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The 23rd Zeytinlik Olive Festival continued unabated



The Girne Municipality 23rd International Zeytinlik Olive Festival was completed on Friday, October 4th with intense participation.

The third day of the festival started with the Award-Winning Billiards Tournament held in the village square at 17:00 and the Girne Municipality Tennis Tournament held at the Girne Municipality Tennis Courts.

The tournaments attracted great attention and the audience witnessed exciting moments.

The HASDER Folk Dance Group took the stage at 18:30 pm and gave

the audience enthusiastic moments with their traditional folk dances. Then, Gavin Simons took the stage at 19:00 pm and mesmerized the music lovers with his powerful performance.

Following Simons, the Tango Siempre Tango show at 19:45 pm offered the audience an elegant dance feast.

The Frida Kahlo musical staged by Cranberries Dance Studio at 20:00 pm was highly appreciated by art lovers.

Later in the night, the Artstreet Caucasian Eagles presented an



unforgettable show to the audience with their impressive folk dances. The last event of the festival was the Eril Cambaz concert at 21:00 pm and

the night ended with Cambaz's energetic performance.

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality

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‘23 Nisan Primary School Animal Shelter donation

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23 Nisan Primary School 1st grade students donated food to Girne Municipality Animal Shelter and Rehabilitation Center.

Girne 23 Nisan Primary School 1st grade students visited Girne Municipality as part of a social responsibility project.

According to the information provided by the municipality, during the visit, the students donated the food they brought to Girne Municipality Animal Shelter and Rehabilitation Center.

The students, who received



information about the operation of the animal shelter, gave a message to the society with the slogan “Don’t Buy,

Adopt”.

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality

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President Ersin Tatar met Turkish Cypriots in State of New York

“Wherever Turkish Cypriots live in the world, their hearts beat as one for the TRNC.

President Ersin Tatar has met with Turkish Cypriots living in the State of New York at an event hosted in Port Washington by entrepreneur Ayhan Hassan.

President Tatar, who made a speech there stated that he is in New York for the 79th session of the UN General Assembly, and that he has met with the UN Secretary-General, where he put forward his position with regards to the Cyprus issue.

“I convey to you the warm greetings from the TRNC. Every year, when I visit New York for the UN General Assembly, it is with great pride that I also meet with the Turkish Cypriots who live here. I wish to thank Ayhan Hassan for hosting this gathering,” President Tatar said.

Stating that many Turkish Cypriots living abroad, including those residing in New York, visit the TRNC at least once a year, President Tatar said: “Whilst continuing with your lives here, carrying out your responsibilities at work and home, bringing up your children to learn about their country, history and culture, I see with great pride that you have always continued to keep your bonds with the TRNC, that many of you visit our country at least once a year, and that many are investing there.”

The world is a smaller place

“The world has become smaller through globalisation and the development of technology,” President Tatar said. “At a touch of a button, you are able to visually see your families in the TRNC on a video-call. However, when your fathers first moved to the US, there was no such technology or any such communication available. A letter posted from here could take months

to arrive in Cyprus and vice-versa,” President Tatar said.

President Tatar said: “Our greatest wealth is the unity and solidarity that exist between the Turkish Cypriots abroad, and the love and passion you feel for the TRNC, your culture and history, which you are passing down to future generations. I have visited Australia, UK and US, and have seen the excitement that exists in our people and the support you have for our national cause. It is with great pride that I see very clearly, the will of our people, who want their country to be formally recognised, for the injustices and isolation on our people – which is against our human rights – to come to an end.

Broken Promises

You are telling me about how you are disappointed that the promises by the international community to end our isolation, to start direct flights, direct trade and direct contact with our country, has not been honoured. My dear brothers and sisters, I am conveying as your President your demands to international actors in my meetings. Our struggle for equal treatment, equal status and equal opportunities continues, for Turkish Cypriots have equal inherent rights in the Island of Cyprus.”

President Tatar stated that he has met with the UN Secretary-General, and reiterated that new and formal negotiations could be started following the reaffirmation and acknowledgment of the inherent rights of the Turkish Cypriot People, namely their sovereign equality and equal international status.

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Stating that federal-based negotiations have been held through different processes and formats for more than half-a-century, President Tatar said: “Federal based negotiations have been tried, failed



and exhausted. It is time to think outside the box. It is time to talk about a new realistic basis that will provide for a practical and sustainable settlement. We are saying that a settlement can be reached on the basis of two neighbouring States, coexisting on the basis of a cooperative relationship. We want the Island of Cyprus to be a beacon of peace and stability in an otherwise volatile region.”

President Tatar said he was “touched” after being introduced to Ali Tutku, a Turkish Cypriot who was present at the event who lives in the US, who has five children and 10 grandchildren. President Tatar stated that the Father of Mr Tutku, named Fahri Ahmet, had been martyred by the Greek Cypriots in 1964 when the attacks against Turkish Cypriots had

started. “Our people have suffered the atrocities and this is why we say we will not allow a return to pre-1974 conditions. The existence of the Turkish army and the continuation of the Guarantee of Türkiye is very important for our People and for our security,” President Tatar said.

The President also paid tribute to Ayhan Hassan, who owns numerous businesses and restaurants, and has been given street names in appreciation for his services to the local American community and his investments.

President Tatar thanked everybody for attending the event.

Source: PRESIDENCY OF THE TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS

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Tatar: “We had a sincere and fruitful meeting with Guterres”



President Ersin Tatar met with United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres in New York.

President Tatar made a statement to the press following his meeting with Guterres and said that for the second time this year, he had a face-to-face meeting with the Secretary-General.

President said that they are ready to start a new and formal negotiation process for a fundamental settlement of the Cyprus problem, provided that our inherent rights, namely our sovereign equality and equal international status, are recognized.

Source:

Adding that the position of the Turkish Cypriot side is clear, the

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Ertuğruloğlu addressed the OIC Ministers of Foreign Affairs

Minister of Foreign Affairs Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu addressed the Annual Coordination Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC) held on the sidelines of the 79th session of UN General Assembly in New York.

Ertuğruloğlu expressed his gratitude to Hissein Brahimi, the Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, for his support and cooperation with the Turkish Cypriot people and drew attention to the ongoing wars and terrorism in many regions of the Muslim world.

Minister Ertuğruloğlu also referred to the Cyprus issue, highlighting that after decades of inconclusive negotiations conducted under the auspices of the United Nations, the Turkish Cypriot side proposed a new solution in 2021.

Minister Ertuğruloğlu emphasized that the only way to achieve a sustainable agreement on the island is by acknowledging the reality that two states currently exist on the island, each has sovereign equality and equal international status.

The Minister highlighted the speech delivered by the President of the



Republic of Türkiye, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, during the 79th session of the UN General Assembly, in which he reiterated his call for the international community to recognize

the independence of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

Ertuğruloğlu meets Jean-Pierre Lacroix Under-Secretary General for Peace

Minister of Foreign Affairs Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu, during his contacts in New York on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly, met with UN Under-Secretary General for Peace Operations Jean-Pierre Lacroix.

Minister Ertuğruloğlu and Lacroix

discussed recent developments regarding the activities and operations of the UN Peacekeeping forces.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



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Ertuğruloğlu meets Majeed Khan

Minister of Foreign Affairs Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu, during his contacts in New York on the sidelines of the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, held a bilateral meeting with the Secretary General of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), Ambassador Dr. Asad Majeed Khan.

During the meeting, Ertuğruloğlu briefed Khan on the latest developments in Cyprus and expressed hope that ECO member states would respond to Turkish

President Recep Tayip Erdoğan's call for the recognition of the TRNC's independence and the establishment of diplomatic, political, and economic ties with the TRNC.

During the meeting at the UN headquarters, Minister Ertuğruloğlu was accompanied by the Undersecretary of the TRNC Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mustafa Lakadamyalı

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



Undersecretary Lakadamyalı Speaks to ECO Council



Undersecretary Lakadamyalı attends Informal Meeting of ECO Council of Ministers

The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkish Republic

of Northern Cyprus, Mustafa Lakadamyalı, delivered a speech at the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) Council of Ministers Informal Meeting, held on the sidelines of the 79th United

Nations (UN) General Assembly in New York.

Remarking that the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) has had the status of Observer Member since 2012, Lakadamyalı emphasized that the TRNC is a stable Observer Member fully committed to the ECO Vision 2025 goals. Lakadamyalı expressed the TRNC's readiness to contribute to the ECO Vision 2025 goals, which include "trade, transport and connectivity, energy, tourism, economic growth and productivity, as well as social welfare and environment." He also noted that institutions related to higher education, which play a significant role in the country's economy, could create a field of cooperation with brotherly states.

Touching on the Cyprus problem in his speech, Lakadamyalı stated that

the negotiations on the basis of federation had come to an end in 2017 after many years of inconclusive talks under the auspices of the United Nations and highlighted that the Turkish Cypriot side has proposed a two-state solution based on the sovereign equality and equal international status of both sides, in recognition of the realities on the island. Lakadamyalı further expressed expectations from ECO member countries to take the lead on Turkish President Erdoğan's call for the recognition of the TRNC's independence and for the establishment of diplomatic, political, and economic relations with the TRNC.

Source:

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Special Representative Güneş Onar Busy at the UN



Onar held several strategic meetings in New York.

Special Representative of the President, Güneş Onar held meetings in New York with Deputy Permanent Representative of France to UN, Ambassador Jay Dharmadhikari, the Political Director of the Federal Foreign Office of Germany.

Günter Sautter, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Europe, Central Asia, and the Americas, Miroslav Jenca, and UK Deputy Permanent Representative to UN, Ambassador James Kariuki in New York.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

TRNC and Azerbaijan to cooperate in Local Governance

A protocol was signed between the Cyprus Turkish Municipalities Union and the National Association of City Municipalities of Azerbaijan to cooperate in various fields of local governance.

A signing ceremony was attended by Interior Minister Dursun Oğuz, as well as mayors from both Azerbaijan and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). Under the protocol, signed by Mahmut Özçınar, President of the Cyprus Turkish Municipalities Union and Mayor of Güzelyurt, and Tamraz

Taghiyev, Chairman of the National Association of City Municipalities of Azerbaijan and Mayor of Narimanov, it is envisaged that effective and systematic consultation and information exchange will be established and maintained between the local governments of both countries, coordinated by the Union of Turkish World Municipalities.

Source:

TRNC Public Information Office



Pollution In The Gaziveren Region Has Been Removed



The Environmental Protection Department of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment of the Deputy Prime Minister's Office confiscated the medicine boxes seen in the Gaziveren region after a media outlet shared images on social media.

The personnel of the Lefke unit of the Environmental Protection Department, who examined the area where pesticide bottles and boxes were found in the Gaziveren seaside area, reached the relevant company and ensured that the drugs were recalled.

Pollution In The Gaziveren Region Has Been Removed

The relevant company, on the other hand, claimed that they did not create such pollution and contributed to the collection of pharmaceutical wastes in the region by sending the company personnel without waiting for the conclusion of the process.

We can leave a cleaner world to future generations by reporting the people who create environmental pollution in our country to the ALO 123 environmental reporting line.

Source (Turkish):

Deputy Prime Minister and Ministry of Tourism



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TRNC Kids In The World Fitness Championship



TRNC Kids Fitness National Team participated in the World Fitness Championship.

TRNC Kids Fitness National Team participated in the World Fitness Championships held in Croatia. According to the information given by the TRNC Weightlifting and Bodybuilding Federation, 580 athletes from different countries competed in the championship.

In addition to athletes of the Federation National Team international referee and coach Neval Çelebioğlu Akgürge represented the country by taking part in the championship.

Source:

TRNC Public Information Office

7th TURKSOY Ethno-Fashion Meeting to be held in TRNC

The 7th TURKSOY Ethno-Fashion Meeting, which will be organized in cooperation with the International Organisation of Turkic Culture (TURKSOY) and the Cyprus Turkish Entrepreneurial Women's Association (GİKAD), will be held in the TRNC.

The event is organized within the framework of the 3 October Turkic States Cooperation Day to reinforce the Turkic States' cultural ties and showcase their old friendship.

International gathering

Designers from 10 different countries (Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, TRNC, Mongolia and Russian Federation) will take part in the event,

which will present a cultural feast by bringing together rich cultural heritage with ethno-fashion elements.

The 7th TURKSOY Ethno-Fashion Meeting will not only be limited to fashion but will also be an important platform for further strengthening cultural cooperation and brotherhood ties with the 'Cultural Diplomacy Panel of Turkic States'.

The 7th TURKSOY Ethno-Fashion Meeting will take place on 3rd October at 16.00 pm at the Acapulco Hotel in Girne.

Source:

TRNC Public Information Office



Girne Scouting Activities Are Starting



Scouting activities to begin soon.

Scouting activities, created through a collaboration between the TRNC Scout Leaders Association (İLDER) and Girne Municipality, are about to begin. According to information from Girne Municipality, the deadline to join this programme has been set for Saturday, 12th October.

Open to all children aged 9-15, registrations can be made by calling 0548 861 20 64 or 0548 862 06 88. A monthly fee of 500 TL has been set for the course, and one passport-

sized photo is required for registration.

Source (Turkish):

Girne Municipality



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‘Voluntary Emergency Response Units’ in Girne Region meeting held



A meeting was held in the Girne Region to establish voluntary emergency response units for effective response to forest and land fires, disasters, and emergencies. The meeting was held on Friday, September 27, at 11:00 in Girne Municipality Assembly Hall.

The meeting was attended by the Mayor of Girne, the District Governor of Girne, the Çatalköy – Esentepe Municipality Representative, the mukhtars working in the Girne Municipality

and Çatalköy-Esentepe municipality borders, the KEMA President, the Gross Civic (Civic Area) representative, the English School of Kyrenia representative and the 19 Mayıs Turkish Maarif College representative.

At the meeting, Girne District Governorate Senior District Inspector Hayriye Otketin Paralık, Civil Defense Regional Director Coşkun Neşesibol, Girne Fire Department Chief Nazım Haktan and Forestry Department Forest

Protection Branch Chief Asım Yırık and Alevkaya Region Senior Assistant Engineer Salih Ercan made presentations.

The institution representatives stated that they examined the structure of volunteer firefighting and emergency response teams that Germany has been implementing for 150 years during an educational tour organized in Germany.

In their presentations, they shared these experiences in Germany and detailed how volunteer response units were established. They explained the steps that needed to be taken to implement the same system in Girne and its surrounding areas and stated that this meeting was preliminary information in this direction.

In the meeting, the work to be done so that volunteers can respond more quickly to possible fires was detailed. The importance of establishing a

more organized and effective structure at the local level, especially for various emergencies, especially forest fires, was emphasized.

Following the meeting, opinions were expressed on the training of volunteer teams and how and in what way the logistic support and technical infrastructure will be developed in the continuation of this project. Municipalities in and around Girne stated that they will act in a determined cooperation in the establishment of volunteer intervention units. The meeting was evaluated as an important step taken for the more effective organization of volunteer services in the region and for the public to be more prepared for forest and land fires and disasters.

Source (Turkish):

Girne Municipality

All Precautions Have Been Taken Against Bluetongue Disease

ISKELE AND VILLAGES SPRAYING TEAM STARTED FREE 3RD ROUND SPRAYING ACTIVITIES IN DAIRIES

İskele Municipality has taken all precautions against Bluetongue Disease, which is seen in our country but has not yet been found in İskele. İskele Municipality Spraying Unit started the 3rd round of spraying activities free of charge as of yesterday 1st October 2024 within the scope of dairy spraying that it regularly carries out every year.

The spraying, which started in the dairies in Tuzluca Village, will continue in Kalecik Village today, and the spraying process will be completed in all villages during October.

SPRAYING TEAM STARTED FREE 3RD ROUND SPRAYING ACTIVITIES IN DAIRIES IN ISKELE AND VILLAGES

İskele Municipality has taken precautions against Bluetongue Disease, which is a viral infectious disease that can occur especially in ruminant cattle and sheep such as cattle, sheep and goats, and the 3 spraying processes are carried out at certain periods during the year.

The spraying, which started in Tuzluca Village as of yesterday (October 1), will continue in Kalecik Village today. İskele Municipality Spraying Unit aims to complete the spraying works against Bluetongue Disease in İskele and 21 villages during October.

İskele Municipality also provided information flow to İskele and 21



village Mukhtar on the subject. In the statement, it was requested to contact the İskele Municipality very urgently in case of bluetongue disease appearing. The following was included in the statement:

“Dear Mukhtars, although bluetongue disease has not yet been seen in our region, we have taken all our precautions. Our spraying team has started the 3rd round of spraying work in dairies as of yesterday 1st

October. Dairy spraying, which started yesterday in Tuzluca Village, will continue today in Kalecik Village. In October, the spraying of dairies in all villages will be completed. We kindly ask you to contact us in case of detection of bluetongue disease in the villages.”

Source (Turkish): İskele Municipality

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MadMax Legacy from Germany is at Soulist on 19th October

Headliner concert with MadMax Legacy from Germany - Premier in Northern Cyprus

During their European and South American tour, they also perform their 'Best of 40 Years' in Northern Cyprus. The Album „Best of 40 Years“ with the new Lineup was released on 1st of October.

MADMAX, one of Germany's oldest and strongest bands, will be on The Soulist stage on Saturday 19th October.

They are currently touring Europe, UK and South America America Tour – coming from Manchester from FIREFEST Festival to Soulist in North Cyprus.

Important notice: this concert of the legendary German rock band will be the first – that a German Rock Band ever played in North Cyprus.

In this respect, don't miss it!

This headlining concert has become a matter close to the hearts of the band MadMax Legacy and the two

local organisers Alper Gengiz and Roland Eyerich. – It is an honour for the band to be able to play the concert postponed from last year.

Starting Time 19:00 pm so dont be late

Donation for Entrance: 400 TL

No Reservation – Come early

Running Order :

19:00 pm Cyprus Rock Company

21:00 pm MADMAX Legacy

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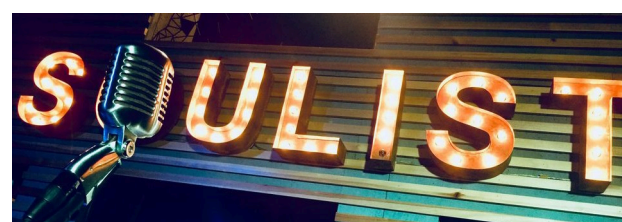
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Fahri Zihni: Twenty years on trade across the divide remains a trickle



**Fahri Zihni talking
in the Cyprus Mail**

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From Fahri Zihni....

Hello, Chris

My latest article, the first on the link below, was published on Sunday 29th September.

The European Commission writes about the levels of trade between the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and the Republic of Cyprus in glowing terms.

This article exposes the fact that the European Union's Green Line Regulations policy has been failing to meet its agreed objective of providing meaningful levels of trade for the North Cyprus community for two decades and calls for the implementation of the Direct Trade Regulation which was agreed 2004.

Please read, circulate and campaign!

"By Fahri Zihni

"Twenty years on, trade across the divide remains a trickle."

Earlier this month, the European Commission adopted the "2024 Annual Action Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community to facilitate Cyprus' reunification and to support the socio-economic development of the community".

But 20 years on, what is the actual reality of trade across the Green Line?

For 2023, the value of exports from Cyprus to the EU and UK was €1,096.3 million. Sales using Green Line Regulations (GLR) from northern Cyprus to the south amounted to €16.0m – a drop in the ocean, at 1.5 per cent of total Cyprus sales. This statistic exposes the shocking extent of the failure of the EU's GLR regime to facilitate a meaningful volume of trade for Turkish Cypriots in 20 years.

Yet, as far back as 26 April 2004, following the "yes" vote of the Turkish Cypriots to the UN Annan Plan, the EU General Affairs Council asserted that "The Council is determined to put an end to the isolation of the Turkish Cypriot community and to facilitate the reunification of Cyprus by encouraging the economic development of this community". It is this declaration, which informs this and previous years' EU Aid Programmes, yet the north is as isolated now as it was in 2004.

The EU's failure to deliver on its own policy is monumental.

Over a billion euros worth of halloumi/hellim has been sold to the EU and UK by Cyprus since 2004, yet not even a single piece of this cheese was produced by the Turkish Cypriot community.

It is not widely understood that through GLR, Turkish Cypriots may only sell their products to Greek Cypriot companies, not companies on the EU continent. So if Greek Cypriot companies, for any reason whatsoever decide not to buy, then no "EU" related business exists for Turkish Cypriot businesses. Unfortunately, this is exactly what's happening.

Trading of foods such as olive oil, halva, tahini, jam, coffee and bulgur through GLR took 17 years to begin. The sale of these goods only amounted to a pitiful €15,000 over two years, and the Turkish Cypriot suppliers of these foods have now virtually given up on selling them.

Turkish Cypriots have completely given up on selling "shelf-products" to the south, because Greek Cypriot shop owners do not buy them for fear being accused of being unpatriotic for selling Turkish Cypriot products. For this reason, the more generic building materials are the most traded products. However, even with these, Turkish Cypriot suppliers complain that when they reach a certain level of sales, excessively complex new product standards are introduced by the authorities with little notice which result in drop of sales and creation of business uncertainty.

Nineteen years after the EU decision, coffee, dried molehiya, bikla (picalilli pickle), lemonade, frozen vegetables and frozen potatoes, black and green table olives, apple, grapefruit, pineapple, cherry, peach and apricot juices, nectars and fruit drinks have also started crossing the Green Line. However, there is little confidence that any meaningful sales of these will follow. Beer and bottled water are still banned, even though they pass all necessary inspections.

cars crossing over to the "other side" for decades. However, for the last 20 years the Greek Cypriot authorities have banned the crossings of vehicles above 7.5 tonnes, essential for transporting commercial goods, because they do not have the "necessary" papers. This ban is challenged each year by the Commission but no remedial action is taken.

There are only three Turkish Cypriot producers who have halloumi/hellim Protected Designation of Origin accreditation, whereas 58 have obtained this in the south.

Northern Cypriot businesses are unable to open bank accounts in the south.

A One-Stop-Shop has recently been set up by the Commission to provide information about trading across the Green Line. It has generally had a positive reception by traders on both sides because, for the first time, they have an "operational" link into the EU and a practical mechanism for addressing procedural and regulatory issues. However, a 37-page presentation document produced by the unit for the use of buyers/sellers is testimony to the extent of bureaucratic obstruction in place.

In his keynote speech at the Economist summit, the UN's Cyprus Peacekeeping Force chief Colin Stewart said: "Rather than keeping the sides separate and watching as the divide grows bigger each year for decades now, removing barriers and enlarging trade would strengthen integration between the sides of the island, strengthen interdependence between the communities, and

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There have been no obstacles for

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create a far better environment for solving the Cyprus issue.”

Elisa Ferreira, EU Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms made similar comments about trade: “Trade between the two Cypriot communities, across the Green Line, has proven to be an effective tool to bring people from the two communities together and build mutual trust.”

So, the EU and UN are united in their “carrot” approach, where increasing and integrating trade between the two

communities is seen as a catalyst for win-wins for both sides, and that, in turn, creating enthusiasm for unification.

This is in sharp contrast with the “stick” approach of the Greek Cypriot government where there is clearly belief that the restriction of trade and impoverishment of the north is more likely to lead to a unification vote from the north. The UN and EU need to confront and address this contradiction if there is to be any cogency to their trade strategy for Cypriots.

Ultimately, the myriad of obstructions outlined above can only be properly addressed in the short to medium term through the Turkish Cypriot community’s direct trade with the EU continent, alongside trade with the south. This can be achieved while still adhering to EU standards, and with the appropriate approvals by the Republic through its delegated “proxy” company representatives (e.g. Bureau Veritas), working in the north alongside the Commission’s own inspectorate. The new EU Parliament will no doubt want to look at its own failure associated with

GLR, and perhaps finally deliver on their 2004 promise to implement Direct Trade Regulation which has been in their in-tray, awaiting action for 20 years.”

Fahri Zihni is former chair of Council of Turkish Cypriot Associations (UK), a former policy advisor at the UK’s Cabinet Office and a former president of the Society of IT Management, UK

Source Cyprus Mail

Eren Erdogan and my old homes in Nicosia history

Readers mail...
From Eren Erdogan...

I recently shared with CyprusScene readers a memory when I visited my family home in Nicosia some years ago and I thought you may like to read more of our family homes and itheir place in Cyprus History.

My father bought this small house in 1962 after being transferred from the Governor’s House, which Archbishop Makarios occupied following Governor H Foot’s departure in 1960- 61.

A Greek Cypriot friend informed my dad that Makarios sought trusted Greek Cypriot staff at the presidential palace due to anticipated unrest and previous assassination attempts on his life.

In the first year after transfer, my father became supervisor at the Nicosia botanical gardens, located

opposite the Nicosia hospital. Next to the gardens was a research center where tests were conducted on rats in cages.

We later moved to Tanzimat Street, also known as Victoria Street, in the Arabahmet area, where many Armenian neighbours resided, speaking better Turkish than we did. However, after the 1963 troubles, they relocated to the south Nicosia of the Green Line, created by the British to divide Nicosia.

Cyprus gained independence from the UK in August 1960, but by 1963, tensions between Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot leaders escalated due to disagreements over the constitution, with Greek Cypriots arguing that Turkish Cypriots had excessive rights.

The Green Line was created on December 30, 1963, by Major

Michael Perrett-Young, who used green chinagraphs to mark the cease-fire line due to its neutrality, as it was not associated with either the Greek or Turkish flags, and its traditional use for marking obstacles or no-go areas.

I hope this historical context provides valuable background information for you to share which is a truthful childhood memory of the past with your readers.

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Regards
Eren

PS: If you would like to read more of the past, you may enjoy the account of our childhood by my elder brother Serman Erdogan and how he traced our childhood friend Margaret Archibald and our memories of Cyprus and Australia in the CyprusScene articles on the link below:



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TCE and Willy Lind: The Unsung Hero of the Turkish Cypriots



Readers mail.... From TCE....

In September 2024, the founder of Turkish Cypriots Exist (TCE) Arkin Öksüzoğlu had the extraordinary honor of meeting Willy Lind, a Swedish officer whose courageous actions during the 1960s saved thousands of Turkish Cypriots. The meeting took place in Yeşilirmak, a region in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), during the 50th anniversary commemoration of the area's liberation from a siege by Greek forces.

"It was an absolute pleasure to have met him and interviewed him," TCE founder Arkin Öksüzoğlu shared. Caught unprepared by his unexpected presence, we seized the moment, capturing the interview on his iPhone. Despite the impromptu setup, with a wireless microphone purchased from a local electrical store in Lefke, the footage was invaluable. We combined it with archival materials and interviews with locals to create a mini-documentary that tells his story and significance to us Turkish Cypriots.

Meeting a Living Legend at Yeşilirmak

Yeşilirmak, known for its lush landscapes and strategic coastal location, was once at the heart of intense conflict. Fifty years ago, Greek military forces besieged this region, aiming to cut off supplies and force the Turkish Cypriot population into submission. The community

faced starvation, bombardment, isolation and ethnic cleansing.

During the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Yeşilirmak, we had the pleasure of meeting Willy Lind. Even though he is famous for his heroic actions in Erenköy—another village where he played a crucial role in defending Turkish Cypriots—it was profoundly meaningful to meet him on such a significant day in Yeşilirmak. His presence added a deep sense of solidarity and remembrance to the commemoration.

"It was a profound experience to meet Willy in Yeşilirmak," TCE founder Arkin Öksüzoğlu reflected. *"Even though he is renowned for supporting Erenköy, meeting him here during this significant anniversary made the occasion even more special."*

A Swedish Officer in a Divided Land

Willy Lind arrived in Cyprus in 1964 as part of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force, deployed to ease the escalating tensions between the island's Greek and Turkish communities. Tasked with maintaining peace in a land fraught with conflict, Lind quickly recognized the dire situation facing the Turkish Cypriot population.

Rather than remain a passive observer constrained by bureaucratic limitations, he chose to take a humanitarian stand. Guided

by his moral compass and a profound sense of humanity and justice, Lind took decisive action to protect those who were most vulnerable, the Turkish Cypriots.

The Stand at Erenköy

Erenköy (also known as Kokkina) was the site of one of the most significant battles during the Cyprus conflict in 1964. The village became a focal point, with Turkish Cypriot enclaves under siege by forces from the Greek side. Willy Lind witnessed firsthand the vulnerabilities of the Turkish Cypriots in Erenköy, who were isolated and outnumbered.

Understanding the gravity of the situation, Lind took decisive action. Defying orders and bureaucratic constraints, he provided critical support and protection to the besieged villagers. His efforts went beyond the call of duty—coordinating the evacuation of the wounded, facilitating the delivery of essential supplies, and even standing as a human shield to prevent further aggression.

His courage and resolve were instrumental in preventing what could have been a catastrophic loss of life. *"Willy Lind's actions in Erenköy are legendary,"* said a local resident. *"He exemplified what it means to be a true humanitarian."*

Defying the Odds

Operating under the banner of the United Nations, Lind navigated a complex web of political tensions. His commitment to defending the Turkish Cypriots placed him at odds with certain factions. Despite the risks, he remained undeterred.

However, his defiance came at a personal cost. Lind was arrested and initially sentenced to life in prison with hard labour, even though he was a UN officer. Thanks to the efforts of his lawyer, the sentence was reduced to two years and eventually to eight

months, which he served in Sweden.

"Even though I was part of the UN, I was arrested," Lind recounted during our interview. *"It was a challenging time, but I would do it all over again to save lives."*

Authoring "Erenköy 1964: The Toothless UN"

While imprisoned in Sweden, Lind penned **"Erenköy 1964: The Toothless UN"**, a profound work offering an insider's perspective on the challenges faced by peacekeepers and the complexities of international interventions. The book critiques the limitations of the UN's mandate and highlights the struggles of the Turkish Cypriots during the 1960s.

"This book was my way of shedding light on the plight of the Turkish Cypriots and the inefficacy of international bodies in preventing injustice," Lind explained. *"I wanted the world to know what really happened."*

Preserving His Legacy

With Lind's permission, TCE is now translating **"Erenköy 1964: The Toothless UN"** into multiple languages. *We want people around the world to benefit from this book, so we can share the plight of the Turkish Cypriots and what we went through under Greek repression,"* said TCE founder Arkin Öksüzoğlu.

Copies of the book will be offered to selected individuals within the TCE group as part of our commitment to commemorating this hero and promoting his legacy. By bringing his story to the forefront, we aim to foster a greater understanding of the historical challenges faced by the Turkish Cypriots.

The Continuing Struggle for Recognition

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The experiences detailed in Lind’s book shed light on a period often overlooked or denied by some. The Greek side of Cyprus has, to this day, disputed many accounts of the events that transpired during that era. Lind’s firsthand account serves as a crucial piece of historical documentation, emphasizing the need for acknowledgment and reconciliation.

“It’s important that the truth is told,” Lind emphasized. *“Not to sow discord, but to heal wounds through understanding.”*

TCE Conclusion

Willy Lind’s story is one of courage, sacrifice, and unwavering dedication

to justice. His actions have left an indelible mark on the Turkish Cypriot community. Meeting him in Yeşilırmak during such a significant anniversary was not just a privilege but a reaffirmation of the values he embodies.

As he enters his late 80s, Lind continues to inspire. His legacy is a beacon for all who stand against oppression and strive for peace. It is high time the world recognizes his efforts and honors the profound impact he has had on our community.

Join Us in Honouring Willy Lind

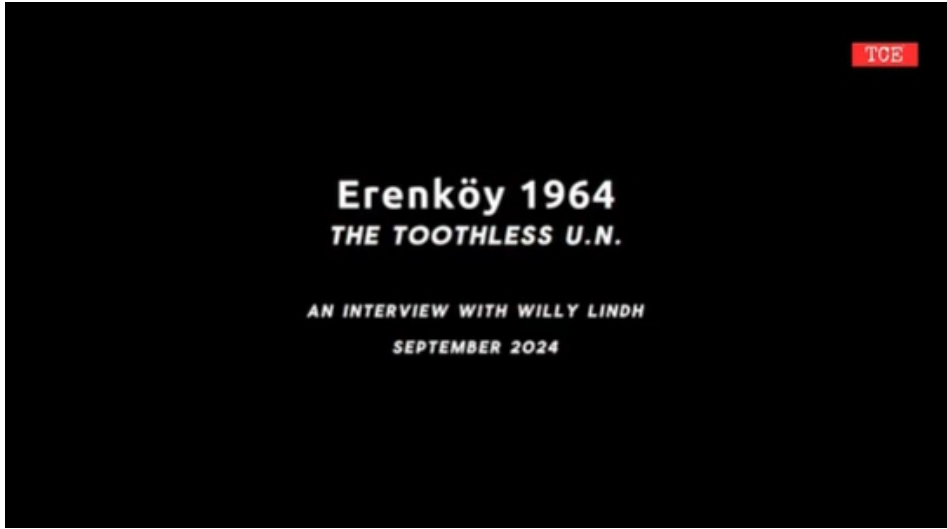
If this article resonated with you, please share it on social media and

join us on our platforms. Together, we can amplify the legacy of Willy Lind and ensure his story inspires future generations.

You can watch the short documentary by clicking below.

Source: TCE

https://youtu.be/KDT1X_NAZH0



‘Love and Joy’ concert touched hearts



Girne Municipality Turkish Classical Music Group organized a ‘Love and Joy’ concert.

The concert, which was the first event of October within the scope of ‘Girne Arkin Group Fest24’, attracted great attention.

Girne Municipality Turkish Classical Music Group, which stayed on stage for about 1 hour, made the audience experience nostalgic moments with their beautiful songs.



At the end of the concert, Girne Mayor Murat Şenkul presented a plaque and flowers to Conductor İhsan Gürel.

Source (Turkish):
Girne Municipality



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The poster features a purple background with several bingo balls (blue with number 4, red with number 5, yellow with number 1, green with number 2) and two bingo cards labeled 'LOTTERY'.



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The poster has a dark background with a central image of a gold microphone on a stand, flanked by two gold speakers. Confetti and light rays are scattered around the microphone.



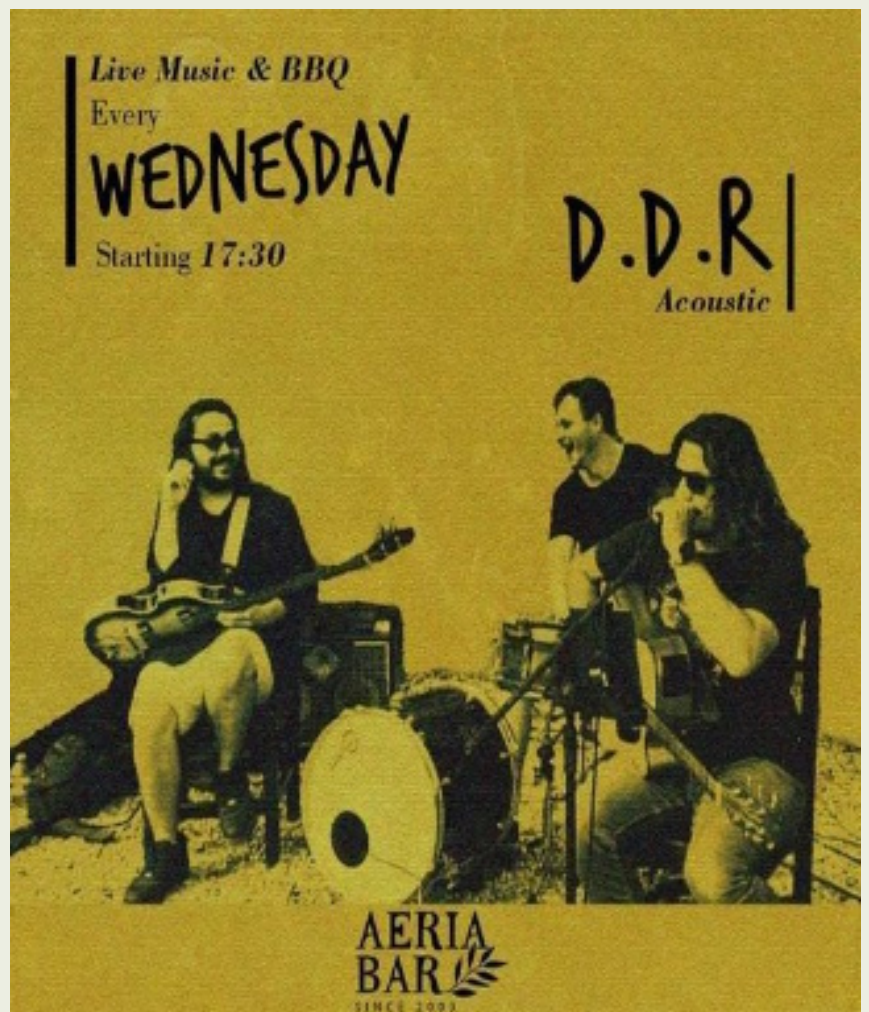
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Girne 815 2111
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Gazi Mağusa 366 5389
Güzelyurt 714 2200

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ELECTRICITY









Electrical faults 188
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Güzelyurt 714 2122

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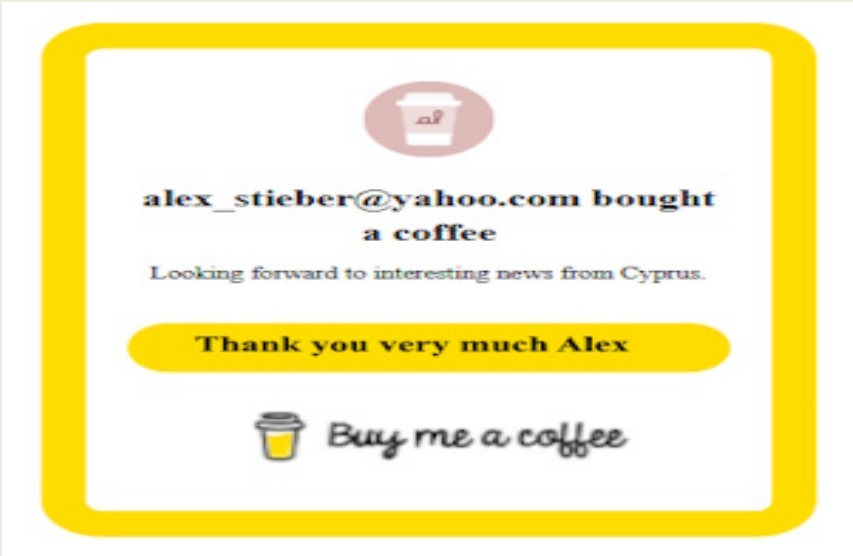
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ESENTEPE BEATEN BY “DUBIOUS” PENALTY

Results: MIRACLE DEĞİRMENLİK 1 ESENTEPE KKS 0

By Richard Beale...

Esentepe hoodoo, jinx, monkey on the back call it what you want - continued at the Atatürk Stadium when they were beaten by a “dubious” penalty in the 31st minute, despite a spirited performance they came away from Lefkoşa empty handed.

Sunday September 29, 2024: AKSA SÜLEYMAN GÖKTAŞ Super League : Atatürk Stadium. Very warm and sunny.

Maybe I am a little biased but Esentepe deserved to get something out of this match, there was plenty of praise from neutrals at the game for their efforts but in the end it was 0 points for the team.

Değirmenlik created the most chances and Esentepe were indebted to goalkeeper AHMET VATANSEVEN who pulled off some magnificent saves to keep Esentepe in the match. Esentepe missed two great chances themselves when it seemed easier to score that proved costly.

In the end it boiled down to two penalty decisions one that was given and one that was not.

The Esentepe claim for a penalty came in the 11th minute in the box, by the left hand byline where Lucman was dragged back by the arm of Emirhan causing the Esentepe forward to fall. Referee Osman indicated that the Esentepe forward dived, I was in a good position and yes I have seen penalties given.

The penalty award that sealed Esentepe fate came in the 31st minute when Devran and a Degirmenlik player made contact with each other in the box and both went to ground a penalty was awarded which was thumped home by

CHUKWUMA EMMANUEL AKABUEZE. My position was not great, first hand I did not think it was a penalty, talking to various people afterwards the concessions of opinion was 50-50.

A very warm afternoon, Esentepe brought with them great support who really appreciated the teams efforts at half and full time.

Esentepe started brightly for the opening 15 minutes on a playing surface that didn't look great especially as we are so early into the season.

Gradually Esentepe were forced back with the vastly experience UNAL KAYA masterminding a lot of their moves.

After the goal Esentepe best chance of the half came in 33rd minute when out of nothing midfielder Benjamin created an opportunity for himself, skilfully beating a couple of players he went on a run and then let fly with a tremendous shot from just outside the box that looked a goal all the way, the diving Hasan Piro was beaten all ends up but agonisingly for Esentepe the effort went just inches past the right hand post.

HALF TIME SCORE : 1-0

Ali Avisoyu who had come on at the break for Ege Can missed a great chance to equalise after good build up by Benjamin and Lucman the ball came across from the left to Ali all alone but he screwed his shot wide of the right hand post.

Esentepe then came under heavy pressure from the home team it was a case of Ahmet v Degirmenlik as



pulled off some incredible saves to deny mainly Chukwuma and Aminu. Also under sustained pressure both Frank and Emek managed to head goal bound efforts off the line.

Incredibly Esentepe after this period of Degirmenlik pressure remained only one goal down and they themselves were beginning to look dangerous on breakaways.

Their best chance came in the 75th minute when Ali put through Emre with only the advancing goalkeeper to beat, but the combative midfielder screwed his shot agonisingly wide of the left hand post - a golden opportunity on another day that would have gone in.

Esentepe pushing central defender

Frank up into attack bravely took the game to Degirmenlik who were visibly tiring.

It was a spirited fightback alas no clear cut chances except a header from Frank in injury time that went straight into the arms of Hasan Piro.

FULL TIME SCORE ; 1-0

SUMMING UP: Degirmenlik knew they had been in a game, Esentepe put in one hell of a performance no-one can fault their effort and workmate. If they keep this level of tempo up in forthcoming matches they will survive in this league they just need to put away their goal chances.