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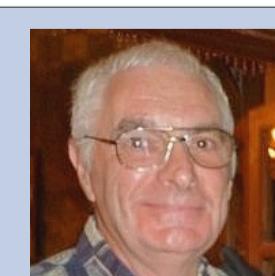
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My Home Transformed Through the Warmer Homes Upgrade



By Chris Elliott...

A simple UK Government application led to council support, expert installation, and a warmer, more efficient home.

I recently applied for a Warmer Homes Upgrade through the UK Government website, and from there, my application was referred to Peterborough City Council. After reviewing and approving the details, the Council arranged for Aran Insulations to carry out the work. The whole process was handled with great care and efficiency by Aran Insulations, and the difference is remarkable — my home is now warm, comfortable, and far more energy-efficient.

A Warmer Homes Upgrade isn't just a home improvement — it's an investment in comfort, health, and long-term savings. For many households, especially in older or poorly insulated properties, keeping warm has become increasingly difficult and expensive. This upgrade programme offers a practical, affordable way to transform the energy performance of a home and reduce the pressure of rising energy bills.

What are the benefits?

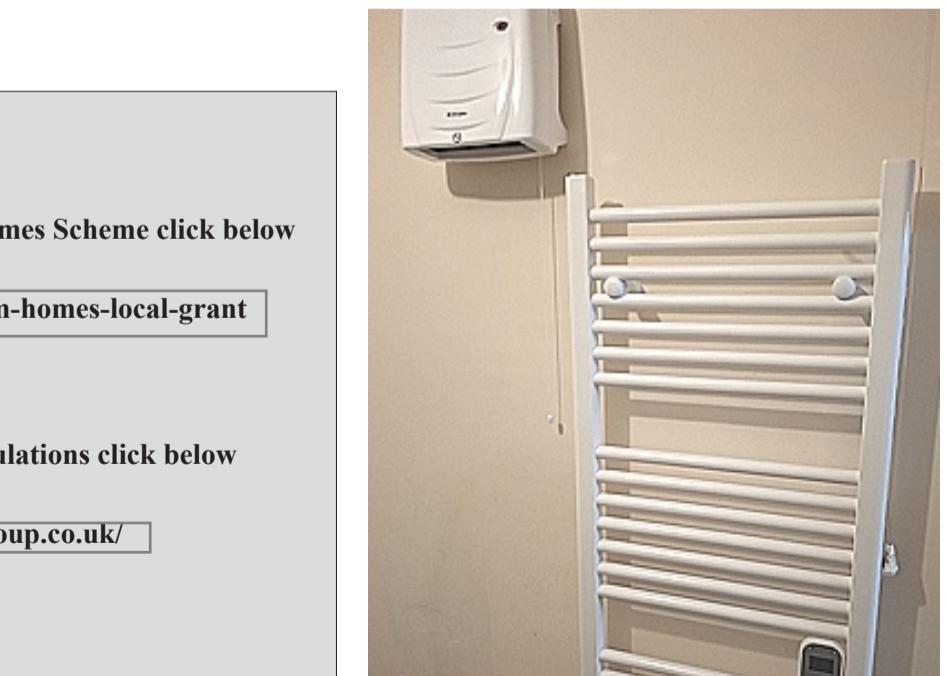
The benefits are immediate. Better insulation, modern heating systems, and energy-efficient materials help keep heat where it belongs — inside the home. That means fewer draughts, more consistent temperatures, and a living space that feels comfortable throughout the year. For families with children, older residents, or anyone with health conditions affected by cold

or damp, the difference can be life-changing.

There's also a long-term advantage. A warmer, more efficient home costs less to run. Energy savings can add up month after month, easing financial strain and offering more stability during unpredictable winters. At the same time, reducing energy waste helps cut carbon emissions, supporting wider community and environmental goals.

How much does it cost?

For many people, the biggest barrier



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PM Üstel: “We will not permit statements that distort history.”

Prime Minister Ünal Üstel has strongly condemned recent statements made by the Greek Cypriot Minister of Foreign Affairs in which Türkiye was described as an “occupying power.” Prime Minister Üstel characterized these remarks as a distortion of historical facts, a disregard for international law, and a political provocation.

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He emphasized that Türkiye’s presence on the island is based on its rights and obligations under the 1960 Treaty of Guarantee, which aims to ensure the security, existence, and political equality of the Turkish Cypriot people. Üstel stressed that this role constitutes legitimate guaranty, not occupation.

Üstel further noted that the allegations ignore the violence, forced exclusion, and humanitarian suffering experienced by Turkish Cypriots between 1963 and 1974. He underlined that attempts to rewrite history neither gain international credibility nor undermine the will of the Turkish Cypriot people.

A two-state solution is the only solution

Reaffirming his position, Üstel stated that a two-state solution remains the only realistic and sustainable model based on the current realities on the island. He added that rhetoric targeting Türkiye while insisting on failed federal models contributes to deadlock rather than resolution.



We will not permit statements that distort history.

Concluding his remarks, Üstel called for a respectful and sincere approach that acknowledges the sovereign equality of the Turkish Cypriot people, affirming that the TRNC government will continue to defend

its rights and sovereignty in full cooperation with Türkiye.

Source:

TRNC Public Information Office

European Arrest Warrant for Turkish Cypriot rejected in France



Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the TRNC regarding the legal proceedings against TRNC citizen Behdad Jafari.

With regard to the legal proceedings before the French judiciary concerning TRNC citizen Mr. Behdad Jafari, the competent Court of Appeal (Aix-en-Provence) had, in December 2025, rejected the execution of the European Arrest Warrant requesting Jafari's extradition on various property-related charges.

the French Court of Cassation has dismissed the appeal filed by the Public Prosecutor against this decision. Consequently, the ruling of the competent Court of Appeal has become final and constitutes a precedent.

This decision of the French judiciary marks a significant setback to the Greek Cypriot Administration's attempts to instrumentalise the European Arrest Warrant for its own political ambitions.

Greek Cypriot Administration targets Turkish Cypriot.

Exploiting its EU membership to further its political position, the Greek Cypriot Administration resorts to all sorts of ill-intentioned methods aimed at targeting the Turkish Cypriot people and the economy of the TRNC.

This time, the Greek Cypriot Administration resorted to politicizing and exploiting legal mechanisms through the issuance of European Arrest Warrants against Turkish Cypriot businesspersons.

The decision of the French Court, in the case regarding Mr. Jafari, clearly demonstrates that the policy pursued by the Greek Cypriot Administration, aimed at exerting Europe-wide intimidation and pressure on the Turkish Cypriot people is unacceptable.

This further demonstrates that the Immovable Property Commission (IPC), which is recognized by the European Court of Human Rights as an effective domestic remedy, constitutes the sole legitimate

avenue for the examination of property-related claims.

Nonetheless, by hindering its own citizens from lodging applications with the IPC, the Greek Cypriot Administration victimizes its own citizens and prevents the proper functioning of the law.

TRNC Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in coordination with all relevant state institutions, continues to closely monitor all similar developments, as it did with the legal process concerning Mr. Jafari, and diligently pursues its diplomatic efforts to protect the rights and interests of our people.

The Turkish Cypriot people will continue to stand against all unjust and unlawful attacks at every level.

Source:

TRNC Public Information Office

President Erhürman inspected the Metehan border crossing



President Tufan Erhürman has inspected the ongoing works at the Metehan crossing on Wednesday, 21st January, and made a statement to the press. He was accompanied by Mehmet Harmancı, the Mayor of the Lefkoşa Turkish Municipality.

In his statement to the press, President Erhürman said that works were launched early December to ease traffic congestion at the Metehan crossing by Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot contractors, and that the section undertaken by the Turkish Cypriot contractor, have been completed as of today. The President added that the Greek Cypriot contractors are expected to complete their part as soon as possible.

“LET US OPEN ALL CROSSINGS TOGETHER...”

President Erhürman stated: “We are talking about four new crossings along the route from Haspolat to Akıncılar, and from Kiracıköy to Eylence. We have proposals to bring this issue to the agenda, as well as additional proposals that we raised after being elected. Let us open all crossings together. The section from Kiracıköy to Eylence is not necessarily essential for Turkish Cypriots, however we take this into serious consideration. Greek Cypriots face difficulties when traveling from Kiracıköy to Larnaca, or Eylence to Nicosia, and there is a request to remedy this. We take this request seriously. We are not saying it is ‘unimportant for Turkish

Cypriots.’ It is important for Greek Cypriots, and Turkish Cypriots will of course also use that route.”

The President continued: “Accordingly, we have proposed new measures, which I believe are highly constructive. They have also been regarded as constructive by parties other than the two sides. I am therefore awaiting approval from Greek Cypriot Leader Christodoulides so that we can simultaneously open both Haspolat and Akıncılar, whilst also easing and shortening the travel for Greek Cypriots from Kiracıköy to Eylence. This way, we send a positive message to both Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots: that as two leaders, we are taking steps to make their daily lives easier and to further enhance trust, people-to-people contacts, and communication between the Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots.

PRESIDENT ERHÜRMAN REMINDS THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE OF ITS COMMITMENT TO ISSUE ROAD TAX AT BOSTANCI AND DERINYA CROSSINGS

President Erhürman said that, based on information from Mr. Harmancı, the municipality could also participate in the works and would continue operations in the remaining area on the Turkish side, which, once completed, would significantly ease traffic congestion.

The President recalled that during his meeting with Greek Cypriot Leader

Nikos Christodoulides, which was also attended by María Ángela Holguín, the Personal Envoy of the UN Secretary-General, it was envisaged that the personnel and number of booths on the Greek Cypriot side of the Metehan crossing would be increased to seven following the completion of the works at Metehan. He emphasised that preparations on the Turkish side were also being made to match this number.

The President said it is expected that, by the end of the month, arrangements for the issuance of road tax on the Greek Cypriot side at the Bostancı and Derinya crossings will be completed. President Erhürman also expressed his belief that, in addition to increasing the number of booths and personnel, additional crossings where road taxes are issued would also help ease traffic at Metehan.

“ONLY ONE VEHICLE CROSSING IN LEFKOŞA IS NOT SUFFICIENT, WE HAVE CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS”

President Erhürman stressed that only one vehicle crossing in Lefkoşa is insufficient, and noted that discussions are ongoing regarding a second crossing. He explained that the Turkish side has proposed a vehicle crossing at Haspolat, although no agreement has yet been reached. He added that easing traffic at the Metehan crossing has benefited both sides, and that opening an additional vehicle crossing would further ease the daily lives for everybody by facilitating movement for everyone.

President Erhürman stressed that if these two leaders cannot reach an agreement on a new vehicle crossing in Lefkoşa, it cannot be expected for the same two leaders to take meaningful steps toward a comprehensive solution to the Cyprus issue.

“We need to instil trust among our peoples,” President Erhürman said. “Under this framework of confidence building measures, one key element is the crossings. Taking action on these issues are crucial. Completing the works and putting new crossings into operation, and having new road tax issuing points are essential for restoring trust between the two sides.”

“PROPOSALS IN THE HEALTH SECTOR ARE UNILATERAL: NO APPROVAL FROM ME IS REQUIRED”

Responding to questions by the press regarding Greek Cypriot Leader Nikos Christodoulides’ proposals in the health and economic sectors, President Erhürman stated that the measures planned in the health sector are unilateral, and therefore do not require his approval.

Regarding the economic proposals, he noted that they are part of the seven-point package of proposals submitted by the Greek Cypriot leader under the Confidence Building Measures, which expands to more than ten points when sub-items are included, and relate specifically to requests concerning the Green Line Trade Regulation. President Erhürman stated that in the ten-point package presented by the Turkish side, certain practices that hinder trade from the North to the South under the Green Line Regulation were identified. President Erhürman underlined that the Turkish side requested the removal of these obstacles and the full implementation of the regulation as written.

The President further noted that, in the next meeting, the Greek Cypriot leader had raised that goods are sent from the North to

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the South under the Green Line Trade Regulation, but that no value-added tax (VAT) is applied to goods arriving from the South. He explained that the proposal appears to suggest that goods originating from the South should not be subject to VAT in the North, whilst VAT continues to be applied to goods sent from the North to the South.

President Erhürman emphasised that exempting tax for goods from the South would create an economic imbalance, adding that both the Green Line Trade Regulation and the not-yet-implemented Direct Trade Regulation were designed to ensure a fair balance between the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot economies and to provide support to the Turkish Cypriot economy. The President underscored that implementing such a measure could place Turkish Cypriot producers at a competitive disadvantage.

He added that the Greek Cypriot side can resolve these issues through

its own domestic regulations, but **warned that any** deviation from the logic of the regulations or the creation of unequal practices would result in an environment of unfair competition.

“WE HAVE PRESENTED NEW AND CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS ON CROSSINGS. . WE AWAIT APPROVAL”

President Erhürman stressed the need to take concrete steps on crossings and other measures under the Confidence Building Measures framework to address the prolonged lack of trust between the two peoples. He emphasised that improving crossings is a key component of these measures, as increased people-to-people contacts, trust, and communication between the Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots will contribute positively to the overall peace and solution process.

President Erhürman continued:



“We are discussing four new crossings along the route from Haspolat to Akıncılar, and from Kiracıköy to Eylence. We have presented proposals to bring this issue to the agenda, as well as additional measures that we have proposed since taking office. I believe it is important to open all the crossings together. The section from Kiracıköy to Eylence is not essential from the Turkish Cypriot perspective, however we take this into serious consideration. Greek Cypriots face difficulties when traveling from Kiracıköy to Larnaca,

or Eylence to Nicosia, and there is a request to remedy this. We take this request seriously. We are not saying it is ‘unimportant for Turkish Cypriots.’ It is important for Greek Cypriots, and Turkish Cypriots will of course also use that route.”

Source:

PRESIDENCY OF THE TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS



National Unity Party (UBP) Lefkoşa MP Hasan Taçoy, who heads the delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, delivered a speech at the Plenary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE). In his address, he emphasized that the importance of lasting peace in Ukraine and reaffirmed commitment to the security of the European continent, while also delivering

important messages regarding the Cyprus issue.

The speech was as follows:

“Recent developments have once again demonstrated that security in Europe cannot be taken for granted and requires our constant collective attention. Unsolved conflicts continue to undermine the stability far beyond their immediate geography and pose a threat to the

security of the entire continent.

In this context, the persistent status quo on the island of Cyprus, which has been on the agenda of the esteemed Assembly for more than six decades, continues to have direct implications for the security of the Eastern Mediterranean region, the European continent and beyond.

As is well known, the partnership Republic of Cyprus established in 1960 and subsequently admitted to the Council of Europe was destroyed in December 1963. As a result of the Greek Cypriot partner onslaught against the Turkish Cypriot partner, all Turkish Cypriot elements were forcibly ejected from state institutions and the seat of the government have been unlawfully occupied ever since.

The tragic period between 1963 and

1974 was marked by widespread violence during which hundreds of Turkish Cypriots were killed and tens of thousands were forced to abandon their homes seeking refuge in enclaves amounting to merely 3% of the island’s territory.

This period culminated in the 1974 coup d'état, orchestrated by the Greek Cypriot side and backed by the military junta in Greece. As also acknowledged by this esteemed Assembly in its resolution 573 (1974), this coup attempt led the Turkish government to exercise its right of intervention in accordance with Article 4 of the Treaty of Guarantee of 1960, thereby bringing an end to a decade of bloodshed.”

Source:

TRNC Public Information Office

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President Erhürman's Remarks After Cyprus Leaders Meeting



Press Conference Overview

President Tufan Erhürman addressed the media following his participation in a trilateral meeting in the United Nations buffer zone, attended by Greek Cypriot Leader Nikos Christodoulides and hosted by María Ángela Holguín, the Personal Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General on Cyprus. During the press conference at the Presidency, President Erhürman described the meeting as beneficial and emphasised his proposal for future tête-à-tête meetings between the two leaders, particularly during periods when Ms. Holguín is not present on the island.

Stance on Negotiation Procedures

President Erhürman made it clear that he would not engage in substantive talks until an agreement on procedural matters was reached. He highlighted the importance of establishing the principles and procedures before moving on to discussions of substance, drawing an analogy to knowing the rules before stepping onto the pitch. The President stressed that previous negotiations lacked a clear procedure, which often led to disappointment. He reiterated that he had never set preconditions but advocated for the necessity of a defined process.

Proposal for Frequent Leaders' Meetings

The President proposed that the leaders continue to meet even when Ms. Holguín is absent from Cyprus.

Mr. Christodoulides welcomed this suggestion and recommended that such a meeting be organised within two weeks. President Erhürman underlined that dialogue and diplomacy are always beneficial, even if the meeting could not be described as highly productive due to the absence of concrete agreements on confidence-building measures.

Greek Cypriot Five-Point Proposal

During the meeting, Greek Cypriot Leader Nikos Christodoulides presented a five-point proposal. President Erhürman noted that these points did not contain any new information; rather, they compiled previously discussed matters. The content of the five points included reaffirming the basis for a Cyprus settlement, the UN preparing and distributing convergences reached up to Crans-Montana to both sides and all five parties, the Secretary-General convening a conference in an expanded format based on this document, and the announcement of the opening of four crossings.

Emphasis on Political Equality and Rotating Presidency

President Erhürman stressed the importance of political equality, effective participation, and a rotating presidency as key elements of his four-point methodology proposal. He asserted that accepting a rotating presidency in principle was fundamental to ensuring genuine political equality. He warned that the absence of a rotating presidency

would mean the Turkish Cypriots would never head the proposed structure, referencing the pain experienced during the period of the 1960 Constitution.

Methodology and Time-Frame

The President outlined four main points of his methodology: political equality, effective participation and rotating presidency, a principled acceptance of convergences without delving into their content, and a time-frame principle for negotiations. He clarified that he was not proposing a specific duration for the process but was seeking agreement that negotiations should occur within a defined time limit. President Erhürman emphasised that substance should not be discussed until these procedural principles were agreed upon.

Political Will and Confidence-Building Measures

President Erhürman reaffirmed the Turkish Cypriot people's political will for a solution, noting that disappointment had frequently occurred due to the lack of agreed procedures. He stressed the continued relevance of confidence-building measures and lamented the lack of meaningful dialogue in the eight years since Crans-Montana. As he approached the third month of his term, President Erhürman highlighted that three meetings had already taken place and reiterated his commitment to making progress.

Improving Daily Lives and the Importance of Diplomacy

The President emphasised the need for the two leaders to meet in Lefkoşa to address issues that could improve the daily lives of both Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots. He suggested that demonstrating the ability to work together on practical matters could pave the way for broader format meetings, such as 5+1. President

Erhürman reiterated the importance of diplomacy and dialogue as essential tools for progress.

Commitment to Structured Approach and Future Press Conference

President Erhürman concluded by reaffirming his commitment to a structured approach, stating that he would not move on to substantive discussions until the four procedural points were completed. He expressed his desire for negotiations to lead to a solution, not just to continue for their own sake. The President shared that on 2 February, he would hold a press conference to assess his first 100 days in office, providing a more detailed explanation of each confidence-building measure, including their status, proposals, and reasons for non-implementation.

Final Remarks

As the meeting ended, President Erhürman and Mr. Christodoulides acknowledged their shared responsibility, noting, "We are partners, and either we will both succeed — for both sides, for both peoples — or we will both fail." The ultimate aim, President Erhürman stated, is to achieve peace and stability for Cyprus, its peoples, and the wider region.

Source:

PRESIDENCY OF THE TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS



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TRNC Beach Cleaning Conducted in Karaoğlanoğlu



The beach cleaning event, organized in cooperation with Girne Municipality and Karaoğlanoğlu Muhtarlığı, was successfully carried out with the aim of increasing environmental awareness and keeping the beaches clean.

In the event held in the Karaoğlanoğlu Region, the local people and volunteers worked together to clean the coastline. The event, which aimed to strengthen

social solidarity and environmental awareness, started on Sunday, January 18th at 09:30 am.

Participants gathered at the meeting point in front of the Silver Waves Hotel (Kemal Kayacan Street, Karaoğlanoğlu) and collected waste along the beach.

Source (Turkish):

Kyrenia (Girne) Municipality



Famagusta Increases Enforcement for Food Safety

A coordinated operation between Gazimağusa Police and Gazimağusa Municipality Zabıta has resulted in the seizure of nearly 1.8 tonnes of illegal meat, marking one of the most significant food-safety interventions in recent years.

Authorities inspected a local butcher shop following intelligence reports and uncovered 1,160 kg of lamb and beef carrying South Cyprus stamps, indicating the products had entered the country without customs clearance. The operation expanded to the owner's farm, where officers found 70 unregistered small livestock, along with additional unlabelled and unverified meat products.

Among the seized items were:

- * 30 kg of unlabelled whole lamb
- * 200 kg of minced meat of unknown origin
- * 392 kg of beef cuts lacking

documentation

- * Stolen municipal slaughterhouse stamps
- * An illegal sleeping area constructed above the shop

In total, 1,782 kg of meat was confiscated. Police have launched a full investigation into smuggling, food-safety violations, and theft of official seals.

Municipal officials emphasised that such operations are essential to safeguarding public health and ensuring that all food sold to consumers meets legal and hygienic standards. The municipality reiterated its commitment to transparency, enforcement, and the protection of community well-being.

This decisive action underscores a broader message: illegal practices that endanger public health will not be tolerated, and coordinated enforcement between municipal teams and police will continue.



Source (Turkish): Kyrenia (Girne) Municipality

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Famagusta Municipality: Global Support for Animal Welfare



A model sterilization campaign was recently conducted in Famagusta, thanks to the collaboration between NETAP and Famagusta Municipality. This initiative aimed to curb the uncontrolled growth of stray animal populations and ensure healthier living conditions for these animals. Over four days, from January 8 to 11, 2026, the campaign successfully neutered 114 female dogs, 1 male dog, 57 female cats, and 46 male cats. The project was spearheaded by Burak Toksoy, President of the Cyprus Turkish Veterinary Medical Association, and Ufuk Umay, Member of the Famagusta Municipal Council, with support from Esther Geisser, President and founding member of NETAP, and İlke Soyer, Head of the Famagusta Municipality Dog Shelter and Rehabilitation Center.

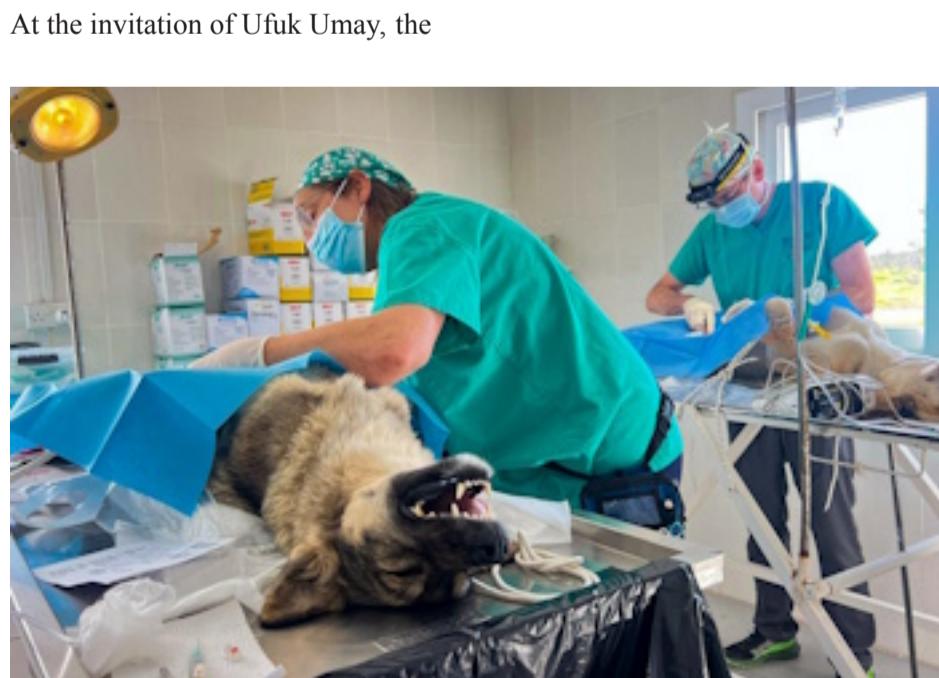
International Volunteer Team in Action

At the invitation of Ufuk Umay, the

NETAP team operated at the Famagusta Animal Shelter for four days. The international team, comprising four veterinarians and four veterinary assistants specializing in anesthesia, performed surgeries on all listed animals. Each animal received a microchip, ear tag, vaccinations, and both internal and external parasite treatments. The campaign included Cypriot veterinarians Derya Uzmen İsmail and Erinc Faraçoğlu, as well as Swiss veterinarians Roxana Stan, Marcel Schaubli, and Vanessa Heitmann. Veterinary technicians Flipa Balsing, Vera Bierer, Morris Wettstein, and Roxanne Brugger volunteered their expertise throughout the operation.

Beyond the shelter's dogs, stray cats from ten different city feeding points were also included in the campaign.

Dedication from Municipal Staff and Volunteers



The project's success was made possible by the commitment of municipal shelter veterinarians Serten Tekbıyık, Silvan Demir, Sevda Gündüz, Mustafa Baytunç, Fikret Koruk, Ömer Korkmaz, Bülent Çavdar, and İshak Çetin. Health personnel Özgür M. Şahin and Emir Kaffaoğlu, along with volunteer animal advocate Hanife Önder, contributed at every stage. Despite encountering serious uterine health issues in many female dogs, the team's professionalism and advanced equipment ensured the campaign's completion.

Beyond Numbers: Sustainable Animal Welfare

Famagusta Municipality Dog Shelter and Rehabilitation Center Supervisor İlke Soyer highlighted that the campaign's impact goes beyond statistics, emphasizing its importance for both shelter residents and city-wide animal welfare. Working with an international team provided invaluable professional and personal growth.

NETAP TRNC Coordinator Soley Rüstem praised Famagusta Municipality's hospitality and commitment to animal welfare, expressing hope for continued collaboration and lasting solutions for the island.

Promoting Adoption and Humane Solutions

Famagusta City Council Member Ufuk Umay stressed the importance of improving shelter conditions and encouraged responsible animal lovers to support adoption efforts. Umay reaffirmed the municipality's dedication to ongoing improvements.

NETAP President Lisa Goldinger described sterilization as a globally recognized, humane, and permanent solution to issues like hunger and disease among stray animals. Goldinger commended Famagusta Municipality's modern, animal-friendly approach and expressed gratitude for their hospitality.

A Model of Social Responsibility

Famagusta Municipality Mayor Süleyman Uluçay affirmed that ensuring the health and safety of stray animals is integral to the municipality's social mission. Uluçay thanked all contributors, including NETAP, veterinarians, volunteers, and municipal staff, for their meaningful work.

The international team appreciated the logistics and accommodation provided by Famagusta Municipality, marking this campaign as a standout example of effective cooperation between local government and international NGOs.

Source (Turkish): Famagusta (Gazimağusa) Municipality



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Two Major Games Events Held at ARUCAD

Arkin University of Creative Arts and Design (ARUCAD) hosted two major events in January, each highlighting a different aspect of the gaming world: game music, sound design, and digital game production. ARUCAD Soundtrack Week, organised by the Department of Sound Arts and Design, took place at the Bandabuliya Campus in Nicosia between 19 and 23 January 2026. Before this, GAME EXPO 2026 was held on Friday, 16 January 2026, bringing together student-developed digital games and visitors.

Game Music Week: Exploring Sound, Music and Interaction

Game Music Week examined the role of music and sound in video games through both theoretical and practical sessions. The programme included academic talks, workshops, listening sessions, gameplay screenings, live-music gameplay performances, and student presentations. Key topics ranged from soundtrack analysis and musical themes as narrative tools to interactive sound design and performance approaches shaped by gameplay.

The week's sessions were led by ARUCAD Sound Arts and Design Department Head Asst. Prof. Dr. İnal Bilsel, Lecturer Ataman Kınış, guest speaker Doğu Zaifoğlu, and Başar Ünder from Bahçeşehir University. Together, they explored game audio as an interdisciplinary field connecting composition, technology and interactive media.

One of the most notable events was a performative gameplay session based on the classic game Another World. Held on Thursday, 22 January, the normally music-free game was played live while performers improvised a musical score in real time. This unique experience highlighted the dynamic relationship between gameplay, sound, and music.

Reflections from the Contributors

Opening the week, Asst. Assoc. Prof. Dr. İnal Bilsel spoke about his personal connection to game audio: "As a child in the 90s, I grew up as a gamer. Games like Another World directly shaped my relationship with music and sound. Its atmosphere and minimalist sound design have always inspired me."

He explained that Game Music Week began as a single-seminar idea but expanded into a full programme:

"Workshops, seminars, listening sessions, and gaming areas were added over time, turning it into a comprehensive week-long event. It encouraged students to question sound and music in games from new perspectives."

Lecturer Ataman Kınış emphasised the interactive nature of game audio:

"Game music and sound design respond to the player's actions, unlike linear media such as film. Throughout the week, we aimed to give students hands-on experience in how game sound is produced and implemented." Guest speaker Doğu Zaifoğlu, a Cypriot composer, guitarist, and sound designer with more than seven years of experience in game audio, also shared insights from his workshop. Zaifoğlu has contributed to numerous independent game projects and works extensively with the Wwise audio engine. His 2025 solo EP Mesophyll blends orchestral, ethnic and atmospheric elements with a progressive approach.

"Interaction is one of the most fundamental aspects of game music," he said. "We explored how music reacts to locations, scenes and player decisions. This helped students approach both games and music production more holistically."

GAME EXPO 2026: Student Games on Display

Held just before Game Music Week, GAME EXPO 2026 showcased



original digital game projects developed by Digital Game Design students throughout the semester. Focusing on game mechanics, visual language, narrative structure and interaction design, the exhibition allowed visitors to experience the games firsthand.

A standout achievement was the release of TyreUp: LeftRight on the Steam platform. Developed by students Metehan Bozdağ, Buğra Şanlı, Tatiana Kozlova, and Yiğit Oruç, with contributions from Seden Bozdağ, the game represents a significant milestone—demonstrating how ARUCAD student projects can reach professional digital platforms.

Reflecting on her experience, Sound Arts Design student Jasmin Köşemehmetoğlu said:

"The game I played most in my



childhood was Minecraft, and its introductory music has always stayed with me. Thanks to Game Music Week, I've started thinking about sound and music in games much more consciously."

A Multi-Layered Creative Environment

Together, these two events created a rich environment where game music, sound design and digital game production converged. For students, academics and visitors, ARUCAD offered a vibrant space for learning, experimentation and creative exchange.

Source (Turkish):

Arkin University of Creative Arts and Design (ARUCAD)

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Girne Cycle App Launch: Eco-Friendly Urban Transport



Micromobility Application Launched

Girne Municipality has launched a new micromobility application to make urban transportation more practical, flexible, and environmentally friendly. This application, implemented in line with Girne Municipality's transportation vision, provides residents and visitors of Girne with a fast and easy transportation alternative for short distances.

The application, a result of collaboration with TAZI, a company operating in the micromobility field, has started operating in Girne. Thanks to the system, which is easily accessible via a mobile application, users can start driving from any point in the city.

Application

ANCIENT GIRNE HARBOR AREA CLOSED TO DRIVING!

In a statement made by Girne Municipality, it was emphasized that the Ancient Girne Harbor area (between the Tourism Information Office and Girne Castle) is strictly closed to driving. It was stated that users found driving in this area will be subject to an administrative fine of 5,000 TL.

Citizens who want to use the application can create a membership and make rental transactions instantly by downloading the Tazi mobile application from the App Store and Google Play.

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It is stated that the application can be

actively used in the Karaoğlanoğlu, Zeytinlik, Doğanköy, Karakum, Beylerbeyi and Ozanköy regions; it is noted that more detailed location information can be obtained from the application and the determined pricing model is 'Minute rate: 10.99 TL', 'Starting rate: 10.99 TL', 'Reservation fee: 6.99 TL'.

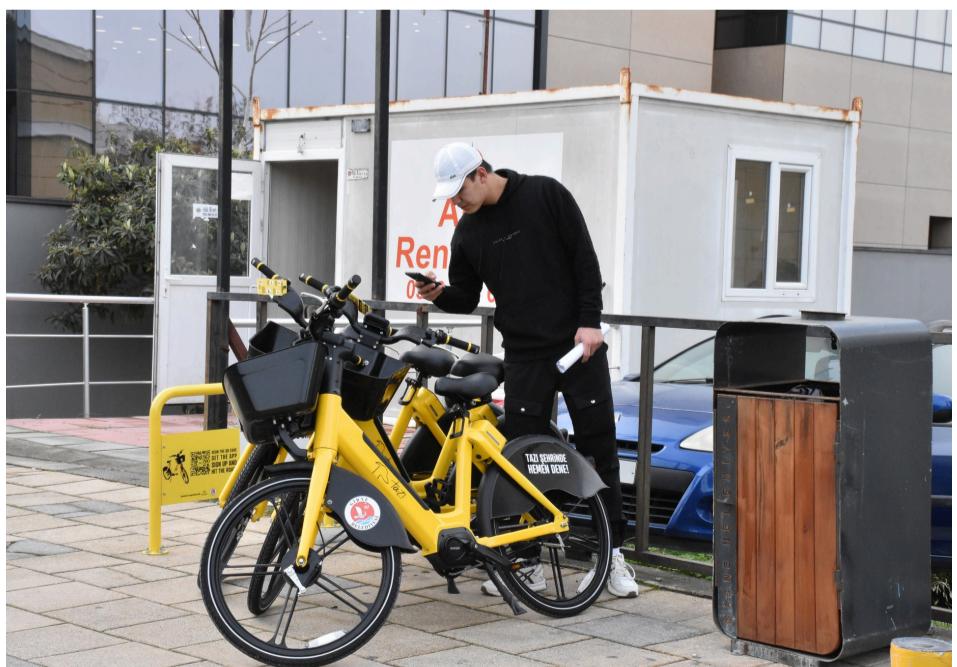
MAYOR ŞENKUL: "WE VALUE SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION"

Girne Mayor Murat Şenkul, who made a statement on the subject, drew attention to the importance of

environmentally friendly and innovative transportation solutions for urban life. Şenkul said, "We attach great importance to the widespread adoption of sustainable solutions in urban transportation. The implementation of such micromobility applications in Girne will contribute both to urban life and to our environmental goals. As Girne Municipality, we will continue to support steps in this direction."

Source (Turkish):

Kyrenia (Girne) Municipality .



23RD ACE OF MICE 2026 GALA NIGHT DAZZLES IN NORTHERN CYPRUS



Masters of Events by ACE of M.I.C.E. Awards 2026, the most prestigious award ceremony in the world MICE industry, witnessed one of the most striking gatherings of the year with a magnificent gala night held at Elexus Hotel & Resort & Spa.

Every detail, from the red carpet to the stage shows, from the lighting design to the visual atmosphere, provided the guests with an award

night experience at international standards.

The night, which started on the red carpet, turned into a parade of celebrities with the participation of a distinguished group of guests, including names such as Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment Fikri Ataoğlu, Minister of Finance Özdemir Berova, Dream Project Board Member and CEO Volkan

Ataman and Jolly Chairman of the Board Mete Vardar.

Camera flashes, guests competing in elegance and the impressive atmosphere extending to the stage transformed Elexus into the most prestigious address in Northern Cyprus that night.

While the host of the night was Başak Koç, Cenk Eren, who took the stage, brought the rhythm of the gala night to the top with his performance. The night, which proceeds with its strong stage setup, high production quality and dynamic lighting design, is not just an award ceremony; It has evolved into a stage show that reflects the creativity and vision of the MICE industry.

While the moments when the awards found their owners, combined with applause and emotional moments, the night turned into a real celebration for the industry professionals and distinguished guests who filled the hall. The flow,

supported by visual shows, stage transitions and music, made the gala night the most talked-about organization of the year.

Leading guests from the world of art, media, business and society, including them, attracted great attention in the red carpet and invitation area throughout the night. The gala, where elegance, prestige and network meet under the same roof, also created a strong echo in the social media and magazine world.

The Masters of Events by ACE of M.I.C.E. Awards 2026 is not just a ceremony for awarding awards; It has been engraved in memories as a high-level prestige stage where the heart of the international event world beats and where style, vision and creativity come together.

Source (Turkish):
TRNC Ministry of Tourism and Environment

Scholarship and Cooperation Agreement Signed with AKÜN

A Special Scholarship and Cooperation Protocol was signed between the Ministry of Public Works and Transport and Akdeniz Karpaz University (AKÜN).

The protocol was signed by Minister of Public Works and Transport Erhan Arikli and AKÜN Vice Rector Prof. Dr. İsmet Esenel.

Minister of Public Works and Transport Erhan Arikli emphasized that the decision taken is extremely valuable and said, "A very valuable decision was taken on behalf of our students. For this reason, we would like to thank Akdeniz Karpaz University."

Arikli, who wished that this practice would set an example for other universities, said, "There are thousands of students who want to study but cannot because they do not have the opportunity. I hope that this path opened by Akdeniz Karpaz

University will set an example for other universities."

Drawing attention to the expansion, especially in the field of aviation, Minister Arikli stated that the aviation sector will gain much greater momentum in the coming years and said, "The aviation sector will become a much more gigantic sector in the coming days. We closely follow the developments in this field." he said.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, AKÜN Vice Rector Prof. Dr. İsmet Esenel stated that they have made an important scholarship decision under the umbrella of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, especially for students who want to study in the fields of aviation, tourism, and business but do not have financial means.

Esenel stated that 100 percent



scholarships will be provided to 5 students to be determined through the ministry, and that protocols of other ministries will be prepared according to their relevant areas of expertise and that it has been reported that scholarships will be given to a total of 50 students until the February 2026 registration period.

Minister Arikli thanked the academic staff of AKÜN and expressed his

satisfaction with the contribution of the university to education.

At the protocol signing ceremony, AKÜN Public Relations and Event Management Manager's Assistant. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Güneş Kozal and Information Technologies and Communications Authority (BTHK) Vice President Tayfun Aydınlı were also present.

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Meltdown in Peterborough as Voting Is Denied



Attending a second public meeting at Peterborough City Council, Sand Martin House, proved to be an exhausting three-plus hours. Throughout the session, various councillors spoke at length, presenting dense volumes of information on a range of projects.

The issue that most gripped the public audience, however, was the fallout from the previous council meeting. At that earlier session, councillors agreed to write to the UK Secretary of State recommending that the May elections be cancelled. At this latest meeting, a motion was put forward calling for a new letter from Peterborough City Council — this time recommending that the elections should go ahead. **That motion was defeated by 28 votes to 18 with 2 abstentions.**

As the meeting dragged on, the public — who had patiently sat through the lengthy proceedings — grew increasingly restless. Protests broke

out, with many **insisting that their democratic rights were being denied.** A group of security staff dressed in black approached the crowd, delivering a stark warning: **“Be quiet or leave.”** For a moment, it was unclear whether the situation would escalate further before order was restored.

A link to the full meeting video is provided, though few are likely to have the time or inclination to watch the entire recording. For that reason, we have also included a shorter clip, along with a social media statement shared by Conservative Councillor Alex Rafiq, capturing the intensity and emotion on display throughout the debate.

Council elections were being demanded — and denied.

We are bombarded daily in the UK with stories of free speech being controlled, and it seems

increasingly clear that those enforcing these restrictions are fighting desperately to protect their positions and ambitions from anyone who dares to hold a different view. At CyprusScene, we believe these conversations matter — so tell us below, where do you stand? Your voice shapes this debate.

“Alex Rafiq for Paston & Walton is in Peterborough.

“Local Elections are Cancelled!

It was made clear by the legal officer at the start of the meeting that the Conservatives' motion would have only been to send a letter to the insurer to “Express the views of all the Cllrs” that attended the meeting last night

The Motion was defeated anyway as not enough Cllrs voted in favour of the Chief Executive of the council sending a letter to the Labour minister expressing their views & support for the elections “Not to be Postponed.”

I was told when I arrived at the meeting yesterday by democratic services that I wouldn't have the time I thought I would have to speak

No surprise really, as I have been very Vocal on this issue over the last few weeks

Lots of other Councillors were given discretion to go over time limits & finished what they said, but as soon as I got my time limit, I was stopped abruptly

The meeting lasted for over 3 Hours & in this time, I wasn't given any discretion to have the extra 30 seconds I needed to finish taking

You will see this on the full stream.....

When I was cut off

My point I was making to the Labour Cllr Shabina Qaayum was that Central Government Money that taxpayers pay is different to Peterborough residents paying council Tax & that the elections had already been budgeted for & work had begun.

So I am not sure why at the last Cabinet meeting on the 12th Jan, she was giving the impression that “We” would be putting Patients at risk In A & E in these local elections went ahead – Baffling, Mind blowing & quite frankly Pathetic.

The last point I was going to make was to the Cabinet member of

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continued....Meltdown in Peterborough as Voting Is Denied



they gone ahead...

I was disappointed that I didn't get an answer as to how many staff hours went into this, which formed part of my question....

I am still yet to hear from our Andrew Pakes for Peterborough On his views..... & have still had No response to my email...

I was humble enough to give a full public apology to Our Mayor Cllr Judy Fox & I had already previously sent her an email.

Finance who had already confirmed that £33,000 had been spent towards these elections, much of which would have come off the final amount had

I have No problem admitting my mistakes however big or small

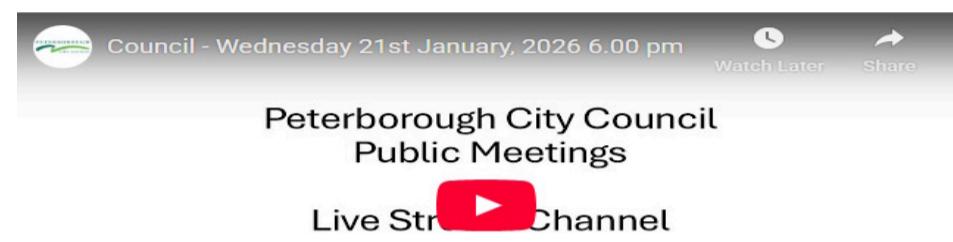
Thank you to all the members of the

public that attended & if I missed getting round to speak to you before or after the meeting, then please do get in touch as I would love to have a cup of coffee with you sometime

I will go through the rest of the video in the coming days & put some more clips up."

Click on the link below to read more comments by Alex Rafiq

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100092634369721>



Click on the links below to see the full Peterborough Meetings

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REFORM Peterborough: Standing Up for Democracy

REFORM Peterborough recently hosted a dynamic branch meeting in Peterborough on 28th January 2026. The event brought together many members, all united by a shared commitment to defending democratic rights in the city.

Council Debate Sparks Public Outcry

The meeting followed significant news from Peterborough City Council, which had convened a second session to discuss the upcoming local elections scheduled for May. During a heated cabinet debate, members of the public voiced their concerns, declaring, “Our democratic rights are being

denied.” Security staff intervened, silencing the protests. Ultimately, the council voted 28 to 18 against a Conservative motion to send a letter to the Secretary of State requesting that the elections proceed. This decision became the focal point of the evening’s discussion.

Reform UK Launches Legal Challenge

Despite the Labour-led council’s move to ask the Government to cancel Peterborough’s May elections, a growing backlash is underway. Reform UK has responded by launching a judicial review, aiming to legally challenge any cancellation of local elections by the Government.

Peterborough Chairman Dr. Tom Rogers said, “The outcome should be known after a High Court hearing on 19th/20th February. The delay of the elections is far from a foregone conclusion—we are challenging it, are confident of winning, and must be prepared for the elections to go ahead—and for victory.”

Campaigning for Change

Campaigning is a collective effort, and everyone is encouraged to participate. Working as a team, **REFORM** is demonstrating success across the country. The local team is currently being assembled, with further details to be announced soon.



REFORM Peterborough said:

Stay tuned for updates on our campaign and the outcome of the judicial review. Together, we can ensure democracy prevails in Peterborough.

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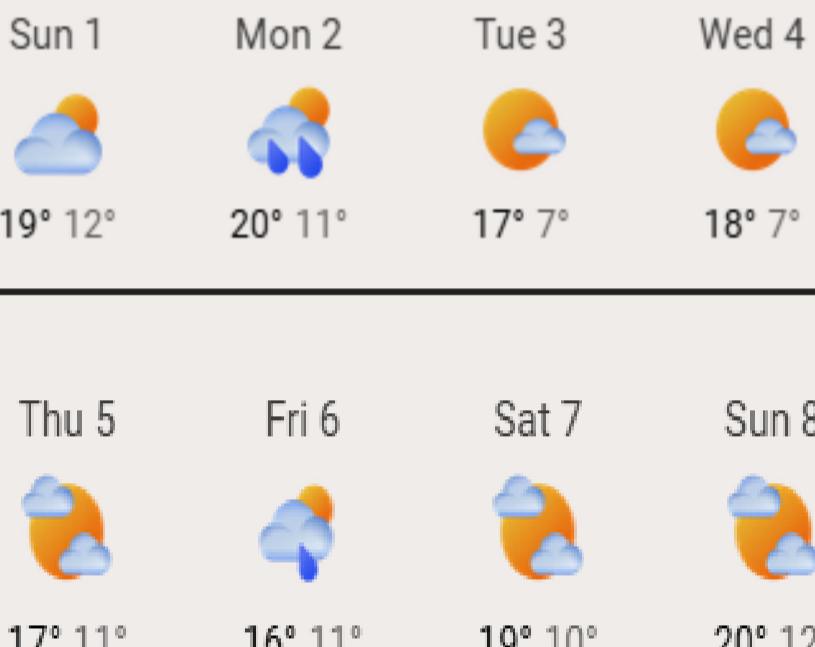
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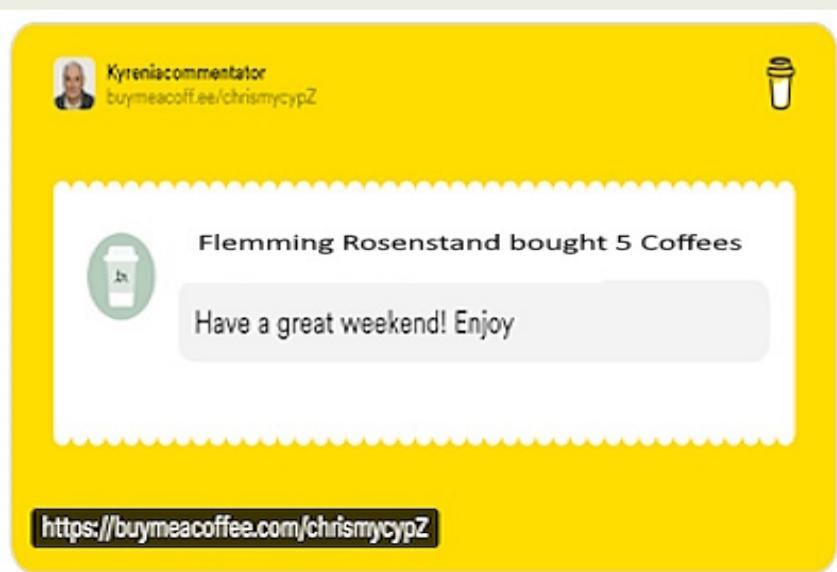
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ESENTEPE ARE SAFELY THROUGH.

Results: SERVEOĞLU GEÇİTKALE GSK 0 ESENTEPE KKSK 2

By Richard Beale....

Esentepe avoided a potential “banana skin” when they overcame League 1 strugglers Geçitkale with a thoroughly professional and competent performance.

Saturday, January 17, 2026:
Kıbris Cup 1st Round: Geçitkale Stadium.

Weather: Overcast, rain for the last 5 minutes.

A morale-boosting win for Esentepe against neighbours Geçitkale, an upset looked rarely on the cards, the home team battled but never looked like scoring.

Geçitkale can now concentrate on their League 1 survival. I hope they do, they are a friendly club and always make you welcome. Since my last visit, they have erected a new modern stand, improved the changing rooms and toilets, and they have a pleasant patio garden where you can enjoy a cup of coffee.

The new stand, decked out in Geçitkale colours of blue and yellow, was quite full up with most of the spectators from Esentepe.

The playing surface is artificial, synthetic. Esentepe has prepared for this by training at the Tatlısu Stadium.

Though goalkeeper Ali Karal's name was in the starting X1, due to the condition of the surface, he was not risked with such an important League match against Karşıyaka coming up next weekend.

17-year-old young team goalkeeper

CAN ADNAN BEYAZGÜL was given his senior debut, very pleased for the lad, he kept a clean sheet, though he didn't have a lot to do, what came his way was dealt with competently.

Esentepe also didn't risk their leading goalscorer, Lukman, who is nursing minor injuries but should be available for the Karşıyaka match.

Esentepe's back four of Sander, Devran, Semih and Nehir offered an impregnable defensive wall protecting Can; Geçitkale offered very little as a goal threat.

Esentepe started the match brightly with their Cameroon midfield player Benjamin being partially prominent, hitting a long curling shot causing the Geçitkale goalkeeper Salih an anxious moment, and then putting in an angled drive across the goalmouth.

Esentepe had to wait until the 42nd minute before they took the lead, a Salih corner from the left was back-headed by defender DEVRAN GÜNEŞ into the left-hand corner of the net.

HALF TIME SCORE : 0-1

Sulyman, who was closely marked in the first half by Deniz, gradually got the better of his opponent, and a number of his runs and low crosses should have produced goals. Oladimeji, standing in for the injured Lukman, worked hard throughout the match but was guilty on several occasions of failing to capitalise on Sulyman's crosses.

Both teams made a number of changes as the half wore on.



A rare goal for SALİH KARAL (second left).

Geçitkale opted to leave experienced players Mehmet Çavuş and Ali Elmas on the bench and throw on several youngsters.

Esentepe had no choice with such a small playing squad did the same giving Dincer, Kaya, and Abdulsamed a run out.

To avoid the match going into extra time and a possible penalty shoot out, Esentepe desperately needed a second goal and it came in the 74th minute from an unlikely source.

Midfielder SALİH KARAL, who put in a hard-working performance, found Oladimeji, the Esentepe player miss-hit his shot, which was parried by the goalkeeper, straight to SALİH, following up to score. A collector's item a very rare goal scored by Salih !. **0-2**

Benjamin in the 77th minute, with a driving run, passed several players before sending in a shot, which was spectacularly saved by goalkeeper Salih, diving to his right to push the shot away for a corner.

Esentepe saw out the remainder of

the match with no scares, and the rain arrived in the 85th minute, extinguishing the remainder of Geçitkale's hopes.

FULL TIME SCORE : 0-2

Esentepe “Man of the Match” — BENJAMIN BIELEU —deserved a goal, very energetic and prominent all match.

ESENTEPE TEAM : Can (gk) ; Sander, Devran, Semih, Nehir (Kaya 70) ; Mehmet Ada : BENJAMIN (Dincer 85), Salih : Süleyman, Oladimeji (Abdulsamed 85), Ege Can (C) (Tuğra 56)

Replacements not used: Ali (gk), Evren, Burak.

SERVEOĞLU GECİTKALE TEAM : Salih (gk), Yarkin, Özen, Hasan, Deniz Numan (Baran Bilgi 77), Ali Atıcı, Hüseyin Özbilen (İsmail 55), Rifat (Oğuzhan 77), Baran Türkhan, Baran Derin (Çağrı 77), Yetta (Batu 55)

Referee —Osman Özpaşa — excellent match, as did his Lines persons.

ABSOLUTE CRUCIAL MATCH FOR ESENTEPE.

ESENTEPE KKSK v KARŞIYAKA SK

By Richard Beale....

After what must have been the shortest ever winter break, the second half of the season recommences on Saturday, 24th January. Esentepe opponents will be Karşıyaka. I cannot express strongly enough how important this match is for both teams.

Saturday, January 24: AKSA Super League: Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadium.

Esentepe are in 9th position in the League on 20 points, Karşıyaka are in 12th place on 14 points — a difference of 6 points.

Esentepe must extend this to 9 points with a win; teams like Karşıyaka we must keep below us in the League. On the other hand, for Karşıyaka, nothing less than a win will suffice.

The visitors mean business for the second half of the season and have been very active in the transfer market.

In a player exchange, their top goalscorer Papa Dembe Ndior was transferred to the Champions Mağusa Türk Gücü in part exchange for another prolific goalscorer, ANDY OKPE. Andy is Nigerian and is 6ft 3 inches tall, and for MTG last season, scored 26 goals in 34 appearances.

Part of the deal also involved experienced goalkeeper UFUK ŞİMŞEK, who will replace ex Esentepe player Osman Erdoğan in goal.

Another signing is MOUHAMED MBAYE, born in Senegal, a

midfield player who was signed from Spanish League club Marbella.

LAWRENCE OGBE, a Nigerian midfield player, but now qualified locally, has been recalled from his loan spell at Mormeneşke.

Other signings have been MEHMET EROL and HANIBAL SASSI SAID, a Liberian but also qualified to play in the TRNC.

Looking at their squad, they have the 3 permitted foreign players, Andy Okpe, Mouhamed Mbaye, and Senegal player Cheih Mahfouz Kande, and 3 more foreign players but qualified to play here locally in Lawrence Ogbe, Issac Owsu, and Hanibal Said.

A real mixture of nationalities plus very experienced local TRNC footballers, they have built a formidable squad for the second half of the season.

Coming out of retirement recently, 40-year-old MEHMET GÜRPINAR has rejoined his old club, using his vast experience. GÖKSEL and SELÇUK SOYER, twins who spent many a season at Laptı, will add their vast experience to the squad.

I have a feeling that Karşıyaka will be the surprise team in the second half of the season.

Esentepe transfer dealings have been minimal, with the influential EMRE MUTLU being transferred to Mağusa Türk Gücü, with NEHIR CANTAŞ being part of the deal coming to Esentepe. Nehir has impressed, playing as an overlapping left back in a warm-up game and last week's Cup match.



A familiar face will be welcomed back into the playing squad, right back MUSTAFA SOYTÜRK, who has missed all of the season following a ACL operation in the summer. He may have to be content with a place on the replacement bench, for a spell, while he builds up his fitness and strength. When fully fit we all know what he is capable of and has been sorely missed.

Esentepe's leading goalscorer on 9 goals, LUKMAN ADESHINA, who has been nursing an injury over the last month, should be fit to lead the attack.

Centre back OSMAN TURGUT will return to the centre of the defence after serving a 2 match suspension. His height will be vital

ALL MATCHES POSTPONED DUE TO UNFAVORABLE WEATHER AND PITCH CONDITIONS!

All matches scheduled for (January 24-25, 2026) in the AKSA Super League, AKSA 1st League, AKSA A2 Super League, AKSA A2 1st League, and Digiturk Cyprus BTM 1st League, organized by the Cyprus Turkish Football Federation (KTFF), have been postponed due to unfavorable weather and pitch conditions. Following inspections of all pitches, the matches in these leagues have been shifted by one week and will resume from where they left off on January 31 – February 1, 2026. Additionally, the Cyprus Cup, starting with the 2nd round, has been rescheduled by one week. A detailed schedule will be shared in the coming days.

in combating the threat of Andy Okpe.

In the opening match of the season, Esentepe defeated Karşıyaka 3-2, with Lukman scoring all three of the goals.

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Demonstrations by the instructors offer a captivating insight into martial arts, showcasing refined techniques without resistance from an opponent. Whether you are a seasoned martial artist or a complete beginner, these sessions promise an enjoyable route to improved fitness, discipline, and lasting friendships.

Sessions take place every Thursday from 18:00 to 19:30 in the hall behind the Café. For further details, contact Allan on 07752 583858 or Norman on 07947 908157.

Traditional judo is also being taught in Davids Lane, Werrington, next to the Crab and Winkle pub on Tuesdays from 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm, and we will take time out in the weeks ahead to visit there and tell you more.



Allan Jones (9th Dan) and Norman Willerton (4th Dan)



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