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θα σου περάσει πέντε
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Χωρίς ίχνος ντροπής, η Βρετανία συμπεριφέρεται εχθρικά έναντι της Κύπρου στις διεργασίες που γίνονταν αυτές τις μέρες στον ΟΗΕ σχετικά με το Ψήφισμα από το Συμβούλιο Ασφαλείας για την ανανέωση (κάθε έξι μήνες) τής θητείας της Ειρηνευτικής Δύναμης στο νησί (UNFICUP). Το Ψήφισμα καθυστέρησε και αναμένεται να εγκριθεί τελικά σήμερα Πέμπτη, λόγω των εμποδίων που προέβαλε ο Βρετανός Αντιπρόσωπος, προσπαθώντας να εξητηρίσει τις τουρκικές θέσεις.

Μάλιστα, ο Βρετανός αντιπρόσωπος εμφανίστηκε προκλητικός στη συνεδρία του Σ.Α., αναφέροντας ότι συνενοείται με την Τουρκία και το ψευδοκράτος, οι οποίοι «δεν είναι καθόλου ευχαριστημένοι με το Ψήφισμα»!!!

Με την Κυπριακή Δημοκρατία, όμως, ο Βρετανός δεν είχε καμία απολύτως επαφή.

Συγκεκριμένα, κατά τις ανεπίσημες διαβούλευσεις της ολομέλειας του Συμβουλίου (που διεξήχθησαν σε επίπεδο εμπειρογνούμονων Κυπριακού τη Δευτέρα), οι Βρετανοί αρνήθηκαν να αποσύρουν την επίμοχη αναφορά του σχεδίου τους, η οποία αναφέρεται σε καλωδόρισμα από μέρους του Σώματος της «ειδικής αναθεώρησης της UNFICYP» (specific review of UNFICYP). Πρόκειται για την απειλή ότι, αν δεν βρεθεί

λόση εντός χρονοδιαγράμματος, η δύναμη πιθανών να καταργηθεί.

Η εμμονή της Βρετανίας να πάει το σχέδιο «ανοιχτό» στην ολομέλεια (χωρίς δηλαδή προσυμφωνημένο κείμενο από τα πέντε μόνιμα μελή), επέτρεψε στην Αγκυρα να προωθήσει περαιτέρω αλλαγές, μέσω του αντιπροσώπου του Αζερμπατζέν.

Μετά τις τελευταίες διαβουλεύσεις που είχαν τα μέλη σε επίπεδο αναπληρωτών μονίμων αντιπροσώπων, η σχετική παράγραφος υπέστη περαιτέρω τροποποίηση:

Σύμφωνα με την τελευταία τροποποίηση, η παράγραφος αναφέρει ότι τα μέλη προσβλέπουν «σε αναθεώρηση της UNFICYP στην κατάλληλη χρονική στιγμή».

Δηλαδή αιφαρέρθηκε η φράση «ειδική» πριν την αναθεώρηση (ειδικής αναθεώρησης της UNFICYP - specific review of UNFICYP) και προστέθηκε η φράση στην κατάλληλη χρονική στιγμή, που υπάρχει σε διάφορες εκθέσεις του Γενικού Γραμματεία.

Ενώ είχε κυκλοφορήσει τελικό προσχέδιο και αναμενόταν η έγκριση της κυπριακής Κυβέρνησης (που είναι απαραίτητη προϋπόθεση για την παρουσία της UNFICYP στην Κύπρο), παρενθήσαν άλλα μέλη του ΣΑ (πληροφορίες μιλούν για τη Ρωσία, τη Γαλλία και την Κίνα) με περαιτέρω τροποποιήσεις.

Ο Γενικός Γραμματέας του ΕΥΡΩΚΟ Στέλιος Αμερικάνος χα-

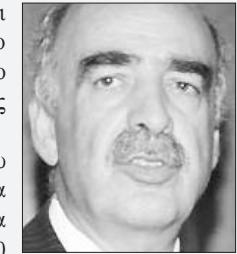
ρακτηρίζοντας προκλητική τη στάση της Βρετανίας, διατύπωσε τη θέση ότι «δεν είναι δυνατόν, ο Βρετανός αντιπρόσωπος απροκάλυπτα να δηλώνει ότι εμμένει στη συμπερίληψη συγκεκριμένης πρόνοιας, επειδή αυτή θα ικανοποιήσει την Τουρκία και τους Τουρκοκυπρίους και η Κυβέρνηση να παραμένει άπραγη».

Σε ανακοίνωσή του ο υπουργός για την Προεδρία Γιώργος Λιλήκας αναφέρει ότι «για μας ακόμα φορά οι Βρετανοί, συγχρόνως το προσχέδιο ψηφίσματος του Συμβουλίου Ασφαλείας για την ανανέωση της θητείας της ΟΥΝΦΙΚΥΠ, έχουν παρεισφρήσει πρόνοιες που υποσκάπτουν τα συμφέροντα της Κυπριακής Δημοκρατίας».

Μέσα από την αναθεώρηση των όρων εντολής της ΟΥΝΦΙΚΥΠ, πραγματικός στόχος είναι, εκτιμά, να θίξουν το διεθνές καθεστώς της Κυπριακής Δημοκρατίας όπως αυτό καθορίστηκε και εδόχεται στο ψηφίσμα 186 του 1964.

Υποδεικνύει τέλος ότι «αν οι Βρετανοί έχουν πρόβλημα με τη συμετοχή τους στην ΟΥΝΦΙΚΥΠ, τότε το βρετανικό απόσπασμα μπορεί να αποχωρήσει και υπάρχουν άλλες φίλες χώρες που είναι πρόθυμες να το αντικαταστήσουν».

Στην Κύπρο το πρώτο επίσημο ταξίδι του νέου Προέδρου της Βουλής των Ελλήνων



Συναντήσεις με όλη την πολιτική και πολιτειακή ηγεσία της Κύπρου έχει ο Ευάγγελος Μεϊμαράκης, κατά το πρώτο επίσημο ταξίδι του ως Πρόεδρος της Βουλής των Ελλήνων, στη Λευκωσία.

Επίσης, ο Πρόεδρος της Βουλής, που βρίσκεται στην κυπριακή πρωτεύουσα από χθες Τετάρτη 18 Ιουλίου και θα παραμείνει έως αύριο Παρασκευή 20 Ιουλίου, θα παραστεί στις εκδηλώσεις μνήμης για τα 38 χρόνια από τα τραγικά γεγονότα της τουρκικής εισβολής και κατοχής στην Κύπρο, που διοργανώνονται στο Προεδρικό Μέγαρο.

Θα παραστεί σε διάφορες άλλες εκδηλώσεις, θα συναντηθεί με όλη την πολιτική ηγεσία, τον Αρχιεπίσκοπο, τις οργανώσεις Προσφύγων και θα επισκεφθεί το στρατόπεδο της ΕΛΔΥΚ και τα Φυλακισμένα Μνήματα.

Στην Κύπρο για καταδίκη της εισβολής και αντιπροσωπεία Ελλήνων βουλευτών

Στην Κύπρο βρίσκεται από χθες Τετάρτη μέχρι και τις 20 Ιουλίου, διακομματική αντιπροσωπεία της Βουλής των Ελλήνων, η οποία θα συμμετάσχει στις εκδηλώσεις για την καταδίκη της τουρκικής εισβολής και θα έχει επαφές με την πολιτειακή ηγεσία.

Σύμφωνα με επίσημη ανακοίνωση, της αντιπροσωπείας ηγείται η Αντιπρόεδρος της Βουλής των Ελλήνων Μαρία Κόλλια-Τσαρούχα (Ανεξάρτητος Έλληνες) και σ' αυτή συμμετέχουν οι Βουλευτές Γιώργος Λιλήκας (Δημοκρατίας Νέα Δημοκρατίας), Θεόδωρος Δρίτσας (ΣΥΡΙΖΑ), Δημήτρης Σάλτοντος (ΠΑΣΟΚ), Πολύβιος Ζησιμάπουλος (Χρυσή Αυγή), Μαρία Γιαννακάκη (Δημοκρατική Αριστερά) και Διαμάντω Μανωλάκου (Κ.Κ.Ε.).

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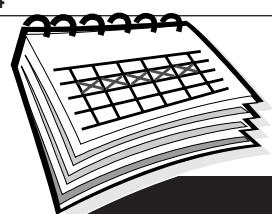


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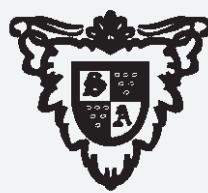
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Cyprus marks 38 years since Turkish invasion in 1974

For another year Cyprus marks the anniversary of the 1974 and a special plenary session of the Cyprus House of Representatives was held on Sunday, in the presence of President of the Republic of Cyprus Demetris Christofias, to condemn the 1974 military coup and the Turkish invasion that followed five days later.

President of the House of Representatives Yiannakis Omirou called on the MPs to observe one-minute's silence in memory of the heroes and martyrs, killed during the summer of 1974.

Turkey's intransigent and provocative behaviour should be denounced and revealed, Omirou said addressing the plenary, adding that a new national strategy should be planned out and implemented by using all available international fora and the European status of Cyprus.

The House of Representatives President went on to say that it is all politicians' duty to assert the basic rights of their people, by demanding for the implementation of international and European law principles.

The Cyprus issue, he stressed is without question a problem of invasion and occupation on the part of Turkey of an independent state.

Those who truly care for a just and viable solution should turn their attentions and in-



fluence towards the occupying force, he added.

Commemorating those who perished during the military coup and the Turkish invasion, Omirou, said their sacrifices will not be forgotten or pushed aside.

It is our duty to those who fell to continue the struggle for a solution which will not legalize the 'faits accomplis' of the Turkish invasion but will put an end to them, which will not be based on the violation but rather the protection of rights and basic freedoms, which will ensure the unity of the state, of the people, of the territory, of the institutions and of

the economy, he said.

Speakers from all parliamentary parties condemned the coup and the Turkish invasion demanding that Turkey fulfills its obligations and puts a stop to its intransigent stance. The session was also attended by Ministers and other officials.

Earlier on Sunday church services were held for those killed during the 1974 while sirens wailed throughout Cyprus at 8.20 am, the time when the tanks stormed the Presidential Palace in 1974. Similar events are held in various countries where Cypriots reside.

Parliamentarians demonstrate cross party support for Cyprus EU Presidency

Parliamentarians from across the political spectrum reiterated their support for a reunited Cyprus and their solidarity with the island as it assumes the Presidency of the European Union Council.

At a packed meeting held in the House of Commons on Tuesday night representatives of the British Cypriot community joined a large number of British parliamentarians to mark the 38th anniversary of Turkey's invasion of Cyprus and, at the same time, to celebrate the assumption by the Republic of the Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

The lobby event which has been held annually in July ever since the island's invasion attracted healthy cross-party support and was followed by a reception to celebrate the six-month Presidency and the opportunities that it brings for the island which remains divided after 38 years of occupation by the Turkish army.

Parliamentarians were unanimous as well as vocal in their support of Cyprus's Presidency and of its significance in placing the island at the centre of the European agenda.

Welcoming those present in Parliament's Grand Committee Room, Peter Droussiotis, Federation President, said that Cyprus's EU Presidency came at a crucial time for



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Europe and the Eurozone and expressed confidence that the Republic would perform its leadership role successfully and effectively. Mr Droussiotis stressed that Turkey's continued violation of the island's independence and territorial integrity must no longer be tolerated by the international community and called on Prime Minister David Cameron to make Cyprus's reunification a priority of his government and apply real pressure on Turkey to change its intransigence, reminding those present of the UK's historic treaty obligations to the island. He said, amongst other things: "Nearly 40 years later, the injustice perpetrated against Cyprus remains, as pervasive and as insidious as ever. The endless human tragedy of the missing, of the refugees, of the enclaved, all of whom we re-

member today. The outrage of Turkey's apartheid on an island, united throughout its long history, now ethnically cleansed, colonised, and forcibly split into two. "How can these criminal acts be squared with Turkey's international obligations and its undertakings to the European Union which it seeks to join?

"The Cypriot people want their country back. They want to live together as free people and in peace in their own country, a right denied to them by Turkey, which wants to control the island." This is not a zero sum game: the benefits of reunification will be many and varied, naturally, for the Cypriots themselves, but also for Europe and other regional stakeholders, including, of course, Turkey herself. "The event, which was sponsored by numerous MPs and peers, heard contributions from many parliamentary friends of Cyprus. Sir Roger Gale MP (North Thanet) opened the contributions lamenting the ongoing suffering of the relatives of people who went missing during the invasion of 1974 and whose fate is still unknown. A demonstration by families of the missing outside Parliament prior to the evening's events had, he said, reminded him of the tragedy of the missing, calling for action to "allow closure and instil some sense of peace, to replace the deep feeling of injustice," while going on to condemn a situation whereby a "an affluent European country should occupy part of the land of a member state of the EU – one, indeed that now holds the Presidency of the Union." Michael Connarty MP (Linlithgow and East Falkirk), spoke of his visit to Cyprus earlier this year as a member of Parliament's European Scrutiny Committee, and of an island "riven by the division" but with a sense of excitement at the opportunity provided by the EU Presidency to make a statement of its commitment as an EU member. On the matter of the natural resources, he condemned Turkey's claims over gas reserves and assured the meeting that Cyprus would receive the support it needs "economically, financially, practically and politically" from its allies.

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Shadow Foreign Secretary pledges Labour Party's support for a reunited Cyprus



Rt Hon Douglas Alexander MP, the UK's Shadow Foreign Secretary, met with the President of the National Federation of Cypriots in the UK, Peter Droussiotis, this week to discuss Cyprus and issues affecting the British Cypriot community, at which Mr Alexander expressed a keen interest in developments relating to Cyprus.

Speaking after the meeting the Shadow Foreign Secretary said: "The Labour Party values and appreciates the Cypriot community's vital contribution to British society. I was delighted to meet with Peter Droussiotis, who is a great representative of the British Cypriot community here in the UK, and a persuasive advocate for a reunified Cyprus. "My party remains fully committed to the UN-led negotiating process currently under way and will hold the Coalition Government to account regarding Britain's responsibilities as a Guarantor Power in Cyprus. I believe that the UK can do more presentations to that end." The meeting took place in Parliament on Tuesday 10 July.

Defendants for Mari explosion deny charges

Six persons accused for the explosion at the Naval Base Evangelos Florakis in Mari on July 11, 2011 pleaded Monday not guilty to a total of 108 charges they face.

The defendants, former Ministers Marcos Kyprianou and Costas Papacostas, former Deputy Chief of the National Guard Savvas Argyrou, former Director and Deputy Director of the Fire Service Andreas Nicolaou and Pambos Charalambous and former head of disaster response squad (EMAK) Andreas Loizides, pleaded not guilty before the permanent Criminal Court meeting in Larnaca on accusations including murder and causing death due to careless, dangerous, reckless act or conduct.

The Court will meet again for the case on August 27, and fixed dates in September for hearing.

British Cypriot to put island on space map

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Polls show Greek citizens want coalition to renegotiate

Most citizens want the government to renegotiate the terms of its EU/IMF bailout regardless of the impact this stance would have on the country's future in the eurozone, a poll showed on Saturday. An MRB poll for Sunday's "Realnews" showed that 73.9 percent of Greeks want the new coalition government to stick to its promises and demand a renegotiation of the bailout, even if this puts the country's euro membership at risk. More than half of those polled said they believed Greece would stay in the euro zone, while 60.4 percent said international lenders would probably give the country more time to implement the deficit-cutting measures they have prescribed or ease the terms of the bailout. Finance minister, Yannis Stournaras, met his euro zone counterparts last Monday in Brussels and promised to meet the terms of the existing financial rescue. The government has conceded that it has fallen behind agreed targets and some euro zone officials have warned the country will get no further aid until it gets back on track with reforms. European officials, however, have also said the money will be found to keep Greece going until after inspectors revisit Athens later this month. In another poll by Kapa Research for To Vima newspaper, a majority of those polled said the government should immediately renegotiate the bailout, while more than 90 percent said they opposed any further tax hikes or wage cuts. The polls are among the first published since a re-run election on June 17, which gave New Democracy a slight lead over Syriza. Both surveys showed the Antonis Samaras-led party leading again if elections were held now.

Parliamentarians support for Cyprus EU Presidency

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The Member of Parliament for Finchley & Golders Green, Mike Freer MP noted that a debate in the House of Commons the previous week had been purportedly about relations between the UK and Turkey but, tellingly, focused more on Turkey's relations with other countries such as Cyprus, Armenia and other states in the region. In relation to the EU, Mr Freer said: "it was discussed that Turkey may have aspirations to join the EU but that can never happen while it occupies

Mr Sheridan reported that he has been appointed as rapporteur to the Council of Europe on the issue of missing people, not just Cypriots but across the geographic area of the Council, and of his commitment to put his efforts into trying to reveal the fate of the Cypriot missing.

Andy Love MP (Edmonton) congratulated the Republic of Cyprus on the EU Presidency, saying that it puts Cyprus "very much on the agenda of Europe. It should remind us that the EU guarantees the human rights of all its members but

its way and build its way out of the economic difficulties that it has. It can do that with its allies within its European family. And the EU – which has always needed members like Cyprus – now needs Cyprus more than ever, with its considerable reserves of natural resources. Cyprus's recovery is important to the whole of the EU and your friends here in Parliament will never let our government forget it."

The Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Cyprus, Mr David Burrowes MP (Enfield

The guest of honour at the reception which followed the lobby event, Theresa Villiers MP (Chipping Barnet), Minister of State for Transport, then addressed the audience, expressing her belief that all Cypriots would gain from a resolution in Cyprus and then stressing the importance of the EU Presidency for Cyprus. Ms Villiers ended the addresses from Parliamentarian guests, saying:

"I am sure that the island will rise to that challenge but it is tragic, 20 years after the Berlin Wall came



Photo (P. PENTAYIOTIS) from the reception on honour of Cyprus EU Presidency. From left: David Burrowes (MP), Cllr Costas Hadjikakou from Famagusta, Charalambos Pittas Mayor of Morfou, Thereza Villiers, Minister (MP), Peter Droussiottis (president of Cypriot Federation), Jim Dobbin (MP) and Andy Love (MP).

a member state and fails to recognise the rules and protocols of the EU".

The Presidency of the EU represents "an opportunity for Cypriot politicians to put the case for Cyprus on the agenda", said Jim Dobbin MP (Heywood and Middleton). As a member of the Council of Europe, Mr Dobbin stated his commitment to use his position to draw attention to the Cypriot cause. He also thanked former MP and guest at the event, Eddie O'Hara, for his years of support for Cyprus.

Turkey's failure to engage and constructively contribute to negotiations for reunification of Cyprus was criticised by Matthew Offord MP (Hendon). He said "The stubbornness of the Turkish government on this and other issues... has hardened my stance on Turkey, and I feel that Cyprus is the line in the sand, and must be resolved if Turkey is ever to join the EU."

Longstanding friend of Cyprus, Mr Jim Sheridan MP (Paisley and Renfrewshire North), described looking at Famagusta from afar while in a boat months ago, and being unable to imagine the feeling of being isolated and exiled from one's home. He then contrasted the state of graveyards he had seen on both sides of the divide on the island. In the occupied area, he had seen "people trying to find relatives' graves, devastated by their desecration, alongside churches full of straw, being used as barns. The contrast to Turkish Cypriot graveyards in the south was amazing; care and attention was clearly paid and CCTV even used to ensure protection."

that at present it does not fulfil that guarantee for many people in Cyprus. Through the *acquis communautaire*, the EU recognises the freedoms of movement, settlement and freedom of property – freedoms we take for granted in the UK – but don't exist in Cyprus."

The Liberal Democrat spokesman on Europe in the House of Lords, Lord Dykes, paid tribute to the efforts of the National Federation of Cypriots, over decades, in promoting the Cyprus cause in the UK and drawing attention to the continuing injustices on the island. Speaking of the Republic's term as President of the EU, he added "I don't want just the large nations – France, Germany, Britain – to be in charge of resolving economic or political crises; I want the smaller nations to be involved, as they are just as important."

The primary parliamentary sponsor of the lobby event, Sir Alan Meale MP (Mansfield), shared his personal disappointment at the role of his party in failing to respond to the invasion of Cyprus in 1974 but equally of his commitment to keep fighting for the cause. He announced that he and fellow parliamentarians were launching their own independent investigation into the missing people. He also announced that film-maker Charles Thompson, whose award-winning documentary on the tragedies in Cyprus [Secret History: Dead or Alive] had brought the issue to the attention of many Britons 18 years ago, will be revisiting the subjects of his documentary and releasing an updated version.

Cyprus, Sir Alan, said, "must grow

Southgate), told the meeting that Cyprus has, quite rightly, assumed the Presidency of the EU, and said: "I find it extraordinary and intolerable that Ministers from across the EU will gather to meet in a divided capital within the EU. Every Minister must question why that is happening."

"Turkey is very much part of the problem. Turkey must be made to accept Cyprus's rotating EU presidency and to recognise international agreements. Turkey must abide by European Court decisions."

Of all the friends of Cyprus to show solidarity with the island's plight at the meeting, Sir Gerald Kaufman MP (Manchester Gorton) is without doubt the longest-standing ally. He told of his first visit to Cyprus as a journalist in 1961 and the long association with the island and its people ever since. An MP since 1974, Sir Gerald recalled Britain's mishandling of the invasion of Cyprus in 1974 and how successive British governments had allowed Turkey to flout human rights and international law.

He reiterated his absolute determination to see a resolution: "We must not rest. There are some international situations that have gone on for too long. I raised these when I led a delegation to the United Nations a while ago... I said that I will not leave the House of Commons until the issue of Turkey's illegal occupation of Cyprus is solved. Even though some time has since gone by, I retain that commitment. I am committed to the territorial integrity of Cyprus. The ruination of Cyprus while complacent countries watched on, is something we can not forget."

down, that the EU Presidency will be taking place in a divided capital. It's time for Turkey to give answers on the missing. It's time for Turkey to comply with its obligations under the Ankara Protocol. It's time for Turkey to recognise not just some of the members of the EU but all of them. And it's time for Turkey to leave Cyprus free for the Cypriots to decide their own future and bring Cyprus together in a way that we are all so desperate to achieve."

The strong level of attendance by parliamentarians at the meeting was such that not all MPs had the chance to address the meeting but their presence was a demonstration of their support for Cyprus.

Mike Gapes MP (Ilford South) and Caroline Nokes MP (Romsey & Southampton North) were among those who joined the Cypriot High Commissioner H.E. Alexandros Zenon and other guests at the meeting and reception. Several British Cypriots elected to UK Councils were also in attendance, including Cllr Stephen Alambritis (Leader of Merton Council), Cllr George Pittas (Cambridge) and Cllr Spiros Vassiliou (Southampton). British Cypriot guests included Federation Vice Presidents Andreas Paapaevripides and Christodoulos Stylianou, Executive members Susie Constantinides MBE, Bamboos Charalambous and Neophytos Nicolaou, NEPOMAK UK President Peter Charalambous, veteran Cypriot journalist Kyriacos Tsoulipas and the Federation's Executive Secretary Andreas Karaolis, as well as many representatives of UK Cypriot community organisations.

CYPRUS

Bank of Cyprus appoints Yiannis Kypri as new CEO

The Bank of Cyprus Board of Directors unanimously has appointed Yiannis Kypri as the Group's Chief Executive Officer, following the resignation of Andreas Eliades, Vice Chairman and acting Chairman of the Board Andreas Artemi announced on Thursday.

In statements to the press following a lengthy Board meeting Artemi wished Kypri and Yiannis Pehlivanides, who remains as first deputy CEO, "every success in their work at this difficult juncture for the banking system."

Replying to a question, Artemi said the decision was unanimous.

On his part Kypri, who before Eliades' resignation was deputy CEO, assured that he is fully aware of his responsibilities and particularly the difficult task he is called to carry out "at a very crucial time for the Group, the banking system and the Cypriot economy as well as Europe in general."



The Bank of Cyprus announced it requested 500 million EUR as state support to complete its recapitalization, while it earlier told an Annual General Meeting that the group needed only 200 million to secure the necessary capital buffer of 1.56 billion EUR to increase its Core Tier 1 capital, following the decision for the haircut of Greek sovereign debt. This announcement prompted an inquiry by the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission.

FinMin appoints new members to Popular Bank Board

FINANCE Minister Vassos Shiarly appointed Nicos Hadjinicolaou and Panicos Poutziouris to the Board of Directors of the Cyprus Popular Bank.

"Cyprus Popular Bank announces the appointment of two new members to the Board of Directors by the Minister of Finance with the consent of the Central Bank and the Finance Committee of the House of Representatives, in accordance with paragraph 11(1) of the Underwriting of the Rights Issue of the Cyprus Popular Bank Public Co Ltd Decree of 2012" a press release of the bank said.

The bank also announced the appointment of Jacqueline Loizides-Lambert as its new Secretary, replacing outgoing Secretary Stelios Hadjisofis.

The House of Representatives, after a lengthy debate, approved on May 18 a government bill granting state backing to the recapitalisation efforts of the Cyprus Popular Bank, which posted record losses for 2011 due to its heavy exposure to Greek sovereign debt.

On July 2, the government announced it had acquired shares totaling €1.79 billion of Cyprus Popular Bank, in an effort to assist its recapitalisation.

GREECE

Four killed in Egnatia Odos crash

Four people killed in a road accident on Egnatia Odos highway on Sunday evening were members of a families from Fyrom that was returning home from a wedding in Turkey, it was announced on Monday.

One of the four victims was a six-year-old girl. Five more people were also injured in the accident, including three children, which occurred on the Kavala-Thessaloniki section of the highway on Sunday at 7pm.

The crash occurred near the Ofrynio junction when the driver of a minivan they were in, which had Bulgarian licence plates, lost control of the vehicle, which veered off course and overturned.

Government names ministry general secretaries

The Greek government has named the 49 general secretaries that will be responsible for coordinating the actions of Greece's various ministries.

As opposed to previous years, some of the general secretaries that were appointed before the government came to power retained their positions.

The head of the Finance Ministry's General Secretariat for Information Systems (GGPS), Harris Theocharis, is one of those that will continue in their role.

Speaking to Skai TV, he revealed that his department's use of software that allows tax officials to crosscheck records recently led to some pensioners being identified as tax evaders. He said this was the result of checks only on one pension fund.

His department is working with social security fund to crosscheck the records of all insured citizens.

CHRISTOFIAS: "The greatest danger for cyprus is the illegal influx of Turkish Settlers "

The illegal influx of Turkish settlers in Cyprus' northern Turkish occupied areas is the greatest danger the country is facing at present, President Demetris Christofias said on Friday.

The President renewed his pledge to continue fighting for a political settlement in Cyprus that would reunite the country, divided since the 1974 Turkish invasion, noting that Nicosia has secured UN resolutions to exert pressure on Turkey to withdraw its occupation troops.

Speaking to children from the Cypriot community in the USA, during their visit to the Presidential Palace, President Christofias said the government is working closely with expatriate Cypriots towards a solution and wished that its struggle is vindicated soon.

President Christofias after briefing the children on the history of the Cyprus problem, the 1974 military coup and the Turkish invasion, stressed that "we are fighting to free the occupied part of Cyprus, to reunite our homeland in order to live in peace with the Turkish Cypriots in a Federal Cyprus United country".

"The continuing influx of illegal settlers in Cyprus means usurping Greek Cypriot properties and new facts accomplish to establish a separate illegal state," he explained.

The President was critical of Britain's stance towards Cyprus, saying London does not help Nicosia at international organizations.

He also criticized US policy on Cyprus, noting that Washington, being a close ally of Turkey, prefers to serve its interests there.

President Christofias said that "the expatriate Cypriots help the government to convince the international community about the justice of our struggle and that this justice should prevail."



Australian House President reaffirms support to Cyprus' territorial integrity

The President of the House of Representatives of Australia Peter Slipper expressed the "absolute, total and irrevocable commitment" of the government and Parliament of Australia to the territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus and the legitimacy of the government of Cyprus as the government of the whole island.

"On behalf of the government and the Parliament of Australia I would like to reaffirm our support for the territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus and express our best wishes for the dialogue and for a satisfactory resolution of the Cyprus problem", Slipper said, in statements after the meeting with Cyprus House President Yiannakis Omirou.

He further said that the return of Turkish settlers to Turkey would be something both Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots would be keen to see. Moreover, he noted the presence of almost 100 thousand Cypriots, about 80 thousand of them Greek Cypriots, who are integrated in Australian society.

The President of the Australian Parliament also expressed his country's wishes for Cyprus' EU Presidency term. "It is a recognition of the role the Republic of Cyprus is taking in the EU" Slipper said.

Cyprus Minister of Finance says he is ready for negotiations with Troika

Cyprus Minister of Finance Vassos Sharly said on Sunday he is ready for negotiations with Troika mission (representatives of EU Commission, European Central Bank and IMF) to arrive on the island on July 23 as part of Cyprus' application for financial assistance from the EU bailout mechanism.

Speaking to CNA, Sharly appeared optimistic that the Troika mission will not be proposing onerous measures, as it learnt from the negative impact of the measures imposed to other EU member-states under bailout such as Ireland and Portugal.

The Troika mission visited Cyprus early July for a close scrutiny of the banking sector severely hit by Greek

sovereign debt haircut and by the over-exposure to the Greek economy, as well as the refinancing requirements of the government.

Noting that the visit will not be a fact-finding one, Sharly said "surely we are ready."

"There is no doubt that we are prepared as they are prepared as well. They know the data and therefore, it will be a serious discussion on what needs to be done," he stressed.

Replying to a question whether the Troika has learnt its lesson from the deterioration of the economies of Greece, Portugal and Ireland due to the heavy austerity measures imposed as part of the fiscal adjustment programme and will not be

proposing contractionary measures, Sharly said the mission has obtain huge experience from the first visit to Cyprus "that is, the sensitivities which may arise in an economy and they are taking them well into account."

"Therefore, I expect and I believe that the experiences which Troika will bring will be very helpful because they have seen the effects of their suggestion in other countries and they will take that into account in our case," he said.

Furthermore, Sharly described press reports that the Troika will come to Cyprus as "gladiators and will reduce salaries and will plunge the economy."

He said that those who wish to

learn how Troika will act should look to the cases of Ireland and Portugal and to a lesser extent to Spain but not to the example of Greece "because Greece is not a good example."

"I would say that on could extract conclusions on the work of Troika from the cases of Ireland as well as Portugal," he went on to say, pointing out that in Ireland problems arose from the troubled banking sector.

He noted however that problems in the banking sector deteriorate the situation in the public sector, pointing out that loans obtained for the recapitalisation of the banking sector are dealt with in a very different way from loans aiming at financing plugging the budget deficit.

Sharly also said on the other hand the loans a state obtains from refinancing purposes are very different from loans secured for other purposes.

"All countries are refinancing their debt and therefore that part should be seen very differently from the other part, because that is a part of the economy," he said.

Noting that this separation is necessary, Sharly underlined that "the sustainability (of an economy) does not change simply because you obtain funding of 4 or 5 billion EUR to cover the refinancing requirement for the next three or four years."

"That does not change the situation whatsoever and some times when you see the numbers you should be able to analyse and see the impact they have on the sustainability of the state," he concluded.

Minister can now name and shame tax dodgers

Cyprus, Finance minister Vassos Sharly, government Spokesman Stefanos Stefanou, Inland Revenue department, IRD, names, publish, tax dodgers

THE Finance minister has been authorised to publish the names of people who owe large sums to the inland revenue department (IRD), the government said on Friday.

"The aim is not to publish the list of all those who owe," government Spokesman Stefanos Stefanou said. "The targets are not the small fish."

Back in April, IRD chief Giorgos Poufos said his department was bound by confidentiality clauses and could not give out any information. Stefanou said the cabinet had decided yesterday to extend the finance minister's powers in relation with the IRD's confidentiality clauses.

"With the extension of his authority, the minister will be able to publish the names of those who owe income tax," Stefanou said. "The prospect of publication creates the conditions of collecting these taxes. If they are not collected or if the people who owe refuse to pay their dues then the names will be published."

The spokesman said the total amount due, sans interest, was around 400 million. "The amount is even higher if we also add the interest and other charges, which must be added in accordance with the law," Stefanou added. The Spokesman said they adopted standards used in other countries. It would be up to the Finance minister to decide how these powers will be used. The measure would need approval from parliament, which held its final session yesterday before the summer holidays.

But lawmakers have expressed readiness to return to examine any bills that concern the state's finances in light of the island's application for an EU bailout.

Energy production in Cyprus sufficient to meet high demand

Cyprus' energy production is sufficient to meet high demand throughout the summer, says the Energy Authority of Cyprus (EAC), while the situation is expected to improve further in autumn, with the completion of an energy production unit at the Vassiliko power plant.

Moreover, energy demand is expected to reach today one of its highest levels, as high temperatures continue.

Speaking to CNA, EAC Spokesman Costas Gavrielides said the company planned to have one more unit up and running by the end of the year, while all repair works at the Vassiliko site will finish next summer. As Gavrielides said, some units will be converted, in order to operate with natural gas.

A year ago, a blast in containers full of munitions that was held at the naval base, in Mari, destroyed nearby power plant at Vassiliko, near Limassol. Following the immediate aftermath of power cuts throughout the island, EAC hired mobile units to address needs and proceeded with rebuilding the site at Vassiliko, which is the island's biggest power production plant.

"We are not facing any power cuts due to energy production inefficiency" Gavrielides said, noting that some power shortages are incidental.

MPs approve CY e15m cash boost

THE House Plenum unanimously approved e31.33 million to increase ailing state carrier Cyprus Airways' (CY) share capital, adding, however, an amendment whereby the airline will receive e15 million now and the rest once the majority of its board is altered and it presents a feasible restructuring plan.

The amendment, which provides for the remaining e16.33 million to be given in October once the new plan is complete, was passed with just 17 votes against - from ruling party AKEL - and 31 in favour.

According to House Finance Committee chairman Nicolas Papadopoulos, the government still has to request the approval of the European Commission to increase the airline's share capital.

The DIKO MP added that CY definitely needed to be rescued, though he said there were reservations over the current rescue plan on the table, which was why a new one was requested.

In another amendment, the opposition parties decided that eight of the 11 members of the CY Board of Directors would stand down. Up until now, eight of the board's members were appointed by the government; from now on, they will be appointed on the Finance Minister's advice and with the agreement of the house finance committee.

The new board will be expected to present parliament with a new rescue plan in three months time, which will be prepared by "experts and advisors of international prestige".

Enhancing the role of social stakeholders a key priority for EU future on employment and social cohesion

EU Ministers of Employment and Social Policy discussed the participatory processes and the involvement of the Social Partners, Non-Governmental Organizations and local authorities in the implementation of the "Europe 2020" Strategy, concentrating on boosting Europe's employment, fighting poverty and social exclusion.

During the Informal meeting which took place on July 12 and 13 in Nicosia, the Cyprus Presidency also held a discussion on the Commission's "Employment Package". It was underlined that boosting employment is a key priority, with emphasis on quality job creation, structural reform of labour markets and investment in human capital.

The Cyprus Minister of Labour and Social Insurance Sotiroula Charalambous, stressed that "social partners, Non-Governmental Organisations and local authorities by having a thorough knowledge of the local realities, can promote targeted strategies that are directly and entwined with the strategic targets of tackling unemployment, fighting poverty and social exclusion".

The contribution of all these stakeholders, she added, is fundamental in the effort for effectively addressing the challenges Europe is facing as a result of the crisis".

The Cyprus Presidency addressed this vital issue by holding three parallel workshops chaired by Cyprus, Poland and Denmark with the participation of Ministers of Employment and Social Affairs.

The main topics of the workshops concentrated on the role of Social Partners, Non-Governmental Organisations, and local authorities regarding boosting Europe's employment, fighting poverty and social exclusion and strengthening their involvement throughout the European Semester. The third workshop was chaired by the Cyprus Minister of Labour and Social Insurance.

British Cypriot to put island on space map

CYPRUS may not be considered synonymous with space travel yet, but a British Cypriot businessman may be about to put Cyprus on the map by setting up a sister company to his own British Interstellar Space Exploration (BISE).

Yorgos Stylianou, 44, has just set up BISE in the East Midlands, UK, which describes itself on the website as 'a small company with large visions'.

"The company was just an idea for over a year, until the start of 2012 when the ball started to roll," said Stylianou, adding that in the past week he has been talking to potential investors, which will accelerate research and development.

According to Stylianou, the company will offer a lot of job opportunities in England, however, because his family roots are from Cyprus he would also like to start up a sister company or subsidiary here. "This will create several hundred jobs and put Cyprus on the international map for space activities we have not as yet spo-

ken to any Cypriot government officials about heading a Cyprus Space Agency, but are looking to do so soon," he said.

The company, still in its early stages, aims to make commercial space flight more affordable.

"At present payload costs are £10,000 per kg as part of a large payload, we are looking to half that for academic institutes. For individual payload vehicles we hope to cut the cost further," said Stylianou. A payload is the carrying capacity of an aircraft or spaceship.

Stylianou said they plan to reduce costs with the first few launches by "enticing advertisements on the vehicles, for example, we would get Coca-Cola to sponsor the first advertisement to go into space by having the first rocket look like a Coke can".

The company also currently has plans to propose to the European Space Agency (ESA) to use one of their re-usable launch vehicles, primarily aimed at exploration and retrieval, to get to the Herschel Space Observatory. "The Her-

schel Space Observatory will run out of fuel this year and become obsolete we propose that our vehicle will be capable of travelling the distance of 1.5 million km with a crew of five to eight to retrieve or refuel Herschel".

A number of companies have sprung up in recent years hoping to create a space tourism industry. Billionaire Richard Branson recently announced he and his two adult children will be on the first Virgin Galactic voyage. Virgin says it already has 529 paid up passengers at £128,000 a ticket.

Stylianou's parents are from Zodia – now in the occupied areas – and he lived and went to school there until the invasion in 1974. His background is finance and science, which he studied at the University of Leicester. Before setting up the company – he said there was a gap in the UK market - he worked in the financial sector for companies in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar and the UK.



Leader of Merton Council, Cllr Stephen Alambritis, has been appointed as the Chair of the South London Leaders' Group and has issued the new 'Prospectus for South London', outlining a fresh vision for the region, to the Mayor of London.

Cllr Stephen Alambritis takes over from Cllr Brennan, the former Leader of Sutton Council, who chaired the group up until 9 July, 2012. The group is part of the South London Partnership and comprises

Merton Leader issues new 'Prospectus for South London' to Mayor Boris Johnson

senior elected representatives from five south London boroughs: Croydon, Kingston, Merton, Richmond and Sutton.

Cllr Stephen Alambritis' appointment coincides with the newly published 'Prospectus for South London' which has been delivered to London Mayor Boris Johnson, along with a letter outlining the key priorities for the sub-region.

In his letter to Mayor Boris Johnson, Cllr Stephen Alambritis reinforces the need to build a 'resilient and growing economy' and specifically calls for the Mayor's commitment to the following priorities:

- Adopt the 'Prospectus for South London' into the Economic Development Strategy for London
- Support investment in our town centres

-Commit to transport investment including a firm pledge now for Tramlink extensions

-Commit to increasing the house supply available to meet housing need in South London

-Ensure fairness in the application of levies and tariffs and a transparent approach to the allocation of funds based on clear criteria which do not disadvantage south London.

-Make policing and community safety a priority

Leader of Merton, Cllr Stephen Alambritis, said: "I am honoured to have been elected as the Chair of the South London Leaders' Group.

I look forward to working with my colleagues, looking at new ways of encouraging economic growth, while also building a greener and more sustainable future for South London."

"One of our top priorities is the new 'Prospectus for South London', which has been delivered to the Mayor of London. This prospectus sets out the new vision for our region, outlining the key areas we need to focus on to encourage more return on investment and build a financially stronger regional economy. I am confident we will be able to achieve this together."

"I wish to thank Cllr Brennan for the invaluable contribution he has made to the South London Leaders' Group as its former Chair."

Ian Smith, Director of the South London Partnership, said: "We are pleased to welcome Cllr Stephen Alambritis as Chair of the South London Leaders' Group, and very much look forward to working with him."

Barnet Quild of Art

Annual Summer Exhibition of works by local artists including paintings, sculptures and ceramics Tue 24th July to Sat 4th August 2012

Daily: 10am to 7pm (closed Sunday) Saturday, 4th August: 10am to 3.30pm at the Pennefather Hall, Christ Church, St Albans Road, Barnet, (The Pennefather Hall is in a central location just 500 metres from Barnet Market, The Library, and The Spires Shopping Centre).

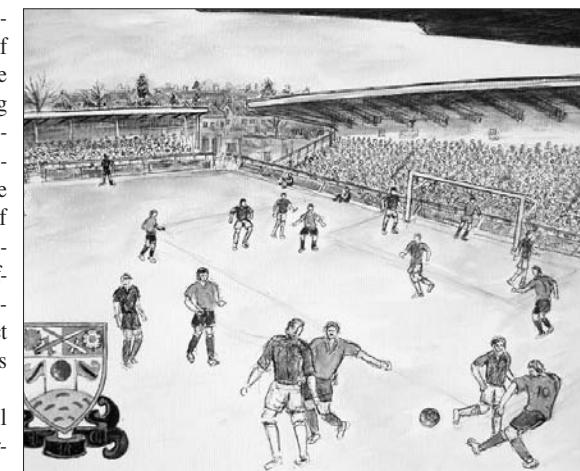
The Barnet Guild of Artists is once again presenting its Annual Summer Art Exhibition with paintings by members in all mediums and subjects including local scenes.

In addition, textiles, sculptures and ceramics will also be on display.

The ever popular range of greeting cards, reflecting members work, will be on sale as well as unframed portfolio work which always attracts a lot of interest.

Founded in 1948 the members of the Barnet Guild of Artists range from beginners to seasoned professionals who share a common interest in art. At the Guild's studio there are a range of events from daily painting in groups, to Tuesday evening demonstrations and Saturday tutorials.

The annual exhibition allows members to come together and show their work to the residents of Barnet. The Guild thanks the local media, organisations and all the residents for their



Musical summer night from Cyprus Cultural Department

Cultural Department of Cyprus High Commission in London Kypros Charalambous Cultural Counsellor Invite you to a musical summer night with the famous womeen's band 'PAKAW'

Performing a selection of beautiful songs from Greece and Cyprus to mark the Cyprus presidency of the council of the European Union on Thursday 19th July 2012 7.00pm at the Great Hall, Hellenic Centre 16-18, Paddington Street, Marylebone, London W1U 5AS

RSPV Kypros Charalambous, Cultural Counsellor of Cyprus High Commission Tel. 07-56-46-96-629 email: cultural_chc@btconnect.com (Reception to follow)

Lawyers and How to avoid them

Sometime ago, a friend incurred a legal bill of over £300,000 to litigate a dispute that could have been avoided. It also aged him by at least 10 years and ultimately he lost the case. Had he won, his would have been a Pyrrhic victory.

My firm were not handling this matter and if we had I am certain we would not have allowed it to get this far. What went wrong in this case were breaches in the three simple rules that everyone needs to follow if such huge legal bills are to be avoided:

1. Document what has been agreed in a contract and ensure that it includes a detailed termination section.

2. If there is no termination agreement, avoid litigation by being prepared to give the other party more than is fair.

3. If even then, the dispute is not resolved, ensure that you use the right lawyer to deal with it.

Anticipation and Planning

I find it incredible that so many people enter into long term arrangements without anticipating what would happen in the event of disagreement. Most people I know in business or even civil partnerships have never discussed termination terms in the event of falling-out.

The question seems to be taboo. I guess this is because most people feel it is inappropriate. How can you ask your new son-in-law what he proposes should happen to the money you will be giving to the couple in the event of dissolution of the marriage?

It is, however, the one question that is the most pertinent of all. The answers you get will reveal the understanding and the attitude of the other party and help you decide whether the other party can be trusted in a long-term relationship.

If you don't want to raise the question, don't be surprised if your understanding of what has been agreed with the other party differs or their attitude to what should happen on termination is disappointing to say the least.

And I would go one step further. The question should be raised every time there is a substantial change in circumstances and termination terms should be reviewed and if necessary re-negotiated. Far too many partnerships have gone sour when both parties were left with an understanding that no longer fits to changed circumstances.

If you don't ask the question, don't blame the lawyers for charging in order to sort out the mess.

Settling out of court

Without termination terms, your next option is to negotiate a settlement. You can dilute a lot of the disputed territory by being prepared to give to the other party not only what is fairly due to them but more than what even they expect. This is not only to ensure that costly litigation with doubtful results will be avoided but also to make you look fair beyond dispute in the eyes of your adversary or to the court if ultimately the matter ends up there.

Instructing the right lawyer

So you have tried everything and litigation is unavoidable. How do you ensure that you choose the right lawyer?

A lawyer should be used as a GP to provide a periodic personal and/or corporate health-check. Retain a lawyer at an early stage and you will find you or your business will rarely be on the operating table.

Most law firms offer brief initial consultations for free and even when you run into chargeable time, the comparative cost to potential litigation is minimal. Furthermore, a good lawyer should be able to tell you how to approach sensitive subjects and being a lawyer can put questions to the other side that you may find too embarrassing to ask, without being misunderstood.

An initial consultation would be the first step to determine whether you can build rapport with the lawyer, the analytical skills and the quality of the advice. Thereafter, provided you consult your lawyer regularly, you will find that most potential disputes have been avoided before they even arose.

Even after all these precautions, you still end up having to litigate, ensure that your lawyer has provided a clearly laid out and costed strategy, an evaluation of the chances of success of each of the milestones in that strategy and a risk assessment in the event of failure. Throughout the process, review outcomes as they arise, re-evaluate and if appropriate keep trying for an out-of-court settlement.

In this way, unpleasant outcomes can be avoided or at least their impact can be minimised.

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The Highlands school's trip to Spain

On Monday 11th of June, Ms Edmett, Mrs Ellina, Mr Lloyd and Miss Shosola took a group of Y8 students to Spain. We met at Highlands at 8 am, set off by coach to Luton Airport and caught a flight to Barcelona where we were collected and taken to the lovely resort of Tossa de Mar to stay in the Don Juan Hotel. The hotel has a swimming pool and tennis courts which the children made full use of during their stay.

On our first night after dinner, we walked around the town and up to the beautiful medieval fortress which overlooks the sea. The view from the top is spectacular. The children played various sports on the beach and we made this a nightly occurrence. On Tuesday, our keen students attended Spanish School; they were praised by their teachers



on excellent attitude and behaviour; in the afternoon, the Dali museum in Figueres was waiting for us. The children had an opportunity to learn about Spanish culture, art and history during these visits and were fascinated by the truly unique Dali museum. Children asked questions to the guide; Harry seemed to be totally fascinated by Dali and asked a set of very good questions. That night we had a "Highlands Got Talent" contest which was very entertaining and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The following day we went

to Barcelona, the cosmopolitan capital of Catalonia, where we visited the famous Gaudi cathedral of Sagrada Familia, Las Ramblas, the Gothic quarter, and finally we ended the day with a visit to the Nou Camp.

On our final day we set off early and went to Port Aventura, the biggest theme park in Europe, and the children loved it.

Overall, this trip to Spain was greatly enjoyed by teachers and students alike. The weather was

good and there was time to fit fun on the beach and educational visits at the same time.

The highlights of the trip for me were: James' face of pure happiness splashing in the sea one evening!, Tahita's lovely singing to win first prize on the "Highlands got Talent" night and Georgie's surprise to hear the Easy Jet pilot wishing her a happy birthday in the flight back!

Carmen Edmett
Trip Leader



London MEPs visit exhibition to mark beginning of Cypriot EU Presidency

An exhibition of photographs organised by the Cyprus High Commission to mark Cyprus holding the Presidency of the EU Council is underway at London's Europe House. Local Conservative MEPs Dr. Charles Tannock and Maria Yannakoudakis visited the exhibition and met with photographer Doros Partasides.

Marina Yannakoudakis MEP said: "Doros' exhibition tells the history of Cyprus over the last half century. The photographs show the strength of the people, the hardship they have suffered, while revealing the culture, tradition and natural beauty of the island."

"I was particularly moved to see the photograph of Cypriot women waiting to hear news of their husbands who had been missing since the Turkish invasion of 1974. I have taken the lead on the missing persons issue in the European Parliament. It is time to end the suffering and agony of the relatives who still do not know the fate of their loved ones after decades of uncertainty."

To which Dr Charles Tannock MEP added : "It was a great pleasure to visit Doros Partasides' exhibition 'Images through my lens', at Europe House in London, a 45 year retrospective photographic exhibition on Cyprus, timed to mark the start of the 6 month rotating Cyprus presidency of the European Union. Doros has dedicated his entire life as a photojournalist to cap-



ture both the physical mediterranean beauty and deep architectural heritage of this historic island and yet also the continuing human tragedy of a politically divided Cyprus. Having started his career as a professional photographer in the late 60's, he was on the island during the momentous event of the Turkish invasion of 1974, and has continued to document through his work the

modern post invasion history of an occupied Cyprus right up to the present day. In the exhibition he has been scrupulously balanced in showcasing through his work all the component groups of the multi confessional and multi ethnic diverse nature of Cyprus. Cyprus and all its friends salute his talent and are proud of his lifetime achievement currently on exhibition."

St Andrew the Apostle Greek Orthodox Secondary School to open in September 2013

Britain's very first Greek Orthodox Secondary School has been given the go-ahead to open in September 2013.

St Andrew the Apostle is one of only 28 secondary Free Schools approved nationally for 2013 opening by the Department for Education. Taking pupils aged 11-19, it will serve the whole community, welcoming families looking for a high-performing school based on the Christian values of the Greek Orthodox faith.

Classical Education Trust (CET) chairman, Yiannis Pareas, said they were overwhelmed by the news and thanked all their supporters for their work and prayers.

'This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to open a school that serves the community in Barnet and Enfield as well as the wider Greek Orthodox community in North London. St Andrew the Apostle is based on the Christian faith and moral principles of the Greek Orthodox Church, and we are delighted to be working with the Russell Education Trust (RET) to establish a school with the very highest academic standards.'

'The long-term aim of the CET and RET is to ensure that a state funded school can increase the number of students from all backgrounds progressing to university: and studying maths, sciences and the classical subjects'.

RET spokesperson, Karen Lynch, said: 'We are thrilled with this news because the plans we have for St Andrew the Apostle are so exciting and seem to have captured the imagination of local parents who want another outstanding school in this part of London.'

'We are also honoured to be supporting the country's very first Greek Orthodox Secondary School'.

Local MP warmly welcomes two new free schools to the Enfield area

David Burrowes MP has welcomed the Government's decision to progress the applications of both the Heron Hall Academy Free School and the St Andrew the Apostle Greek Orthodox Free School to the next stage of the Free Schools process.

Officials from the Department of Education will now be working with the schools over the next year to ensure they have all the support they need. The Secretary of State will then decide whether to enter into a Funding Agreement with the schools so that they can officially open their doors in September 2013.

David Burrowes MP said: "I am delighted that the applications for both schools have been approved. I have been supporting the call for free schools in Enfield and believe that both Heron Hall and St Andrew's will provide more choice for parents and raise standards for children within the area".

NEPOMAK's First Charity Event

NEPOMAK UK held yet another successful event this weekend thanks to the great support shown by the Cypriot community of the UK. On Sunday 15th July, the NEPOMAK Charity Team (N.C.T), co-ordinated by Marios Tjirkalli, collected clothing for the needy in Greece. Marios explains that 'the catastrophic situation in Greece during the economic meltdown has affected everybody, young and old, and the N.C.T wanted to contribute and aid Greece somehow, and the donation of clothing was agreed on and supported by the NEPOMAK UK committee'. It was an extremely successful event with over 20 containers full of clothing prepared by the N.C.T on Sunday to be shipped over to Greece. The N.C.T would like to thank everybody that contributed clothing both before and during Sunday's collection at the Brotherhood, Finchley. They would also like to thank Mondial Shipping Limited for kindly offering to transfer the clothing to Greece, the Brotherhood, Finchley, Yiannis Ioannou at Hellenic TV, and the Eleftheria newspaper. Marios would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped on the day, Niki Constantiou, Andreas Nicolaides, Anna-Maria Stavrou and the NEPOMAK Global President Christos Karaolis, all of whom kindly volunteered their time on Sunday, and without their aid would not have been able to have completed such a successful event. The N.C.T is a new initiative of NEPOMAK UK that seeks to aid philanthropic associations within the Cypriot community of the UK. If charities would like to know more about the N.C.T and their plans, please contact Marios Tjirkalli, Charity Co-ordinator at uk@nepomak.org

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Για ανεκπλήρωτο χρέος προς την Κύπρο μίλησαν Βρετανοί βουλευτές

Τα 14 μέλη της Βουλής των Κοινοτήτων και των Λόρδων συμμετείχαν στο Λόμπυ-συγκέντρωση που οργάνωσε η Εθνική Κυπριακή Ομοσπονδία την περοσμένη Τρίτη 10 Ιουλίου, 2012, με την ευκαιρία της ανάληψης της Προεδρίας της Ευρωπαϊκής Ένωσης, από την Κυπριακή Δημοκρατία και με τη συμπλήρωση 38 χρόνων από την την τουρκική εισβολή και το πραξικόπεμπτη.

Η υπουργός Συγκοινωνιών, Theresa Villiers,, η οποία ήταν και η επίσημη προσκεκλημένη στη δεξίωση που ακολούθησε, τόνισε ότι το 1974 διεπράχθη μια μεγάλη αδικία σε βάρος της Κύπρου και ότι θα συνεχίσει τους αγώνες της για να τερματιστεί η κατοχή και να επανενθεί η Κύπρος.

Όλοι οι Κύπριοι, είπε, πρέπει να αισθάνονται υπερήφανοι γιατί η μικρή τους χώρα, θύμα εισβολής από μια πολύ μεγαλύτερη χώρα, προεδρεύει στην Ευρωπαϊκή Ένωση. Εξέφρασε τη βεβαιότητα ότι η Κύπρος θα αντιμετωπίσει τις πολλές προκλήσεις που θα παρουσιαστούν και ότι θα έχει μια επιτυχημένη Προεδρία.



Ο αγέραστος βουλευτής Gerald Kaufman, φίλος της Κύπρου από τη δεκαετία του 1960, όταν ήταν συνεργάτης της Barbara Castle, τόνισε ότι όλοι γιορτάζουμε το ιστορικό γεγονός της ανάληψης της

Προεδρίας της Ευρωπαϊκής Ένωσης από την Κύπρο, αλλά όλοι έχουμε ακόμα μια υπόσχεση και ένα ανεκπλήρωτο χρέος, να εργαστούμε για την αποκατάσταση της εδαφικής ακεραιότητας της Κύπρου

γεγονός ότι είναι εγγυήτρια δύναμη της κυριαρχίας και ακεραιότητας της Κυπριακής Δημοκρατίας, όσο και από τον ρόλο που διαδραματίζει στη διεθνή σκηνή. Η συνεχιζόμενη τουρκική κατοχή και η



Ο λόρδος Dykes στο βήμα. Τον ακούν από αριστερά: Άλαν Μιλ, Τερέζα Βίλλιερς και Π. Δρουσιώτης



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Καλωσορίζοντας τους βουλευτές, ο Πρόεδρος της Εθνικής Κυπριακής Ομοσπονδίας, Πήτερ Δρουσιώτης, τόνισε ότι είναι απαράδεχτο μια χώρα που θέλει να γίνει μέλος της Ευρωπαϊκής Ένωσης να απειλεί και να εκβιάζει την ΕΕ και να συνεχίζει την κατοχή μέρους μιας χώρας που είναι μέλος της ΕΕ. Η χώρα στην οποία ζούμε έχει και καθήκοντα και υποχρώσεις έναντι της Κύπρου, υπογράμμισε και κάλεσε την κυβέρνηση και τον πρωθυπουργό της Βρετανίας να εξασκήσουν την επιρροή τους, ώστε η Τουρκία να εγκαταλείψει την αδιάλλακτη στάση της και να δείξει πολιτική βούληση για λύση του Κυπριακού, ώστε να βοηθήσει και την ενταξιακή της πορεία.

Άλλοι βουλευτές που παρευρέθηκαν και μίλησαν στη συγκέντρωση, ήταν οι βουλευτές Roger Gale, Andy Love, Alan Meale, Michael Connarty, David Burrowes, Lord Dykes, Jim Sheridan, Matthew Offord, Joan Nokes, Jim Dobbin, Mike Gapes, Mike Freer, που συμμετείχαν στη συζήτηση και μεταξύ άλλων επέκριναν δριμύτατα την Τουρκία για την κατοχή της Κύπρου.

Βουλευτές οι οποίοι επισκέφθηκαν πρόσφατα την Κύπρο τόνισαν τη μεγάλη διαφορά που υπάρχει μεταξύ των χώρων λατρείας και των κοιμητηρίων που βρίσκονται στα κατεχόμενα και αυτών που βρίσκονται στην Κυπριακή Δημοκρατία...

Άλλοι βουλευτές μίλησαν για τις υποχρώσεις του Ηνωμένου Βασιλείου, που πηγάζουν τόσο από τους πολύχρονους ιστορικούς, πολιτικούς και οικονομικούς δεσμούς του με την Κύπρο, από το

διαίρεση της Λευκωσίας και της Κύπρου αποτελούν τραγωδία και σκάνδαλο για την Ευρώπη, που πρέπει να τερματισθεί. Οι έποικοι από την Τουρκία ξεπερνούν τους Τουρκοκυπρίους, που εξαναγκάζονται να ξενιτευτούν. Οι φωνές που ακούνται εντός της Ε.Ε. εναντίον της ένταξης της Τουρκίας ενθαρρύνουν τους αντιευρωπαϊστές στην Αγκυρα, που σκηληρύνουν τις θέσεις τους στο Κυπριακό και στην Ευρώπη.

Στη συγκέντρωση παρευρέθησαν ο Υπάτος Αρμοστής Αλέξανδρος Ζήνων και άλλα στελέχη της Υπότης Αρμοστείας, η Σύμβουλος Εκπαίδευσης της Ελληνικής Πρεσβείας Βαρβάρα Καμπουρίδην, Κύπριοι Δημοτικοί Σύμβουλοι, ο πρών γενικό δικαστής Eddie O'Hara, μεγάλος φίλος της Κύπρου, πρόεδροι και στελέχη σωματείων και οργανώσεων της Εθνικής Ομοσπονδίας.

Πριν από τη συγκέντρωση και το λόμπυ, οργανώθηκε πικέτοφορία έξω από τη Βουλή από μαυροφορέμένους συγγενείς της Επιτροπής Συγγενών Αγγελούμενων HB και μέλη της Εθνικής Ομοσπονδίας, οι οποίοι με τα πλακάτ και τις φωτογραφίες των συγγενών τους ζήτουν τη βοήθεια των Βρετανών βουλευτών για να διακριθώσουν την τύχη των αγαπημένων τους προσώπων.

Ομάδα βουλευτών συνομίλησε μαζί τους και υποσχέθηκαν ότι θα κατοβάλουν προσπάθειες, ώστε τόσο οι βουλευτές όσο και η βρετανική κυβέρνηση να εξασκήσουν την επιρροή τους προς την τουρκική πλευρά για την επίλυση αυτού του ανθρωπιστικού θέματος που βασανίζει για δεκαετίες περισσότερες από χίλιες τριακόσιες οικογένειες της Κύπρου.

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EDITORIAL

With the Opening Ceremony of the 2012 London Olympics a little over a week away, the inevitable negative stories have started to appear in the press. The security concerns have escalated due to the inability of G4S to provide enough personnel. The London Olympic organisers have therefore had to draft in the army and the resulting media coverage has been less than complimentary.

But is this always the same before every Olympics? Remember Athens and the wholly pessimistic attitudes before the Games? It was at one stage feared that the events would have to move to other arenas as construction work was so far behind schedule. It was feared Athens' new transport system would not be able to cope with the influx of people.

In the end Athens put on an outstanding Games. Will the same be for London?

Beijing four years ago raised the bar with regards. There are strong arguments to suggest they were the best games ever. China provided a wonderful experience with dazzling exhibition of what it meant for China to host the world's greatest sporting spectacle. No expense was spared and it showed. An incredible opening and closing ceremony will not be repeated in what will be a more modest affair in London.

But the success of a Games goes beyond the first and last day. Is there a legacy? What were athletic performances like? How are the hosts perceived during and after the Games? What was the fan experience? How was it organised?

"Faster, Higher, Stronger" goes the Olympic motto, and China seemed determined to host a Games with those goals in mind. They achieved it and set the bar high. In these financial austere times it is inconceivable that London can hope to spend what is necessary to try and replicate the sheer volume and size of the Beijing Games but London has a different agenda. Four years ago China used the Olympics to announce itself to the world; to flex their economic and political power via sport. China achieved its goal. London and England has an altogether different agenda; a different goal. For London, the Games represent an opportunity to provide a platform for the world's best athletes to perform at their best.

Beyond the Games themselves the legacy argument for London was important. The Games will physically transform this part of London putting in place improvements to infra-structure, as well as the Olympic Park itself, that will help drive renewal and regeneration in the area. The organising committee has replaced over 740 acres of polluted, low-grade industrial land and premises with, new sports venue, a spectacular new waterside park, a new village of 2800 dwellings, an improved local rail network, new state of the art utilities and, over 100 acres of development land. In addition Westfield Shopping Centre is Europe's largest.

It is hoped that over 30,000 new homes will be built in the wider Olympic area over the next 20 years, with more than 7,000 in the Olympic Park site itself. New and existing residents will have access to one of the most spectacular urban parks in the world, a new Polyclinic providing a wide range of health care services in one place, new educational establishments, improved rail access to all parts of London and beyond and new sports facilities.

For many though, this summer will bring about an excitement and an expectation. For sports fans having the Olympics in their city is a once in a lifetime opportunity. The eyes of the world will be on London. Can Usain Bolt retain his Olympic titles? How fast will he run? Can home favourites Jessica Ennis, Mo Farah and Sir Chris Hoy meet the incredible expectation heaped on their shoulders? Who will be the surprise of the Games?

The venues are wonderfully designed and were built on time and within budget. Lord Coe has said the 70,000 volunteers will "make the difference between a good Games and a great Games" and as "Games Maker" myself, I can attest to the importance of the volunteers in ensuring the Games are as successful as possible.

Without the commitment of the volunteers the Games simply could not be hosted. From checking tickets at venues to operating the scoreboards in the Olympic stadium, from escorting teams to their rooms to driving and greeting delegates around London. Many of the most significant roles at the Games will be performed by volunteers whose only reward is to say they were there.

Much of the feel good factor will come from these volunteers and having already worked with many of them, gone through the training process and welcomed the Cyprus delegation to the Athletes Village, I can confirm that the Games will nothing short of spectacular.



STOP PRESS...

••• **HULK ON HIS WAY TO LONDON?**: Tottenham boss Andre Villas-Boas is hoping to beat Chelsea to the signing of Brazilian striker Hulk from Porto ••• **BERBATOV TO ITALY?**: according to his agent Manchester United striker Dimitar Berbatov could join AC Milan or Juventus ••• **VAN PERSIE TO STAY?**: Arsenal will tell Robin van Persie that he will not be permitted to leave the Emirates this summer, forcing him to see out the last 12 months of his contract ••• **LIVERPOOL CLOSE IN ON US STAR**: Liverpool are on the verge of signing USA striker Clint Dempsey after agreeing a £10m fee with Fulham.

EUROPEAN UNDER 19 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Greece beaten by Spain in under-19 final

A late goal from Rodriguez continued Spain's dominance of the European Under-19 Championship, securing a sixth title in 11 years, and a second in succession, at the expense of an impressive Greece team.

In the final for the third year in a row, Spain characteristically dominated possession but was unable to break down their opponents who showed determination and resolute defending.

Julen Lopetegui's team finally made their pressure tell ten minutes from time as Jese's calm finish gave them the trophy yet again in front of a crowd of 8,000 spectators, and ensured a repeat of their 2007 final defeat of Greece by the same scoreline.

The day had featured prolonged bursts of heavy rain in Tallinn, Estonia and, though the poor weather eased off by kick off, the playing surface was slippery and quick. This suited Spain's passing style perfectly and the y duly settled the quicker with Rodriguez' angled strike bringing goalkeeper Sokratis Dioudis, in for the suspended Stefanos Kapino, into action in the second minute before the outstanding Kostas Stafylidis blocked Gerard Deulofeu's shot off the line.

With a starting lineup including three players who appeared in the 2011 final, Deulofeu, Paco Alcacer and Campana, Spain continued to press at relentless speed, Dioudis making another smart stop from Rodriguez at his near post. Deulofeu then freed Rodriguez down the right and raced into the box to meet the low return cross himself only to flick wide.

Greece, however, had shown their insatiable appetite for defensive duty in their semi-final win against England and served notice of a threat of their own shortly before the break. Giannis Gianniotas got away from two defenders down the Greece left and picked out captain Giorgos Kaitidis with his cross, but his looping header dropped just wide.

Spain, though, picked up the pace again as the second half got under way, Campana testing Dioudis with a swerving shot and then beating the goalkeeper from the edge of the area after a typically incisive passing move; only the crossbar came to Greece's rescue. Moments later Dioudis was their saviour, blocking Rodriguez' low drive with his outstretched right foot and recovering instantly to palm away Alejandro Grimaldo's follow-up effort.

The goalkeeper was exposed again ten minutes from time, however, and this time there was no escape. Deulofeu collected possession midway inside the Greece half and drew defenders to him before slipping a shot through to Rodriguez whose finish was precise and enough to win the cup for Spain.

After the match the impressive Kostas Stafylidis acknowledged Greece had come up short but was proud with the run to the final

"We tried but the match didn't go our way," Stafylidis said. *"Spain were better in some areas. We knew it would be very tough,"* the Greece left-back added. *"Spain managed to score at a key moment of the match and hold on to that*

lead until the end. It's not at all easy to defend against them and try think about attacking at the same time. We tried our best and held out for 80 minutes."

Despite the final disappointment, Stafylidis, who provided two assists in his four appearances at the tournament and posed a constant danger with his crossing and set pieces, was delighted with the experience. *"To be honest, we haven't yet realised that we made it to the final match of the European Championship; it seemed just like another tournament,"* he said. *"Now, with the medal ceremony and all, it's a huge experience. We will keep that in our memory and we will continue."*

The next immediate target for this group of players is the U-20 World Cup next summer. The future is also bright. The last time Greece reached the U19 final in 2007 that team contained Sotiris Ninis, Kostas Mitroglou and Sokratis Papastathopoulos, *"Our next aim is to perform well at the World Cup in Turkey,"* Stafylidis added. *"We will do our best to be strong there as well. What we must build on is the fact that we are like a family. If we hold on to that, we will keep improving and achieving great feats."*

When asked for his best memory over the past two weeks, the PAOK defender had no hesitation. *"The second goal against England, and the qualification for the final, is the image that will remain ingrained in my mind,"* he explained. *"Participating in the final was very important of course, but the goal against England was by far our finest moment, and our most important."*

Greece sends 105 athletes to the London Olympics

With the 2012 Olympics a week away, the Greek Olympic team will fly to London next week for with a team of 105 athletes, the Hellenic Olympic Committee (HOC) announced last Tuesday. There will be 66 men and 39 women in what will be the smallest Greek Olympic squad of the last 20 years.

The largest group are from the athletics team, consisting of 12 men and 13 women. It will include 39-year-old hammer thrower Alexandros Papanadimitriou, who will be taking part in his fifth Olympics, a record for a Greek athlete. Back in 2000 he made it to the event's final at Sydney.

Other athletes with previous Olympic experience to represent Greece in London will be Periklis Iakovakis (400-meter hurdles), Costas Douvalidis (110 m hurdles), Costas Baniotis (high jump), Louis Tsatoumas (long jump), Michalis Stamatoyiannis (shot put), Tonia Stergiou (high jump), Nicole Kyriakopoulou (pole vault), Athanasia Perra (triple jump), Sava Lika (javelin) and Despina Zapounidou (20 km walk).

Dimitris Chondrokoukis is one of



Greece's star Olympic rookies in track and field as he is Greece's great hope for a medal in the high jump. Other first-timers include Alexandros Papanadimitriou (20 km and 50 km walk), Costas Poulios (marathon), Lykourgos Tsakonas (200 m), Costas Filippidis (pole vault), Spyros Lembesis (javelin), Constantina Kefala (marathon), Katerina Stefanidi and Iro Ledaki (both pole vault), Maria Belibasaki (100 m and 200 m), Voula Papachristou and

Niki Panetta (both triple jump), Sofia Yfantidou (heptathlon) and Eleni Filandra (800 m).

Greece will only be represented in two team sports, the men's water polo and the national rhythmic gymnastics ensemble after the surprise failure of the women's water polo and the men's basketball team's to make it to London.

HOC chief Spyros Kapralos stated that his hope is for the squad to return

from London with more medals than the squad that went to Beijing four years ago, when it secured four.

This is a tall order given the reduced size of the squad and the lack of funding for preparation before the games.

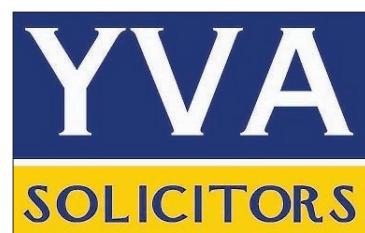
Greece, as is traditional, will lead the parade of athletes during the opening ceremony on 27th July. Taekwondo star Alexandros Nikolaidis will carry the flag.

YVA, Cyprus Airways and Buzz sponsor KOPA

YVA Solicitors have agreed to continue sponsoring and being the main KOPA League sponsor next season. YVA have supported the League for several years and the League have been able to progress with their help.

Also sponsoring the KOPA League next season will be **Cyprus Airways**. That's very good news for the League to have such a high profile name connected to the League.

The **Challenge Cup** will be sponsored by **Buzz Sweets** and hopefully the final will again be played in a Football League Stadium. Last year the final was



played at Barnet FC, Underhill Stadium.

The KOPA Seven a side Tournament again will be sponsored by the late Costas Petrides family.



ly KOPA will be supported next season by KOA the Cyprus Sports Organisation in providing Youth Community representative football teams.



New teams in Div Two

Again the League will consist of two Divisions of ten teams each.

One team sadly departed (Panthea) while **Aradippou** have merged with AEL and will now be called **AEL** (Aradippou Enosis London).

Relegated **Dynamo** will be taking the place of Panthea in the First Division.

The two new teams are **Asha** and **Livadia** and they will compete in Div Two.

Komi F.C - Players From The Past 23Yrs

Komi Kebir FC was formed in 1989 (previously PAOK F.C.) The change of name was decided upon to keep the name of the occupied village in the north of Cyprus & for the team to include as many players as possible whose families were from Komi and the surrounding villages). Savvas Savvides was the catalyst for the change and continues to be the inspiration to everyone at the club.

Last Sunday, players from the past, present played a friendly match to celebrate the last 23yrs. It was fantastic to see families, friends committee members & players from the original team of 1989 pull on a shirt again including Kyri Georgiou, brothers Michael & Mario Michael (who organised the event), Tom Toumazi, Kypros Panaretou, Peter Koumis and John Philippou along with Nick Hanna the current Komi coach and key player from the 90s alongside todays players including Ari Hadjikou, Dino Chrysostomou, Andy Kyprianides. It was a great re-union and one which will live long in the memory.



Speaking Of Football

For this "golden generation" the financial crisis is a blessing in disguise

By Sof Georgiou

Throughout the years, despite an array of talent, success for the Greek national team at youth level has been few and far between. A closer examination of past results though provides us with hope that after their successful campaign in Estonia where the Greek U19 team lost to Spain in Sunday's final, this generation of Greek players may be the best generation since that of Karagounis, Basinas and Dellas, all part of the Greek U21 team that lost to Spain in the final of the 1998 European U21 Championships.

The first Greek team to reach a European final at youth level was the U21 team of 1988. They made it to the final following a 5-0 demolition of the Netherlands in Athens, only to be outclassed by France, led by Cantona and Laurent Blanc who'd both go on to captain the senior side, which won 3-0 on aggregate over two legs. Six years later, for the first time Greece made it to the World Cup and although their performance is considered one of the worst of all time, making it to the World Cup was until 2004's triumph, Greek football's greatest success. From the U21 team of 1988, Alekos Alexandris and star player Nikos Nioplias both made it into the World Cup squad of 1994. At club level, Nioplias would record 507 appearances in Greek football, second only to Mimos Doma-zos, whilst Alexandris finished as league top scorer four times and won ten championships with Olympiacos and AEK. Although many members of that team had respectable careers, the only other player who stands out from that team is

Giorgos Kapouranis who reached the Champions League semi-finals with Panathinaikos in 1996 and had previously won the league playing for arch-rivals Olympiacos.

Admittedly the '88 generation underachieved, however the U21 team of 1998 which lost to Spain in the final is arguably the finest generation of Greek talent ever assembled. Lakis, Karagounis, Dellas, Basinas, and Goumas were all part of the 2004 team. Dimi Konstantopoulos, Alexopoulos, Antzas, Sotiris and Pantelis Konstantinides, Eleftheropoulos, Stoltides, Kostoulas, Mavrogenides, and the Liberopoulos cousins would all go on to have successful careers for Greece's domestic giants. Even Stavros Labriakos, the Greek Dion Dublin, finished his career with more than 300 first division appearances. Their progress in the tournament was no fluke, looking at the squads retrospectively Greece simply had the best group of young players in Europe. Perhaps it would be unfair to compare any generation to the class of 1998, unless there is a drastic improvement of youth development no generation will be as talented in the foreseeable future. However although the success of youth teams has translated to lesser achievements than winning a European Championship, they have still contributed to the success of the men's team.

With Nikos Nioplias in charge in his first coaching role, Sotiris Ninis, Costas Mitroglou and Sokratis Papastathopoulos who featured in this year's European



Championship, led Greece to the 2007 UEFA U19 Championship final only to lose, yet again 1-0 to Spain. Ninis and Papastathopoulos largely contributed to Greece qualifying to successive major tournaments for the first time and they are now expected to take over from Gekas and co, to lead Greece to four successive tournaments at Brazil 2014. Despite worries that only the three mentioned above would live up to their potential, after moving abroad Yiannis Papadopoulos and Vasilis Pliatsikas have managed to get their careers back on track, which says a lot about the mentality of Greek clubs. With Vasilis Koutsianikoulis joining Hull City for a trial, Siovas getting the exposure he deserves with his move to Olympiacos and Papazoglou hopefully getting the playing time he deserves, the national team could be adding five players to its ranks in coming months.

The biggest success story for Greece though will be if Elin Dimoutsos, reborn under Giorgos Donis at Atromitos last season, can continue his progress. He is a player that Greece desperately need in midfield and after his career stalled at Panathinaikos, he flourished at a club where he got the playing time he deserves.

Out of this year's finalists, don't be surprised if a couple are playing the World Cup in two years' time. Stefanos Kapino, the youngest player to get capped by the men's national team could regain his number one spot at Panathinaikos from the inconsistent Karnezis. Ballas, Gianniotas and to a lesser extent Bougaides have all featured on a regular basis for their clubs sides and with the exception of Rougalas of Olympiacos, the dire finances of Greek clubs means that the rest of the players that

stood out in this tournament will be getting far more opportunities than previous generations. As debt stricken AEK Athens and Panathinaikos are unable to sign players over the age of 24 due to UEFA imposed restrictions, wiry midfielder Fourlanos will finally get a look in the first team and Charis Mavrias has essentially already replaced Ninis who's moved to Parma. Katidis and Stafylides who made it onto the tournament's best eleven, may be moving abroad but they both know that they will both be first choice for Salomica's big two if they stay in Greece. It is a sad indictment for Greek football that clubs had to go bankrupt to start looking to Greek talent instead of washed-up foreigners, and with Olympiacos the only club that's financially stable, signing five Greeks already, hopefully this won't be a short-lived trend.

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Δ. ΠΑΠΑΔΑΚΗΣ: «Επικίνδυνη εξέλιξη η αντικατάσταση των απ' ευθείας συνομιλιών με Επιτροπές»



Εναντίον της αντικατάστασης τών απ' ευθείας συνομιλιών για το Κυπριακό με τις Τεχνικές Επιτροπές και συνομιλίες για Μέτρα Οικοδόμησης Εμπιστούνης, τάχθηκε ο Εκτελεστικός Γραμματέας της ΕΔΕΚ, Δημήτρης Παπαδάκης.

Μιλώντας την περασμένη Κυριακή στο Εθνικό Μνημόσυνο Πεσόντων του 1974, που οργάνωσε το παράρτημα του κόμματός του στο Λονδίνο, ο κ. Παπαδάκης είπε ότι η κυπριακή κυβέρνηση πρέπει να απορρίψει κάθε είδος εκτροπής της διαδικασίας στο Κυπριακό, γιατί είναι άκρως επικίνδυνη εξέλιξη και οδηγεί σε νέες ατραπούς.

Ο αξιωματούχος της ΕΔΕΚ κατήγγειλε την τουρκική αδιαλλαξία ως την υπαίθρια μη εξεύρεσης λύσης. Επέκρινε παράλληλα τη δική μας πλευρά για συγκεκριμένες απαράδεκτες υποχωρήσεις.

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Καύσωνας σε Κύπρο και Ελλάδα

Κύμα καύσωνα ταλαιπωρεί αυτές τις μέρες την Κύπρο και την Ελλάδα. Ο υδράργυρος άγγιξε τους 45 βαθμούς Κελσίου στη Λευκωσία και τους 44 στην Αθήνα. Σε κάποιες περιοχές της Ελλάδας, η θερμοκρασία ξεπέρασε τους 45 βαθμούς Κελσίου.

Οι υψηλές θερμοκρασίες θα διατηρηθούν στα ίδια επίπεδα καθ' όλη την εβδομάδα. Μικρή πτώση αναμένεται την επόμενη εβδομάδα, αλλά πάντα σε υψηλά για την εποχή επίπεδα.

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ΑΝ. ΒΓΕΝΟΠΟΥΛΟΣ: «Εντελώς απαραίτητη η συγχώνευση Λαϊκής και Τράπεζας Κύπρου»

Το κυπριακό τραπεζικό σύστημα μπορεί και πρέπει να αποφύγει την κρατικοποίηση, δηλώνει ο πρόων μη Εκτελεστικός Πρόεδρος της Μαρφίν Λαϊκής Τράπεζας, Ανδρέας Βγενόπουλος, εκτιμώντας πως η συγχώνευση Λαϊκής Τράπεζας και Τράπεζας Κύπρου είναι εντελώς απαραίτητη.

Σε ανακοίνωσή του, ο κ. Βγενόπουλος αναφέρει πως η συγχώνευση των δύο τραπεζών είναι απαραίτητη αφού η νέα Τράπεζα, λόγω των συνεργειών που θα προκύψουν, θα χρειασθεί περίπου 1,5 δισ. ευρώ λιγότερα κεφάλαια και παρόλληλα θα αποτελέσει για τους παλιούς μετόχους αλλά και τους νέους επενδυτές μια σαφώς καλύτερη επενδυτική επιλογή.

«Ένα τέτοιο σχήμα θα μπορεί να παρουσιάζει μια ετήσια κερδοφορία της τάξης του ενός δισ. ευρώ λιγότερα και θα θεωρηθεί καλή επένδυση ακόμα και αν χρειασθεί επανακεφαλαιοποίηση της τάξης των 6-7 δισ. ευρώ», συμπλήρωσε.

Ο κ. Βγενόπουλος ανέφερε επίσης στην ανακοίνωση ότι το κυπριακό τραπεζικό σύστημα προσελκύντας ιδιωτικά κεφάλαια από στρατηγικούς, θεσμικούς και ιδιώτες επενδυτές μπορεί και πρέπει να αποφύγει την κρατικοποίηση.

Δηλώνει μόλις πως σε αυτήν την περίπτωση οι Τράπεζες Κύπρου και Λαϊκή θα εκ-



πληρώσουν τις υποχρεώσεις τους προς τους κατόχους μετατρέψιμων αξιογράφων ενισχυμένου κεφαλαίου.

Επίσης, θα αποφευχθεί η καταστροφική συρρίκνωση των ισολογισμών, θα αφαιρεθεί το όριο από τις απολαβές των στελεχών, θα επανέλθει η ασφάλεια στον τραπεζικό χώρο, θα συνεχισθεί η χρηματο-δότηση της ανάπτυξης της κυπριακής οικονομίας και θα διατηρηθεί η ταυτότητα της Κύπρου ως διεθνούς χρηματοοικονομικού κέντρου.

Η Τρόικα εντός των ημερών στην Κύπρο STANDARD & POOR'S: ΘΑ ΧΡΕΙΑΣΤΕΙ 15 ΔΙΣ. ΕΥΡΩ Η ΚΥΠΡΟΣ

Το κλιμάκιο της Τρόικας θα πάει σύντομα στην Κύπρο, μέσα τις επόμενες μέρες, όπως είπε χαρακτηριστικά ο εκπρόσωπος του Αντιπρόεδρου της Κομισιόν Ολί Ρεν, ο οποίος διευκρίνισε ότι σ' αυτό το στάδιο δεν μπορεί να δώσει συγκεκριμένη ημερομηνία της επίσκεψης.

Σύμφωνα με τον Σάιμον Ο' Κόνορ, οι εταίροι της Τρόικας, δηλαδή η Κομισιόν, η Ευρωπαϊκή Κεντρική Τράπεζα και το ΔΝΤ, εργάζονται στις έδρες τους με βάση τα στοιχεία της διερευνητικής αποστολής της Τρόικας στην Κύπρο.

Πρόσθεσε ότι γίνονται συζητήσεις με τις κυπριακές Αρχές με τηλεδιασκέψεις και με ηλεκτρονική επικοινωνία διευκρινίζονται διάφορα θέματα πριν από την επίσκεψη του κλιμακίου της Τρόικας.

Οι Βρυξελλες ανεπίόμητα πολογύζουν το ποσό που θα χρειαστεί η Κύπρος στα 10 δισεκατομμύρια ευρώ, ωστόσο η Standard & Poor's Ratings Services το ανεβάζει ακόμα 5 δισεκατομμύρια ευρώ.

Σύμφωνα με τους S&P, το πακέτο οικονομικής βοήθειας της Κύπρου ενδεχομένως να ξεπεράσει τα 15 δισ. ευρώ. Ο οίκος εκτιμά τις συνολικές χρηματοδοτικές ανάγκες της Κύπρου την επόμενη τριετία περίπου στα 11 δισ. ευρώ, ή στο 61% του ΑΕΠ.

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ΒΡΕΤΑΝΟΙ ΒΟΥΛΕΥΤΕΣ: «Ανεκπλήρωτο το χρέος απέναντι στην Κύπρο»



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