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Οπως δήλωσε ο αναπληρωτής υπουργός Παιδείας Θεοδόσης Πελεγρίνης, εκπαιδευτικοί που βρίσκονται σε κάποια χώρα του εξωτερικού θα μπορούν να παραμείνουν εκεί χωρίς το άγχος και την αγωνία τής ετήσιας ανανέωσης, αφού – ώπως επισήμων – στόχος του υπουργείου είναι, η ελληνόγλωσση εκπαίδευση στο εξωτερικό να αποκτήσει μια αυτοτέλεια και να μην εξαρτώνται οι εκπαιδευτικοί από το αν θα ανανεωθεί, ή όχι, η σύμβασή τους κάθε χρόνο.

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Χαρακτήρισε «τεράστιο» το πρόβλημα που αντιμετωπίζουν έως σήμερα οι ομογενείς με το ζήτημα αυτό και έκανε γνωστό ότι μέσα στον Ιούνιο θα ληφθεί, καθώς συντάσσεται το νέο νομοθετικό πλαίσιο.

Εξάλλου, έκανε γνωστό ότι στα μέσα του 2017 η Έλληνες του Μονάχου θα αποκτήσουν διγλωσσο σχολείο, το οποίο θα ανεγερθεί σε έκταση 11 στρεμμάτων που παραχωρήθηκε από τη βασική κυβέρνηση.

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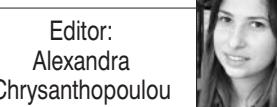
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UNSG assures President Anastasiades that UN's policy on Cyprus remains unchanged

The UN's policy on Cyprus has not changed, the international organization's Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told Cyprus President Nicos Anastasiades, during a telephone conversation they had on Friday, expressing at the same time his full confidence in the role played by his Special Adviser on Cyprus.

A readout issued by the UN, in Nagoya, Japan, with regard to the Secretary General's phone call with the President of Cyprus, said that "with reference to recent events in Istanbul, the Secretary-General reiterated that the UN's policy on Cyprus has not changed. The Republic of Cyprus is the Member State of the UN." It added that "the bi-communal dialogue that takes place under UN auspices aims at reaching a settle-



ment of the Cyprus issue based on relevant UN Security Council resolutions."

"The Secretary-General expressed his full confidence in the role played by his Special Ad-

viser, Mr. Espen Barth Eide, promoting that goal, underlining that he has the support not only of himself but also of the Security Council, the European Union and the wider international community," the readout noted.

Moreover, it added that "the Secretary-General encourages the two leaders to intensify their efforts towards reunifying Cyprus, in a climate of mutual respect, in order to bring an end to the unacceptable status quo, in the interest of all Cypriots."

Their conversation took place in the wake of the events that took place in Constantinople earlier this week, on the sidelines of the UN World Humanitarian Summit, which Anastasiades attended.

Cyprus Army to open applications process for professional soldiers on 3rd June

The applications procedure to recruit 3,000 contract soldiers for the National Guard will begin on Friday June 3, and end on June 24, Politis reported on Sunday. The information was later confirmed by Defence Minister Christoforos Fokaides in an written announcement.

The paper said that the cabinet approved the conditions for the recruitment and the terms of employment at its last meeting. The move is directly linked to the reduction of military service for conscripts to 14 months and authorities also hope it will be an incentive for unemployed young men to stay in Cyprus rather than emigrating.

Under the terms the contract soldiers will receive 1,127 euros a month plus a 13th salary. The contracts will be initially for a year but can be renewed three times for three-year stints up to a maximum of 10 years service. On leaving the

soldiers can earn a bonus linked to salary and time served provided they complete three in and half years in total.

Working hours will be the same as National Guard permanent staff, ie 7am to 2pm, five days a week but it doesn't exclude duty shifts. Holiday per year will number 20 – the EU minimum – plus paid 28 sick days which could be extended for another 14 days on army doctor's orders. Medical treatment in state facilities will be provided to them and their wives and children. According to Politis, their uniforms will also be provided free, as will NG bus transportation to army camps.

It also said the contract soldiers would be able to enhance their job skills during service with reduced fees of up to 50% at private universities with which the Defence Ministry already has cooperation agreements for afternoon and night classes.



Only Cypriots who have completed their military service may apply and they must be a maximum of 32 year old by June 18, have no criminal record, and have completed high school. Physically, they must have a body mass index of 18-30. Full medical will also be carried out before anyone is finally hired.

Those hired after three weeks of training will get the rank of corporal, and can be promoted to the rank of sergeant when appropriate and according to the regulations, Politis said, but this

does not mean a salary increase.

Applications can be submitted via internet or to defence ministry recruitment offices in all towns. Information can be obtained from the special phone line 1430.

Fokaides told CyBC that if enough Cypriots were not found to make up the 3,000, they would open the process to Greek nationals. He also said that his ministry was working on new legislation that would allow serving conscripts, and women to apply.

Most economists say Brexit will harm economy

Nine out of 10 of Britain's top economists working in London's City financial district, small business and academia believe the economy will be harmed if Britain leaves the European Union, a poll said on Sunday.

The poll, which the Observer newspaper said was the biggest of its kind drawing responses from more than 600 economists, is a boost for Prime Minister David Cameron, who is leading the campaign for Britain to stay in the 28-member bloc at a referendum on June 23 despite opposition from some in his party.

Carried out by pollster Ipsos-MORI, the poll found that 88% of those asked said an exit from the EU and the single market would most likely damage Britain's growth prospects over the next five years and 82 percent said there would probably be a negative impact on household incomes.

The Observer said those surveyed were members of the profession's

most respected representative bodies, the Royal Economic Society and the Society of Business Economists.

Campaigners on both sides of the argument have targeted the economy as one of the main battle grounds to win round voters who are split in what is becoming an increasingly bitter fight over Britain's future.

"Out" campaigners say Britain would be freed from regulation and red tape if it left the European Union, able to negotiate its own trade deals without having to please 27 other countries.

But the "In" campaign has pressed its argument that Britain would suffer an economic downturn if it left, hurting the pound, jobs and wages.

Cameron said in a statement: "This poll confirms the overwhelming view of economists – leaving the EU would damage our economy, costing jobs and increasing prices."

Russia firmly supports a just solution in Cyprus, Tsipras says after meeting with Putin

Greek Prime Minister, Alexis Tsipras, said that Russia firmly supports a Cyprus solution without occupation armies or the anachronistic system of guarantees.

Putin, who is paying a visit to Greece, held a meeting on Friday with the Greek Prime Minister, while the two countries signed a series of agreements.

In his statements after the meeting, Tsipras pointed out the important role of Russia in a series of issues, giving emphasis to the Cyprus problem.

Tsipras referred to Russia's firm support for a just solution in Cyprus, based on the relevant UN decisions, the international law and without occupation armies or the anachronistic system of guarantees.



The Russian President held a meeting later on with President of the Greek opposition party, New Democracy, Kyriakos Mitsotakis, with whom he also discussed the Cyprus issue.

In statements after the meeting, Mitsotakis said that apart from bilateral relations, 'which we both agree are excellent' they discussed about the Cyprus problem, the situation in the wider region and the party's positions about the reforms that have to take place in Greece.

President Anastasiades discussed Cyprus problem, economic cooperation and energy issues with US Congress members

Cyprus President, Nicos Anastasiades, received on Saturday a delegation of US Congress members, who are in Cyprus for a two day visit.

During the meeting, the President and the members of the US Congress discussed about the latest developments in the Cyprus problem, the bilateral and economic relations between Cyprus and the United States, notably issues related to the bilateral Double Tax Agreement, the arms embargo, energy issues and wider developments in the region.

The delegation, which was accompanied by the US Ambassador to Cyprus Kathleen A. Doherty, comprises Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (Republicans, Florida), Carolyn Maloney (Democrats, New York), Gas Bilirakis (Republicans, Florida) and Randy Weber (Republicans, Texas).

US Vice President strongly supports President Anastasiades' decision to reinvigorate the negotiations

US Vice President, Joe Biden, has expressed his strong support for Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades' "decision to resume and reinvigorate the Cyprus settlement negotiations."

A White House spokesperson announced in a written statement, that US Vice President Joe Biden held a telephone conversation with the President of the Republic Nicos Anastasiades.

"The Vice President spoke to Republic of Cyprus President Nicos Anastasiades to express his strong support for President Anastasiades' decision to resume and reinvigorate the Cyprus settlement negotiations", the White House spokesperson said.

This was the second time the two men spoke on the phone since last Wednesday, following President Anastasiades' decision to cancel his meeting on Thursday, in Nicosia, with UNSG Special Adviser Espen Barth Eide, as well as his meeting on Friday with the Turkish Cypriot leader Mustafa Akinci, in the framework of the UN-led talks.

President Anastasiades' decision came after events in Istanbul at the World Humanitarian Summit earlier this week, despite the fact that Nicosia and the EU had received UN assurances before the summit that there would be no efforts to try to downgrade the Republic of Cyprus in some way or upgrade the internationally unrecognized self-styled Turkish Cypriot regime in the occupied northern part of Cyprus, during the summit.

Greek coalition looking to move on from bailout review

Over the next few days, the Greek government is hoping to complete the amendments to recent legislation that have been demanded by Greece's lenders and then shift its focus to drafting its own bills, with the possibility that Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras may also opt for a cabinet reshuffle to give his coalition fresh momentum.

Tsipras has asked his ministers to move quickly to satisfy the creditors' latest legislative demands, which relate to, among others, the sale of non-performing loans and the EKAS benefit paid to low-income pensioners.

The coalition hopes that it will have completed the legislative process within the next few days so that Athens can move a step closer to receive the first tranche of its latest bailout funds, which should amount to 7.5 billion euros.

Should the promised funds arrive, the government then wants to concentrate on passing legislation that is not related to the bailout. The first in a series of new draft laws will be the development bill, aimed at fueling economic growth. This is set to be followed by would-be laws relating to fuel and tobacco smuggling and the so-called "social economy."

The government hopes that the tabling of these bills will show that it is also formulating its own policies, not just fulfilling its bailout



commitments. It could also serve to shift focus from the content of the unpopular measures passed through Parliament this month.

Another move that Tsipras is considering to boost his coalition's fortunes is a change of ministers. The prime minister is believed to be weighing up whether it is better to conduct a reshuffle now or to wait until SYRIZA's congress has been held. The congress is due to take place in July but there is a possibility it may be pushed back to the fall.

Making ministerial changes now may be

considered unfair by some within the party, as Tsipras could be seen to be denying ministers the chance to show what they can do beyond the confines of talks for the conclusion of the bailout review, which have dragged on since last fall.

On the other hand, some within the government ranks feel a change may improve the coalition's dismal ratings. A Macedonia University poll published on Friday indicated that 86.5% of Greeks are disappointed in the government and 41% would like snap elections.

Return to markets will take some time for Greece

Whether Greece will be able to leave behind the era of successive bailout programs and return to normalcy depends on its ability to obtain consistent access to capital markets at affordable interest rates. The deal at the Eurogroup, less political uncertainty and expectations that the ECB will reinstate cheap funding for the country's troubled lenders have sent Greek bond yields to multi-month lows. However, it will take more, including ECB QE eligibility, for the country to regain the trust of international investors and stand on its own two feet. This is not going to be easy and is not likely to happen soon.

Pessimism about the country's exit from the third bailout program since 2010 still abounds. More than 80% of respondents participating in a recent opinion poll conducted by the University of Macedonia said they did not believe Greece will exit the economic program at the end of the government's four-year term. Only 9.5% thought it may.

This is not surprising. Unemployment is still running high at 24% and many of the new jobs in the private sector are part-time and temporary. In addition, people have to endure another dose of austerity worth several billion euros in tax hikes to help meet the program's fiscal targets, culminating in a primary surplus of 3.25-3.5% of GDP in 2018, which most analysts and the International Monetary Fund find very ambitious, if

not unrealistic.

Of course, the results of such polls are just a snapshot of people's opinions at a point in time. Policymakers know or at least should know that the litmus test for Greece's exit from the nightmare it has been living in since 2010 is the ability to satisfy its funding needs by borrowing in the markets at reasonable rates.

The fact that the economy has been in recession since 2008, barring a small break in 2014, and the public debt is so high, exceeding 175% of GDP, complicate things a lot. First, it discourages investors from buying new Greek debt and second it warrants expensive compensation in the form of high interest rates demanded by the investors or speculators who decide to take the risk.

The completion of the first review of Greece's third bailout program, the almost certain disbursement of the first tranche of 7.5 billion euros and greater clarity on debt relief helped Greek bonds extend their rally. Market hopes that the ECB will waive its minimum credit rating on Greek bonds in June, allowing banks to use the debt as collateral for cheap funding after almost a year on an expensive liquidity lifeline, also boosted sentiment.

Following its steep descent from around 9% in early May in anticipation of a deal at the Eurogroup, the benchmark 10-year Greek bond yield seems to be stabilizing around 7.2%, last seen in No-

vember 2015. The yield had climbed to 11.5% in mid-February on political uncertainty and early election concerns, feeding Grexit fears. The short-dated bond yield also touched multi-month lows after the Eurogroup deal and is now trading around 7.7%, having hit even 7.2% earlier. It is noted that Greek public debt is rated non-investment (junk) by all three major credit rating agencies.

The large drop in Greek risk was depicted in the sharp contraction of the difference between the 10-year bond yield and its German counterpart to around 700 basis points last Friday, from around 870 points in early May and 1.127 points in mid-February. The 10-year yield spread was around 700 bp in November 2015 and before that in November 2014. It is noted a percentage point is equal to 100 bp.

But borrowing costs will have to fall a lot further for Greece to be able to issue new bonds in the markets without fueling concerns about the sustainability of its debt and investor doubts about getting their money back. In addition to debt relief conditional on program compliance, the economy has to be put back on the growth track, a tough task given the large fiscal drag, and meet challenging primary surplus targets in 2017 and 2018. Of course, the whole experiment will also depend on global risk appetite and the prevailing international market conditions.

Government officials and some

analysts think the eligibility of Greek bonds for the ECB's quantitative easing (QE), or PSPP program, will be a catalyst for driving borrowing costs way down from current levels. Finance Minister Euclid Tsakalotos said on Thursday he hoped the deal at the Eurogroup meant Athens could swiftly qualify for the QE program. However, Greece has to satisfy the standard criteria set by the ECB for program countries and pass the ECB's own debt sustainability test, which may be tricky. Moreover, eligibility is not for life. It could be suspended if the country does not meet the criteria.

Optimists point out that Cyprus became eligible after passing the first review, following the start of the PSPP program. Cyprus concluded that review in May 2015 and the ECB started buying its bonds in July 2015, following approval by the ESM, leading to the disbursement of bailout funds. However, the sustainability of the Cypriot debt was not such an issue as it is in Greece and Cyprus was deemed to have a strong ownership of the bailout program.

All-in-all, Greece will need all the help it can get from the ECB, including QE eligibility for its bonds, a return to growth and a record of beating fiscal targets to borrow consistently at affordable rates in the markets. This could take some time – and so will its divorce from the bailout program.

CYPRUS

Two thousand births with thalassemia prevented through screening

Around two thousand births with thalassaemia have been prevented in Cyprus over the last 40 years, through the prevention program implemented in the country by the Population Screening Laboratory for Thalassaemia.

The introduction of the prenatal examination helped reduce the thalassemia births. In the last 14 years only 51 children were born with this inherited blood disorder, compared to 414 children that could have been born without specific prenatal testing.

A press conference took place on Friday on the occasion of the 40 years of operation of the Thalassemia Center, which tests over 10,000 people annually to determine whether they are carriers of Thalassemia and advise them depending on the result.

In Cyprus there are currently 620 people with thalassemia.

The Thalassemia Clinic in Nicosia monitors 560 people, both Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots.

Blood transfusions reach 40 every day.

GREECE

Child refugees in Greece have been out of school for 1.5 years on average

Child refugees stranded in Greece have been out of school for an average of 1.5 years, according to Save the Children.

The study conducted by the charity ahead of the inaugural World Humanitarian Summit found that Syrian child refugees have been out of school for an average of 25.8 months, while Afghan child refugees spent an average of 10.7 months out of the classroom.

"Children who have risked everything to reach Europe are now wasting the best years of their lives, in refugee camps, in detention centres, and behind border fences and walls," said Helle Thorning-Schmidt, CEO of Save the Children International. "Many know nothing more than conflict, violence, forced displacement, and their current deplorable conditions which offer little hope for their futures."

The agency's study found that although more than three quarters of school-aged refugee children interviewed in Greece said that going to school was one of their top priorities, more than one in five of them have never even begun their education.

"The EU needs to recognise education as a key need for children stranded in Greece and the Balkans and provide more support to the governments to set up temporary learning facilities in the camps and long-term education solutions," said Thorning-Schmidt.

Save the Children, along with UNICEF and others, was due to unveil on Monday a new fund for schooling in emergencies called Education Cannot Wait to help provide schooling for displaced children.

Save the Children said it has been providing non-formal lessons – including English and Greek classes – through its child friendly spaces for refugees in Greece and is currently scaling up its education activities in Greece to provide child refugees with access to basic education through temporary classrooms.

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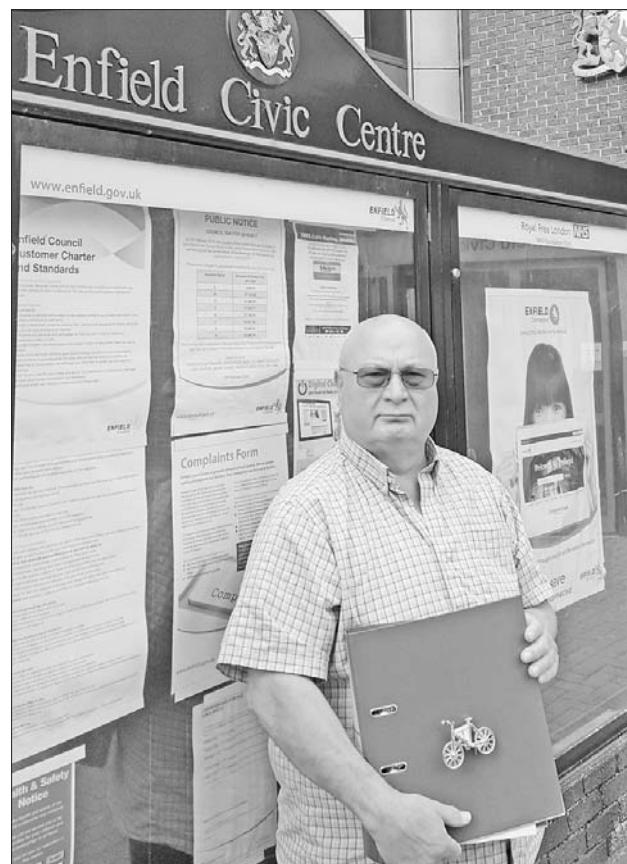
Legal action against Enfield Council for the A105 Cycle scheme

Save Our Green Lanes, a campaign group formed of local residents and businesses, has applied for a judicial review of Enfield Council's decision to go ahead with the A105 Cycle Enfield scheme, from Palmers Green Library to Enfield Town.

Following the release of council documents that show negative impacts on residents' parking, the viability of businesses, air quality, traffic congestion, bus journey times, bus passenger and disabled pedestrian safety, as well as emergency services response times, the group has decided to take legal action.

Spokesman Costas Georgiou said "We support cycling and walking but the Council did not tell people the whole story about the impacts of the cycling scheme when it consulted. The council has still not addressed valid concerns. The cycle lanes are bad news for our local community. We have been left with no option but to apply for judicial review proceedings in the High Court. We served the court papers on Enfield Council on Friday 27th May."

The scheme would put 1.8 metre (almost 6 feet) wide segregated cycle lanes on each side of the road, which would be in force 24 hours a day. Residential and shop



Costas Georgiou served the judicial review bundle on Enfield Council on 27 May 2016

parking would be lost along much of the route, including yellow lines currently used in the evenings. Although the Council has offered to drop kerbs for residents, it will not pay for hard standings for driveways.

Buses would stop in the middle of the road, rather than in lay-bys. And bus passengers would have to cross cycle lanes when they get on and off.

Many businesses do not have rear access and would not be able

to function without deliveries from the front or customers being able to collect takeaway food. Mr Georgiou, who also chairs the Green Lanes Business Association, said "Concerns about the cycle lane scheme are making businesses think twice about opening in Palmers Green. We had two empty units in 2013 and now we have twelve. The council is not interested in parallel routes which would create benefits for cyclists without damage to everyone else. No discount on rates is being offered during the construction phase, nor compensation for reduced trade and loss of residential parking afterwards."

Save Our Green Lanes is also running a petition to new Mayor of London Sadiq Khan, at <http://chn.ge/1WV5NGb>. This follows a referendum by David Burrowes MP, which showed that 75% of local residents opposed the cycle lane scheme.

The A105 Green Lanes to London Road scheme is part of wider £42 million proposals, which are mostly being funded by Transport for London. The cycle lane plans include Enfield Town, Southbury Road and Hertford Road.

Twitter: @SaveGreenLanes <<https://twitter.com/SaveGreenLanes>>

MS Society awards Zena Nicolaou 'Carer of the Year'

Greek Cypriot Zena Nicolaou has been crowned carer of the year for her devotion looking after her multiple sclerosis (MS) suffering mother.

Zena, 26, from Ilford, won the MS Society award for her hard work caring for her mother Niki Nicolaou.

She carries out most of the household chores such as cooking and cleaning as well as helping her wash and style her hair.

Talking at the award ceremony, hosted by Radio 1 DJ Scott Mills in London on 27 April, she said: "To be named carer of the year is absolutely amazing. It means everything to me and it's more than I could ever imagine. There are so many people that deserve to be standing where I'm standing – people that I believe have done 10 times more than me, 100 times more than me."

"I'm very proud to be here and I hope my mother is as well."

Zena and her mother want to raise awareness about MS in the Greek community. Zena was the driving force behind Niki talking about her MS at the Cypriot Community Centre in Wood Green to a group of 30 women.

The young carer also works as a safeguarding officer and administrator at a private training provider, giving business support and advice, and writes poetry about the challenges of being a carer.

The MS Society award recognises the achievements of people with MS and those who go above and beyond in supporting people with the condition.



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Greek fairytale to be performed by Stella Michael at the Andipa Gallery

Aeroplio Theatre returns to the Andipa Gallery (162 Walton Street, London SW3 2JL) next Saturday 4th June 2016 at 5.30pm with a performance by Stella Michael based on a Greek traditional fairytale.

Of the Fire, of the Wind and of the Road Without Return tells the story of three Princes who start upon an unknown journey to the Sleeping Kingdom to find a medicine to make their father see the light of day again. They choose three different roads and each face great obstacles – strong and unbeatable enemies. How will they tri-



umph the fire and the wind? How will they stand up against the dragons?

It's a great musical fairytale about bravery, knowledge, intelligence, selflessness and love which sees Stella play 16 different characters using puppets, masks and shadows and is suitable for all ages.

The show had great success in Washington DC at the Kennedy Centre for Kids Euro Festival 2011, and in Melbourne and Sydney, Australia.

Stella Michael is a professional actress and qualified drama teacher with acting and teaching experience in London, Australia and Greece. She studied acting and theatre studies at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and at the Art Theatre School Karolos Koun. She has acting experience in comedy, drama, physical theatre, ancient drama and theatre for children.

The play's text and direction is by Nicholas Kamtsis, stage & costume design by Mika Panagou, with original music by Christos Xenakis.

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Britain at the heart of Europe is the only sensible choice

More than three months after the EU referendum in the United Kingdom was announced by British Prime Minister David Cameron and less than a month before the British people give their verdict and after countless debates, speeches, articles and commentary, there can be no doubt that the Leave campaign has completely run out of steam. Having lost the argument on every substantive issue in this campaign, the Brexiteers' strategy, if it can be called a strategy at all, can now be distilled down to two words: immigration and immigration.

—They have lost the economic argument. They do not even know whether their alternative solution is to be in or outside the single market.

—They have lost the security argument.

—They have lost the sovereignty argument.

—They have lost the peace dividend argument.

—They have lost the influence and leverage argument.

—They have lost the internal unity of the United Kingdom argument. The truth is that they do not care about the integrity of this union.

According to them, we have to dismiss the views of the Bank of England, the President of the United States, the sitting Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer, the World Trade Organisation, the International Monetary Fund, the G7, 99% of the 350 FTSE companies, HM Treasury, the Institute of Fiscal Studies, every living former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, five former NATO Secretaries-General, a host of Commonwealth leaders, former heads of MI5 and MI6, the leadership of the official opposition, the Financial Times, and many others.

Yes, we have to ignore all of these authoritative voices and we should listen to the 'pretender to the throne' who has been going around uttering inane platitudes about reclaiming Britain's independence and 'taking our country back'. As if this country, by virtue of its membership of the EU, has forfeited its sovereignty and independence. Nothing could be further from the truth. Britain has never given up its independence. Whether in relation to foreign policy, economic policy, defence policy, the United Kingdom remains completely sovereign in its affairs. Britain, of course, is not a member of the Eurozone; nor is it within the Schengen area, so it maintains control of its borders.

Membership of the European Union does entail a pooling of sovereignty and sharing of power and resources in certain areas which are inherent in the collaborative nature of the Union. But that is the price we have to pay if we want to take advantage of the single market and to confront transnational problems requiring transnational solutions, whether these relate to geo-strategic challenges, trade, job creation, security and intelligence, public health issues, crime, terrorism, immigration, worker and human rights.

We live in a multipolar world in which leverage and influence are defined by a country's partnerships and alliances. The contention that isolationism, xenophobia and pulling back from the world is the way forward for a country which has, throughout its history, built its power through building bridges and creating networks is utterly senseless and illogical. Britain maximises its leverage, power and influence as a leader in the European Union by sitting at the table and determining the future of the continent, whose destiny it has always shared. Britain will always have more, not less, influence by being at the heart of Europe and not on its periphery.

The pooling of sovereignty, to the extent that is applies to the United Kingdom, is not a zero sum game. The European Union is built on the principle of quid pro quo and the exchange entailed by this

principle in the relationship between the United Kingdom and the European Union is manifestly in the interests of the former.

Bluntly, it means that Britain is stronger, safer and better off by being a member of the European Union and a leading voice on the continent of which it is an integral part by virtue of geography, economics, politics, history and culture. Not only does the sharing of sovereignty in this instance not detract from the UK's influence in the world, it actually magnifies it. Contrary to sensationalist falsehoods propagated by the Brexit camp, even in the areas where we have pooled sovereignty with the EU, important decisions are taken unanimously and so the UK holds a veto, for instance in respect of the accession of new countries such as Turkey.

The United Kingdom is a great country and it will survive and eventually thrive even outside the EU. But that is not really the question here. On every measure of success in an interdependent world, the United Kingdom would do better and not worse by being at the forefront of Europe.

The Leave campaign could have made a rational case for Britain's exit from the EU which would have entailed an admission of the economic pain which

which it has also been compared, the European Union derives its legitimacy from the democracies of Europe. The British people will contribute to this by their decision on 23rd June - that is why we are having a democratic referendum.

That would never have been possible in the Third Reich or the USSR. Of course, the Eurozone is a challenge; of course, it needs to be reformed, changed, transformed; that is not an argument for saying that you should bring the entire edifice of this project down. That would be nihilism, pure and simple. I know of no political institution anywhere in the world, national or international, that is not capable of improvement. The United Kingdom is certainly imperfect too. Does it mean that the only answer is to dismantle it?

Worker well-being was not perfect before the Eurozone and before the EU; the capitalist system goes through regular crises, euro or no euro. The refugee crisis is not the creation of the EU. If anything, that is a crisis brought about by actions taken by the USA, under George W Bush, and the Blair administration in relation to Iraq which eventually led to what we are witnessing today. In fact, if the EU had more coherent foreign policies, we might have been spared



the country would suffer upon departure from the Union, as illustrated by countless independent analyses.

But when you have the spectacle of a senior member of the governing party and the Brexiteers' leading light comparing the European Union to Hitler and the Third Reich and seeking to undermine the intervention of the President of the United States, which was made in good faith, by reference to his half-Kenyan origin, you know that there is something sinister about the motives of those who are bent on cutting the UK adrift from its strategic alliances on the continent.

The European Union is an imperfect institution and the Eurozone is currently failing in its mission. The mismanagement of the Eurozone crisis has affected national economies and worker well-being adversely in many parts of the continent. This, together with the refugee crisis, has led to the rise of extreme populist parties in certain European countries.

We cannot run away from these facts. But another Europe is possible. If the European project proves to be a failure, it will be overthrown by the people because, unlike the Third Reich or the USSR, to

this crisis. Less Europe will make such misguided actions more likely, not less likely. A Europe and a UK with less influence and leverage will exacerbate the challenges to the continent and our way of life.

The Brexiteers' last remaining card is immigration wrapped up in misguided patriotism. We have it on good authority though that 'patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel'. The Leave campaign's refuge is people's anger about immigration. We cannot sweep this under the carpet. The free movement of people across the European Union has meant net increasing inflows of migrants from other, less affluent, EU countries into the United Kingdom.

But the contention that Britain will be overwhelmed by EU migrants is just not cogent. For the last 8 years, we have witnessed the most intractable financial and economic crisis across the continent with deep recession and historically high levels of unemployment in Italy, Spain, Greece and other EU countries. But even though we have been at the summit of economic stagnation with the loss of millions of jobs in many European countries, this has not been followed by unmanageable immigration into the United Kingdom. Immigration is an issue that needs to be addressed by thoughtful policies across the Eu-



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ropean Union but the Leave campaign's focus on the challenges associated with this, simply plays to people's prejudices and completely disregards the many economic and other benefits to the country of such immigration.

The historic truth is that the United Kingdom is blessed because of its immigrants, not despite of them. What would the country's NHS, its universities and academia, its financial sector, the biggest sector of the country's economy, its science base, its research and development capability, its sports, its Arts and, frankly, the intellectual capital that makes this country what it is today, be without its immigrants? To say nothing of the UK's rich diversity and the immense cultural contribution of the country's many ethnic groups to the beautiful mosaic that is Britain today.

By the same token, the free movement of people across the EU equally gives British people the freedom to live, work, study and retire anywhere in the EU, which so many take advantage of, whether it's pensioners retiring to Cyprus or Spain, or students avoiding €9,000 per year university fees to study in Sweden or Germany, as many are doing.

If your mind is not made up by anything I have written above, then maybe you should listen to the views of my teenage daughters. My 19 year old, now at University, completely unprompted by me, has made the case very forcefully that she does not wish to be a member of a lost generation plagued by the uncertainty and instability which she perceives would follow Brexit, even if that were only for 5, 6 or 7 years, possibly the most important in her life in terms of career chances and development. Similarly, my younger 17 year old daughter, together with her best friend, both without the vote, complained furiously that a 70 or 80 year old, for example, with the right to vote, should be able to decide their long-term future, a future in which, by virtue of their age, they have no say. Their take is that Britain's natural place is in Europe, that their future is European. I was struck by their instinct to look outwards, not inwards, and to consider it virtually unnatural that Britain would want to leave the continent to which it so obviously belongs.

But, as I am quite a bit older, I turn to history and the lessons we have learned from it. The notion that this great country which defines so much of what is Europe today, having made an absolutely decisive contribution to the liberation of the continent from the scourge of fascism, should withdraw into a self-created shell, on the outskirts of Europe, is absurd. The great Winston Churchill would be turning in his grave. As would, almost certainly, Margaret Thatcher. Both of them had vision and courage and, notwithstanding their deep love for this country, were guided by principles greater than narrow nationalism.

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Νέο παγκύπριο ρεκόρ με 65.69μ. στη δισκοβολία ο Παρέλλης και πάει Ρίο

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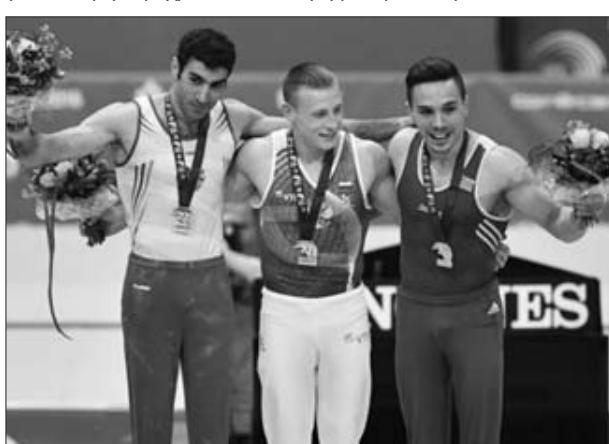
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Το πάλεψε ο Μάρκος κόντρα στον Τσονγκά

Στο 3' γύρο ολοκληρώθηκε η παρουσία του Μάρκου Παγδαπή στο Ρολάν Γκαρός. Ο Κύπριος τενίστας ήτταρθηκε από τον Γάλλο, Τζο Γουιλφριντ Τσονγκά, με 3-2 σετ (6-7 (6), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2) σε ένα συναρπαστικό ματς διάρκειας 3 ωρών και 26 λεπτών.

Επίσης, ο Ναδάλ αποσύρθηκε με τραυματισμό, ενώ Σ. Γουλιαμς και Τζόκοβιτς προχωρούν ακάθεκτοι, το ίδιο και ο Νίκος Κύργιος, αλλά καιρού επιτρέποντος, αφού δύο ημέρες έβρεχε στο Παρίσι και το πρόγραμμα έχει πάει πολύ πίσω.

Η Ομόνοια κέρδισε και το KOPA Challenge Cup

Δεν θα μπορούσε να κλείσει καλύτερα τη χρονιά της η Ομόνοια. Μετά την κατάκτηση του κυπέλλου Α' Κατηγορίας, στο φινάλε της φετινής ποδοσφαιρικής περιόδου το τριφύλλι αναδείχθηκε πανηγυρικά και κυπελλούχος του Challenge Cup κερδίζοντας στον τελικό την Ανόρθωση με 1-0.

Το παιγνίδι παρακολούθησαν εκατό περίπου φίλοι των δύο ομάδων που χειροκρότησαν τους δύο αντιπάλους, αφού τους πρόσφεραν ένα πλούσιο θέαμα, με αρκετές φάσεις μπροστά στις δύο εστίες, όπου οι άμυνες και ειδικά οι δύο τερματοφύλακες δεν επέτρεψαν την παραβίαση τους.

Η Ομόνοια ξεκίνησε εντυπωσιακά και δημιουργήσε πολλές επιθέσεις, όμως στη συνέχεια η Ανόρθωση ισορρόπησε το παιγνίδι και έφτιαξε και αυτή τις δικές της ευκαιρίες. Το μοναδικό τέρμα του αγώνα πέτυχε στα μέσα του δευτέρου μέρους ο Spencer Στυλιανού.



Αξίζουν συγχαρητήρια και στις δύο ομάδες. Στην Ομόνοια και στους προπονητές της Νίνιο Ιπποκράτους και Τόνι Πόντου, στους παίκτες και παράγοντες που κατάφεραν να κερδίσουν τη 2η θέση στο πρωτάθλημα, το κύπελλο Α' Κα-

τηγορία και το Challenge Cup.

Συγχαρητήρια και στη φιναλίστ Ανόρθωση, που φέτος τελείωσε στις υψηλές θέσεις, στον προπονητή Μάριο Κουρέα, στους παίκτες στον πρόεδρο Κύπρο Κωστή και στο Συμβούλιο.

Η Ρεάλ Μαδρίτης πρωταθλήτρια Ευρώπης



Για 11η φορά στην ιστορία της, η Ρεάλ Μαδρίτης στέφθηκε πρωταθλήτρια Ευρώπης.

Η ομάδα του Ζινεντίν Ζιντάν νίκησε, στη διαδικασία των πέναλτι, 5-3, την Ατλέτικο Μαδρίτης, και κατέκτησε το Champions League, μέσα στο "Τζουζέπε Μεάτσα" του Μιλάνου.

Η κανονική διάρκεια και η παράταση έληξαν 1-1. Η Ρεάλ προηγήθηκε στο 15' με γκολ του αρχηγού της Σέρχιο Ράμος και η Ατλέτικο, που έχασε πέναλτι στο 47' με τον Γκριεζάν, ισοφάρισε στο 79' με τον Καράσκο.

ΠΛΕΙΟ ΟΦ ΣΟΥΠΕΡ ΛΙΓΚ – ΤΕΛΕΥΤΑΙΑ ΑΓΩΝΙΣΤΙΚΗ

Ο ΠΑΟΚ πάει Champions League!

Την πρώτη θέση στα πλέι οφ της Σούπερ Λιγκ και το «εισιτήριο» για τους προκριματικούς του Champions League εξασφάλισε στο φινάλε του μίνι πρωταθλήματος (6η αγωνιστική) ο ΠΑΟΚ.

Το ντέρμπι της Τούμπας με τον Παναθηναϊκό δεν ονέδειξε νικητή (ΠΑΟΚ - Παναθηναϊκός 1-1), ωστόσο, η ισοπαλία χάρισε στον «Δικέφαλο» του Βορρά το «εισιτήριο» για τους προκριματικούς της κορυφαίας διασυλλογικής διοργάνωσης, ενώ το «τριφύλλι» θα πάιξε στον 3ο προκριματικό του Europa League. Ο Ροντρίγκες στο 18' άνοιξε το σκορ για τους πράσινους και στο 26' ο Λουντ διαμόρφωσε το τελικό αποτέλεσμα.

Με νίκη γοήτρου ολοκλήρωσε ο Πανιώνιος, επικρατώντας της ΑΕΚ (Πανιώνιος - ΑΕΚ 1-0, με γκολ του Μασούρα στο 41') στη Νέα Σμύρνη. Αποτέλεσμα που επί της ουσίας δεν αλλάζει κάτι, καθώς η Ενωση κατέκτησε την 3η θέση στην ειδική κατάταξη και οι «κυνανέρυθροι» την 4η που σημαίνει... πρόωρη έναρξη υποχρεώσεων στη νέα αγωνιστική σεζόν.

ΤΕΛΙΚΗ ΒΑΘΜΟΛΟΓΙΑ

ΠΑΟΚ 12 – Champions League 3ος προκρ.

Παναθηναϊκός 11 – Europa League 3ος προκρ.

ΑΕΚ 9 – Europa League 3ος προκρ.

Πανιώνιος 4 – Europa League 2ος προκρ.

ΓΚΡΑΝ ΠΡΙ ΜΟΝΑΚΟ

Πρώτη νίκη για Χάμιλτον!

Η βροχή και οι πολλές συγκρούσεις ήταν για μια ακόμη χρονιά το χαρακτηριστικό του Γκράν Πρι του Μονακό. Ο Λούις Χάμιλτον με Μερσέντες έκανε έξιπτη στρατηγικά κούρσα, έφυγε μπροστά από τον ομόσταβλό του Ρόζμπεργκ αρκετά νωρίς και κυνήγησε αποτελεσματικά τον Ρικιάρτο της Ρεντ Μπουλ, παίρνοντας τελικά την πρώτη καρό σημαία για τη σεζόν και μειώνοντας στο μισό περίπου την απόστασή του από την κορυφή.

KOPA Sports Round-up

Thursday 2nd June 2016



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BY MIKKOS CHRYSOSTOMOU

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PERFECT TEN FOR CUP KINGS OMONIA

Omonia more than made up for missing out in the title race by winning their 10th Challenge Cup. They beat Anorthosis 1-0 to complete a Cup double having won the Divisional Cup two weeks ago. They waited 9 years to get to a Challenge Cup final and now they have back to back titles. The two teams did meet once before in the final and Anorthosis came out on

top 2-1 in 2002. Their most recent win of the Challenge Cup was seven years ago when they beat Cetinkaya 2-0 in 2009.

The weather was a little on the cold side for the time of the year but the turnout was disappointing for one of the biggest events of the year in the Kopa calendar. New River Stadium provides good covered seating area and perfect surface but I



Omonia brothers Spencer and Bradley Stylianou with proud dad



Tony Ponou in 7th heaven

think we should be looking to play these matches in the evening. It definitely attracts the public. Both teams started well and settled in their rhythm without really making any clear cut chances. Omonia played their patient football passing from the back while Anorthosis moved the ball forward a bit quicker and when accurate they started to threaten the Omonia defence.

Spencer Stylianou finally broke the deadlock when he forced the ball over the line after 56 minutes following a Harry Vazanias corner. Anorthosis response was quick and Alex Roussis brought a save from Erbil while Danny Coolridge came within a whisker of making contact to a good pass from Luke Petros. At the other end Alex Anderson hit the bar and Vas Hrisikos and Adem Ali had efforts saved by Mikel Kharshiladze in the Anorthosis goal.

Time was running out for Anorthosis but in injury time a golden opportunity fell to Alex Roussis but for once his goalscoring technique failed him to level the score.

Mind you, the brave few that turned up did not really deserve to stay for extra time and overall Omonia perhaps just edged it. Anorthosis just misfired up front to cause an upset leaving Omonia to collect their 10th Challenge Cup win a record.

Tony Ponou also collected a unique personal record of winning this trophy for 7th time.

Premier League Trophy Visits St Andrew the Apostle School

The Barclays Premier League trophy on Monday (23 May) visited St Andrew the Apostle School as part of a UK tour to encourage the next generation of sports fans.

Excited students were delighted with the opportunity to see the trophy close-up and have their photograph taken with one of the icons of

parent, Mr Michael Pieri, who won a competition held by Barclays.

Deputy Headteacher, Mr Mike Michael, said, "We always encourage our students to enjoy sport and seeing the Barclays Premier League trophy in our school was not only an amazing experience; it demonstrated to them the val-



English football. Representatives from the Barclays Premier League were on hand to answer questions and explain the history of the cup.

St Andrew's was nominated for the visit by

ues of working hard, doing one's best, fair play and teamwork. For the really keen football fans, it was the next best thing to actually winning the trophy!"



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