitable animal shelters are full meaning many abandoned pets must fend for themselves in an environment hostile to them.

There would be no need for any shelters if there was a culture of responsible pet ownership which eliminated the discarding of inappropriate pets and unwanted puppies and kittens. Letting children see what can happen to pets when they are abandoned is important. The message "Don't Buy, Adopt" is a start but it is a "sticking plaster" on the underlying problem.



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# **YOGA For Everyone At Kervansaray Beach**



YOGA For Everyone At **Kervansaray Beach** 

World Yoga Day, celebrated globally on June 21st, will also be enjoyed in Girne at the same time, organized by the Girne Municipality.

The event, international in nature and bilingual in English and Turkish, will be led by Jivamukti Yoga Instructor Naile Soyel and accompanied by yoga instructors Bülent Çakır, Ebru Münir, Hayal Gezer, Irmak Behazatoğlu, and Suzie Heijari at Kervansaray Public Beach. It is open and free to everyone of all age groups.

The event will take place on Friday, June 21st, from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM, and is themed around peace and unity with nature and all living beings, healthy living, positive outlook on life, and reconnecting with life. According to a statement from the Girne Municipality's Department of Culture and Arts, those seeking more information about the event can call 05338702014.

(Turkish): Girne Source **Municipality** 

# **Celebration in the 16th International Summer Joy Children's Festival**

The 16th International Summer Joy 150 local children, Children's Festival in Giirne was a vibrant tapestry of cultural exchange and youthful exuberance. Organized by the Lefkosa Folklore and Youth The 'Summer White with Fogem' Center, the festival transformed the city into a bustling carnival, brimming with the laughter and energy of children from around the world.

With a lineup of 85 international participants from countries like Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Bulgaria, Ukraine, and Turkey, alongside over

the event showcased a rich diversity of performances.

theme brought to life cortege marches and dance displays, offering a platform for young talents to shine and for all attendees to immerse themselves in a global celebration of childhood joy and cross-cultural friendship.

Source Girne (Turkish) Municipality













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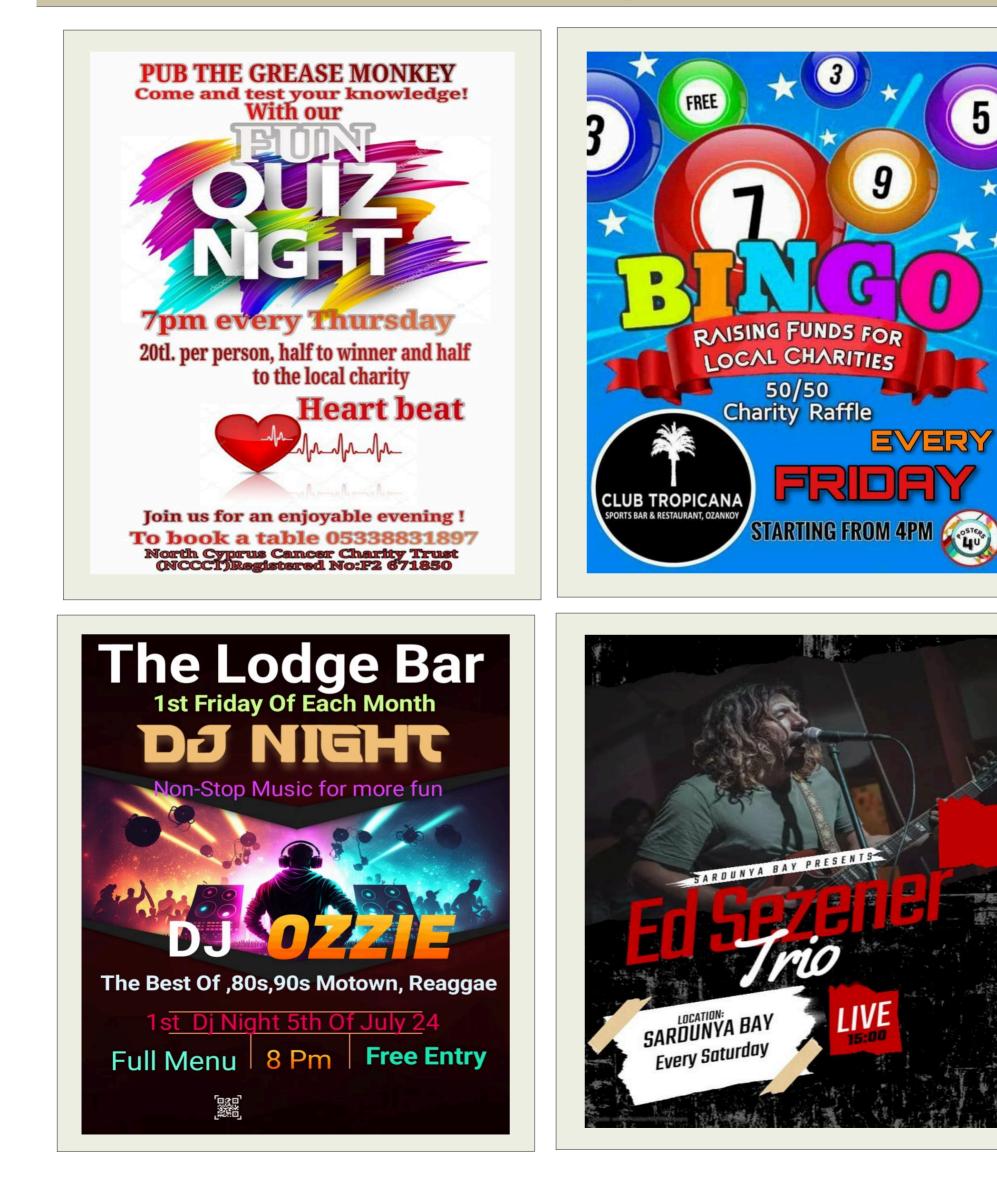
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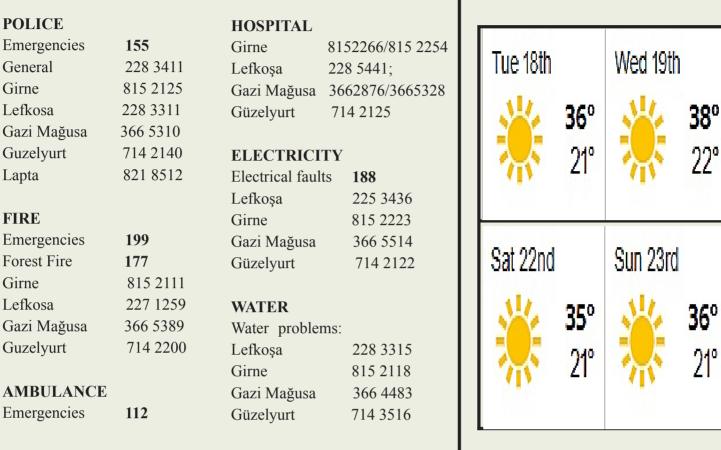
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# TRNC take medals in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu in Nicosia, Cyprus

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### Introduction by Chris Elliott....

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Throughout my life, I have had an interest in martial arts and it first started when I went to a judo club a few times and drifted away until I was caught up in the Bruce Lee interest when I was drawn to a school where around 100 people started training in karate and after some weeks I found myself being transferred to the main club with around 10 others who were still training as I did upto to the age of about 55.

So over the years, I have watched with great interest and understanding of the pressures that participants put themselves through to excel in their study of a martial art and was delighted to receive for sharing, the following news.

### Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu is a martial art that, in recent decades, changed MMA and self-defence forever.

The sportive aspect of BJJ has also grown exponentially in recent times, with probably the largest and most notable competition brand being the 'AJP Tour'. The AJP organises BJJ competitions of varying sizes around the world each week of the season and on Saturday 25th May, the destination was Nicosia, Cyprus!

The National Championship had 500 participants and TRNC's very own 'DBRM'S Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu', a BJJ club headed by 3rd-degree black belt Prof. Juliano Baraqueti and based at MPower Sports Club, entered several of its athletes.

Metin Adil fought in 2 categories; Men's gi and Men's no-gi, winning both divisions and bringing home 2 gold medals, notably, making him the only Turkish Cypriot to reach the podium! Allan Loamy fought in the black belt division and placed 2nd. Arif, in men's blue belt, made it all the way through to the semi-finals

after several tough fights, but narrowly missed out on a place in the next round by 1 point! Webley Jay, 11 years old, won his match by way of submission and earned his place at the centre of the podium. Ariana Hussain, 9 years old, had several matches in the girl's yellow belt category and earned her spot on the podium to collect a bronze medal!

It's always lovely to hear success stories, especially those of our youth, and it's great to see that the TRNC can produce and attract sporting talent with the ability to

compete at the national and international levels! Prof. Juliano, himself a student of Grand Master Flavio Behring, came to TRNC from Brazil to teach jiu-jitsu, providing a great opportunity for people of any age living in the north to learn BJJ!





Metin Adil on the podium for the second time during the tournament!



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Ariana was pleased with her medal!



Action shot N.Webley (black gi) applies a cross choke to win from the bottom position!



Metin Adil takes his opponent's back and looks for a submission!



Arif after winning his first match.

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# **BAHÇELİ HAPPY WITH A POINT Results: AĞIRDAĞ BOĞAZ 1 BAHÇELİ SK 1**

### By Richard Beale...

Bahçeli came away the more happier side having taken a valuable point against the then unbeaten League leaders Ağırdağ Boğaz. Bahçeli became the first team to score a goal against Ağırdağ this season and also the first team to take a point off them. It was not a good day for Ağırdağ who relinquish their top spot to Taşhkent and also finished the match with 10 men.

### Sunday June 9 : BTM League 2, group 3: Karaoğlanoğlu Orhan Dural Stadium.

On a very warm sunny evening the home support turned up in numbers however due to the tragic death of Ali Gül the village of Bahçeli was in mourning restricting the number of supporters who travelled.

Ağırdag before the kick off unveiled a banner remembering Ali Gül and a minute silence was impeccably observed by the crowd.

The first half was very disappointing with Ağırdağ slightly shaded it, there were no real goal chances though Tuğrul in the Bahçeli goal made a couple of decent saves.

In the 42nd minute a Ağırdağ free kick just outside the box saw Talat's effort pushed away by the diving Tuğrul.

Bahçeli replied immediately with Batuhan cutting in from the right and sending a shot wide.

### HALF TIME : 0-0

Bahçeli started the second half well having lots of possession but again creating little. Bahçeli took the lead in the 66th minute following an in-swinging corner from the left by Arif that was headed in by the onrushing IBRAHİM ÇELİK, this being the first goal Ağırdağ have conceded all season. 0-1

Bahçeli couldn't hold onto their lead for long giving away an unnecessary penalty in the 73rd penalty.

Halil was on the left byline in the area but running away from goal when he was bundled over by a clumsy challenge by Metin. TALAT DAĞER put away the subsequent penalty. **1-1** 

This goal ignited the match and tempers were becoming short.

However, both sides failed to create any further chances before the game did finally boil over in injury time when Arif was head butted to the floor by Ağırdag Aydın Yavuz. This brought together both sets of players joined by officials, Coaching staff, and the Police before order was eventually restored and quite rightly Aydın was shown the red card.

A good point for Bahçeli against a very experienced Ağırdağ team.

Ibrahim Çelik ran and ran putting defenders under pressure for Bahçeli but it was the two defences who were the winners in this match.

**Bahçeli "MAN OF THE MATCH** TUĞRULŞAN GÜNAY - strong, dependable, and solid at the heart of the Bahçeli defence.

### BAHÇELİ NEXT MATCH

Away to bottom side ALAYKÖY SKKD - Saturday June 15 -Yılmazköy







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# **BAHÇELİHIT A POSITIVE 6!**

# Results: ALAYKÖY SKKD 1 BAHÇELİ SK 6

### By Richard Beale....

Alayköy may be winless and the bottom team of the group but they still had to be dealt with, Bahçeli did the business easily dispatching the home team and the winning margin could have been more.

### Saturday June 15 : BTM League 2, Group 3 : Yılmazköy Mustafa Üçöz Stadium.

With this match being played at Yılmazköy (near Güzelyurt) it gave us the opportunity to revisit one of our favourite football restaurants, the 3 - OZ ET PAZARI RESTAURANT, which is situated next to the Stadium. As usual, we were made welcome, and served an excellent kebab and mezes, with cold beer served in chilled glasses ( even though beer is now 80TL !), it was a perfect pre-match meal on a hot day.

Anyway, back to the football Group 3 continues to be a fascinating group with Taşkent, Ağırdağ and Bahçeli all competing for the 2 places to go into the play-off stage.

No team can afford a slip-up and Bahçeli won this match easily, dominating it from start to finish.

Bahçeli this week went shopping in the transfer market strengthening their squad for the final push.

One of those signings was midfielder MAHMUT ŞEN ex Esentepe, Tatlisu player who has got a fantastic engine in him and covers every blade of grass. Bahçeli strength is their midfield, Mahmut, his namesake Mahmut Esar Şen, Gökdeniz, Eren, Batuhan, and another recent signing the experienced Erden Özerden not many teams will have this talent at their disposal. A steady goalkeeper, a solid back 4, and a front two of Ibrahim Çelik and Akın Topal, Bahçeli has all the tools to gain promotion to the BTM League 1.

From start to finish Bahçeli dominated the match Alayköy was what they were a team lacking in confidence.

Ibrahim Çelik speed all through the match caused problems for the Alayköy defence, he has a great understanding with fellow striker Akın Topal who is vastly experienced and knows where the goal is helped himself to a hat trick.

Alayköy had only two attempts at goal throughout the match, scoring once and bringing a good save from Tuğrul with the other chance.

Bahçeli could well have scored 10 having hit the woodwork twice, having a couple of penalty decisions go against them, and being foiled by a couple of good saves from the home goalkeeper.

A solid defence, a dominate, midfield with lighting quick attacks were the ingredients for this emphatic victory.

### **SCORERS:**

### AKIF SARIKAYA (41) - Alayköy.

**BAHÇELİ - MAN OF THE MATCH -** MAHMUT ŞEN - first appearance, was everywhere, in defence, midfield, and attack.



TUĞRULSAN ( far left) back heads number 2 . Score 0-2



AKIN TOPAL heads in another goal.



Last kick of the match ASIL ARIF (out of the photo) shot beats goalkeeper Ahmet. 1-6.

BAHÇELİ NEXT MATCH - A 6 pointer - against Group leaders TAŞKENT

Saturday June 22 - HOME - Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadium - kick off 6-00pm.