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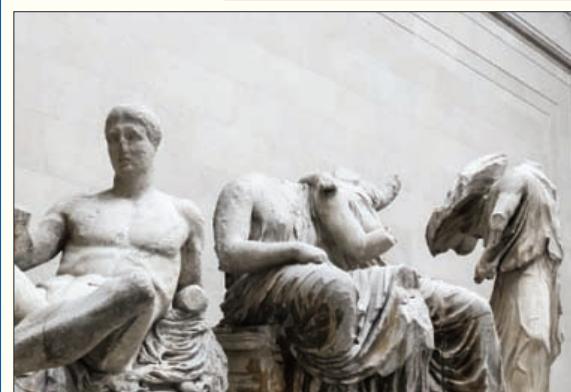
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(ΠΕΜΠΤΗ)

**Διαλέξη Ελεύθερου Παν/μίου Ομογένειας Λονδίνου**

**ΘΕΜΑ:** «Έξυπνες Υποδομές Ζωτικής Σημασίας»  
**ΟΜΙΛΗΤΡΙΑ:** Άρτεμις Κοντού, Ειδική Επιστήμονας Ερευνητικού Κέντρου Αριστείας «ΚΟΙΟΣ»  
**ΤΟΠΟΣ:** Οίκημα Αδελφότητας, Britannia Road, London N12 9RU  
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**ΠΛΗΡΟΦΟΡΙΕΣ:** 020 8445 7070  
**ΟΡΓΑΝΩΤΕΣ:** Ελληνική Κυπριακή Αδελφότητας και Πανεπιστήμιο Κύπρου  
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**23 Φεβρουαρίου 2020**  
(ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ)

**Ετήσια Χοροεπερίδα Κοινότητας Αγίων Ραφαήλ, Νικολάου και Ειρήνης (Enfield)**

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470 Bowes Road,  
London N11 1NL  
**ΩΡΑ:** 6.30 μ.μ.  
**ΠΛΗΡΟΦΟΡΙΕΣ:** 07802 277 272  
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**29 Φεβρουαρίου 2020**  
(ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ)

**Ετήσια Χοροεπερίδα Ανεξάρτητου Ελληνικού Σχολείου Μάνορ ΧΙΛΛ**

**ΤΟΠΟΣ:** Royal National Hotel

**ΠΛΗΡΟΦΟΡΙΕΣ:** 07956 245 706

**1η Μαρτίου 2020**  
(ΚΥΠΡΙΑΚΗ)

**Ετήσια Τακτική Γενική Συνέλευση Ελληνικής Κυπριακής Αδελφότητας Λονδίνου**

**ΤΟΠΟΣ:** Οίκημα Αδελφότητας,  
Britannia Road, London N12 9RU

**ΩΡΑ:** 3.30 μ.μ.

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2) Απολογισμός Διοικ. Συμβουλίου  
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**7 Μαρτίου 2020**  
(ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ)

**Ετήσια Χοροεπερίδα ΕΔΕΚ Η.Β.**

**ΤΟΠΟΣ:** Κυπριακό Κοινοτικό Κέντρο,  
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**14 Μαρτίου 2020**  
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**Χοροεπερίδα και Φωτογραφική Έκθεση Συνδέσμου Αμμοχώστου Η.Β.**

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**19 Μαρτίου 2020**  
(ΠΕΜΠΤΗ)

**Διαλέξη Ελεύθερου Παν/μίου Ομογένειας Λονδίνου**

**ΘΕΜΑ:** «Ηθικά Διλήμματα στην Ιατρική Έρευνα»  
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**29 Μαρτίου 2020**  
(ΚΥΠΡΙΑΚΗ)

**Παμπαροϊκιακός εορτασμός για τις επετείους της 25ης Μαρτίου 1821 και της 1ης Απριλίου 1955**

**21 Μαΐου 2020**  
(ΠΕΜΠΤΗ)

**Παρουσίαση του βιβλίου του Κυπρίου συγγραφέα Πέτρου Κ. Πόρακου με τίτλο «Περί Κυπρίων Μεταναστών»**

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Earlham Grove, Wood Green,  
London N22 5HJ  
**ΩΡΑ:** 7.00 μ.μ.  
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**ΣΥΝΤΟΝΙΣΤΗΣ:** Γιώργος Μιχαηλίδης,  
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## Russia, France and Britain call for compliance with UN Security Council resolutions on Famagusta

Russia, France and Britain call for compliance with UN Security Council resolutions in relation to Varosha, after recent statements from Turkish high-ranking officials regarding the status of the fenced-off part of Famagusta, also known as "ghost city".

Last Saturday, the Turkish Bar Association organized a round table meeting, which was held in Varosha for the first time since 1974, and was attended by Turkish Vice President Fuat Oktay and Turkish Justice Minister Abdulhamit Güll, among others. Oktay stated that Varosha belongs to the illegal Turkish Cypriot regime, and took part in a tour of the fenced-off part of Famagusta.

"With regard to the aggravation of the situation around Varosha, we believe that the settlement of this issue should take place strictly in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions, notably 550 and 789. This situation highlights the urgency of restarting intercommunal negotiations as soon as possible," a Spokesperson from the Embassy of Russia to Cyprus told CNA.

Replying to a similar question, the French Embassy noted earlier that "on October 9th 2019 the members of the United Nations Security Council recalled the importance of the status of Varosha as set out in previous United Nations Security Council resolutions, including resolution 550 (1984) and resolution 789 (1992), and reiterated that no actions should be carried out in relation to Varosha that are not in accordance with those resolutions. Resolution 2506 (2020) also reiterated the Council's position on the status of Varosha."

"We therefore expect the sides and the relevant involved parties to fully comply with United Nations Security Council resolutions and to engage in the talks aimed reunifying the island in the framework of a bi-communal and bi-zonal federation with political equality," the Spokesperson from the Embassy of France noted.

A British High Commission Spokesperson in Nicosia also told CNA that "we fully support all relevant Security Council resolutions, including Resolutions 550 and 789. The UK remains convinced that a comprehensive settlement is the best chance of resolving these issues."

Earlier on Cyprus President Nicos Anastasiades has referred to Turkey's provocative actions in the fenced - off part of Turkish occupied Famagusta, known as Varosha, noting that they are not and will not be accepted, adding that the government will not remain with its "hands tied".

President Anastasiades was addressing an event celebrating the completion of 60 years of Bishop of Constantia and Famagusta Vassilios, in Paralimni.

Yesterday's provocative actions by the Turks in the fenced off area of Famagusta "are not and will not be accepted."

Despite the recent reconfirmation by UN Se-

**TURKEY'S PROVOCATIVE IN VAROSHA ARE UNACCEPTABLE, PRESIDENT ANASTASIADES SAID**



urity Council of the resolutions on Varosha, he said, "we witnessed yesterday an unacceptable situation." He added that the violation of the Republic of Cyprus' sovereign rights whether on land or in its EEZ are also unacceptable.

We will not remain with "our hands tied," he noted, adding that "the diplomatic path, international law, European principles and values set out what will happen in the immediate future."

Varosha, the fenced off section of the Turkish occupied town of Famagusta, is often described as a 'ghost town'. UN Security Council resolution 550 (1984) considers any attempts to settle any part of Varosha by people other than its inhabitants as inadmissible and calls for the transfer of this area to the administration of the UN. UN Security Council resolution 789 (1992) also urges that with a view to the implementation of resolution 550 (1984), the area at present under the control of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus should be extended to include Varosha.

Efforts over the years for the legitimate citizens of Famagusta to return to the city have met with the refusal of the Turkish side, despite numerous decisions and resolutions by the UN, EU and other international institutions.

Kudret Ozersay, the "foreign minister" of the illegal regime in the Turkish-occupied areas of Cyprus, arranged in late August a press visit for Turkish Cypriot and Turkish journalists and media in the fenced – off part of Famagusta for the first time in 45 years and announced that he will gradually open the city. A Turkish Bar Association event was organized in Varosha, on Saturday, with the participation of Turkey's Vice President Fuat Oktay and Turkey's Justice Minister Abdulhamit Güll.

UN Security Council President Jerry Matthews Matjila said on October 9, 2019, after a Security Council's closed meeting which examined Cyprus' appeal on the issue of Famagusta that

no actions should be carried out in relation to Varosha that are not in accordance with the UN-SC Resolutions, including Resolution 550 (1984) and Resolution 789 (1992).

Referring to the efforts to reach a solution of the Cyprus problem President Anastasiades said that "it is an effort for the country's reunification, to establish the fate of missing persons in Cyprus and to restore inalienable human rights on the basis of a just, functional and therefore viable solution."

"A solution which will be based on UN resolutions, will absolutely respect EU principles and values, will create conditions of peaceful coexistence and guarantee our state entity's independence and sovereignty away from third countries' dependencies or the presence of occupying troops", he added.

President Anastasiades said that "we have proven our respect of political equality. We have proven how much we respect our compatriots", adding that, "no one can overlook the fact that we are also obligated to respect the rights of Greek Cypriots."

This is why, he explained, "I will not accept or put up with the political inequality Ankara wishes to impose on our country."

"What we seek is nothing less than what all other Europeans enjoy", he noted.

He sent a clear message to all directions, as he said, that "all those expecting that I will give in to blackmail by third parties or inducements in the home front for something less that what we owe our citizens as Europe, will be disappointed."

At the same time he assured that "the effort for our people's and divided country's reunification remains my top priority."

President Nicos Anastasiades will have bilateral meetings with top EU officials during which he will raise the matter of the fenced-off part of Turkish occupied Famagusta, Government Spokesperson Kyriacos Koushos has said.

PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS AT "BLOOMBERG"

**N. ANASTASIADES:**  
**"NATO are giving Erdogan free rein in the region"**

**"FRANCE IS THE ONLY COUNTRY TAKING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN"**

Turkey is taking advantage of worsening relations between Russia and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to push for more influence in the eastern Mediterranean and most other countries have failed to react, Cyprus's President said.

"Turkey feels unrestrained given U.S. efforts to keep the country in the western alliance," President Nicos Anastasiades said in an interview in Nicosia.

While sparring between Turkey and the U.S. has complicated relations in the 29-member military pact, NATO officials have insisted that keeping Turkey in the alliance is in everybody's interest.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan may therefore feel he has a free hand. The international community hasn't acted to counter Turkey's moves in Syria, Libya, Iraq and Cyprus's Exclusive Economic Zone, or its plan to open up the walled-off town of Varosha in Cyprus's Turkish-controlled north, Anastasiades said.

"There's no decisiveness from countries to take appropriate measures and this raises the danger of conflict," Anastasiades said, noting that France is the only country that's taken an active role in the region.

French and Cypriot forces conducted maneuvers in the eastern Mediterranean late last year, while Paris has dispatched naval vessels to Syria and sent an aircraft carrier to the region. The Cypriot president met with France's defense minister last Tuesday. "The strong French presence brings hope that the European Union will take a more active role in eastern Mediterranean issues," Anastasiades said.

Tensions in the region go beyond military posturing, commercial issues are at stake too. A pledge by Erdogan to send Turkish troops to bolster the United Nations-backed government in Libya has upset the delicate balance of power in the region at a time when countries are jostling over lucrative hydrocarbon resources in the waters around Cyprus.

EU foreign ministers agreed on Monday to deploy military assets to enforce a weapons embargo on Libya and prevent the shipment of arms to the country's warring factions, diplomats familiar with the matter said.

While a maritime deal Erdogan signed in November with Libya prompted Turkey to claim maritime rights in some zones Athens says are Greek – a provocation, Anastasiades said – Cyprus will proceed with its hydrocarbon exploitation program.

International energy companies present on the island will act to protect their interests, he said, assuring that the project will go ahead.

Reunification of the island, divided since Turkey invaded the northern third in 1974, will ensure future peace and bring significant economic benefits, Anastasiades said. Turkey should understand that reunification can be achieved only through constructive engagement, the Cypriot president said.

Cyprus has some concerns about the next proposed EU budget, Anastasiades said.

Under the plan, "Cyprus will see a significant decrease in EU cohesion funds and asylum, migration and integration funds," the president said. "We're hopeful that there will be some corrections."

Despite the island's historical ties to the UK, Anastasiades said he's not optimistic about an easy transition to post-Brexit relations for the EU.

"There are more chances not to have an agreement between the EU and the U.K. this year than there are to have one," Anastasiades said. "The EU must ensure that its members won't be in a worse position" under a final deal.



# Greece offers compromise on migrant centres to placate angry islanders

Greece on Monday acted to placate locals incensed over government plans to build new migrant detention centres on outlying islands, saying it was open to a compromise on their location.

The Athens government infuriated residents of five islands – all straddling a key route to Europe used by thousands of migrants – by announcing last week it would expedite the construction of closed detention centres to replace open-access, severely overcrowded camps. Local residents say they are concerned such an arrangement could become permanent.

Hundreds of islanders, an important demographic for the conservative New Democracy government, rallied in Athens last week to press calls for thousands of asylum seekers now on the islands to be transferred to the Greek mainland.

The conservatives have taken a markedly tougher stance towards migration than their leftist predecessors, issuing a tender for the construction of a floating fence to deter would-be asylum seekers arriving by sea and introducing faster asylum-processing procedures that could increase deportations.

On Monday, new Migration Minister Notis Mitarachi said local authorities had a week to propose alternative locations for the construction of the new detention centres.

"I'll put the plan on hold until we discuss (it)," Mitarachi told regional governor Kostas Moutzouris during a heated debate aired on



Greek state television.

"Local authorities have one week to point out alternative locations," Mitarachi, who is from one of the affected islands, Chios, tweeted later.

Greece's eastern Aegean islands have borne the brunt of a refugee and migrant influx that peaked in 2015-16 when more than one million people fled violence in the Middle East and beyond via Turkey, reaching Greece and then moving on to wealthier central and northern Europe, their preferred destinations.

But border closures imposed since then along the migrant corridor through the Balkans and central Europe north of Greece have left many thousands of later arrivals stuck on

the Greek islands near Turkey, leading to acute overcrowding in camps, violent incidents and angry demonstrations by asylum seekers.

Angry locals created a massive Greek flag overnight on the island of Lesbos by painting stones blue and white and inscribing "OXI" (Ochi) – Greek for "No" – with pebbles beneath it in protest at a detention centre planned at the location.

A deal that the European Union brokered with Turkey greatly reduced the migrant influx from 2016 but there has been a resurgence of arrivals in Greece since last September, with more than 74,000 registered last year, according to a U.N. tally.

## MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS IN NICOSIA

### French Defence Minister expresses her country's solidarity with Cyprus

Minister for the Armed Forces of France Florence Parly has reiterated her country's solidarity towards Cyprus with regard to its Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

Parly was received by Cyprus President Nicos Anastasiades, at the Presidential Palace, on Tuesday morning. Cyprus Defence Minister Savvas Angelides was also present during the meeting.

In statements afterwards she told reporters that "it was an op-



### EU to return about 280 mln euros to Greece in court case over pastures

The European Commission will return about 280 million euros to Greece that Brussels had initially recouped from Athens arguing it had been paid as subsidies for pastures, in breach of EU law.

In a ruling issued on February 13, the EU's Court of Justice accepted Greece's appeal which argued that, in Mediterranean countries, pastures are defined by different criteria than those of central Europe.

The case dates back to 2015 when the Commission found that the Greek government's allocation of EU funds for pastures in the period 2009-2012 was illegal.

Greece, which lost an appeal at the EU's General Court, resorted to the Court of Justice.

portunity to express our solidarity regarding Cyprus which is under strong pressure from an international perspective. France is a friend of Cyprus and I reiterated our solidarity. That was my main message."

Asked how the solidarity towards Cyprus is being manifested, the French Minister said that "the solidarity is manifested in many ways. We have a strong bilateral cooperation with Cyprus. Cyprus welcomes regular port calls from our navy and we are very grateful for that, and it par-

ticipates in the efficiency at the air craft carrier strike group operation, and we also express our solidarity regarding, for instance, on what goes on in the EEZ."

In his statements, Deputy Government Spokesman Panayiotis Sentonas described the President's meeting with the French Minister as important, during which, he added, Florence Parly expressed France's position of principle while they discussed ways on how to enhance bilateral cooperation between the two countries in particular in the defence sector.

Sentonas said that President expressed his satisfaction over the level of cooperation between the two countries as well as his gratitude for France's firm support of the efforts to reach a solution of the Cyprus problem and for the defence cooperation that strengthens the state entity of the Republic of Cyprus.

### Cyprus' effort to highlight its role in Southeast Mediterranean region, Defence Minister says

Cyprus is constantly trying to highlight the role it can play in the area of Southeast Mediterranean, Defence Minister Savvas Angelides said on Monday in his statements following the exercise of the National Guard carried out in collaboration with the French aircraft carrier Charles De Gaulle.



Cypriot Minister said that more joint exercises between Cyprus and France would be taking place in the future relating to air defense, aviation and navy aiming to upgrade the National Guard.

He said that today's first phase of the joint exercise with France aimed at attacking virtual targets by activating Cyprus' air defence system. The virtual targets were attacked by Rafale aircraft operating from the French aircraft carrier Charles De Gaulle, he added.

Minister expressed his satisfaction with the results of the exercise so far.

He also said that today's exercise is a concrete example of the close cooperation between Cyprus and France at the military level.

He said that such exercises provide high level training to National Guard personnel, noting that "it really seems like we are at a high level."

Asked whether during the visit tomorrow of French Defence Minister they will also discuss the issue of further cooperation between the two countries in the field of security and defence, Minister said that "we will be given the opportunity to exchange views on risk assessment in the region and set further actions on this cooperation."

### PM Mitsotakis: Lignite phase-out a key aspect of national energy policy

Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis was on Monday briefed on the National Plan for Energy and Climate by the Energy Ministry's leadership.

A key part of the government's plan is to gradually phase out the use of lignite at electricity-production power plants, which includes the ceasing of operations of existing Public Power Corporation (PPC) lignite units by 2023, except Ptolemaida's unit VI, which will be closed by 2028.

It was also stressed that transition of western Macedonia and the Municipality of Megalopolis away from lignite is moving forward: two lignite units, Amyntaio I and II, near Florina are being immediately withdrawn, while a masterplan aiming to mobilize investments of up to 4.4 billion euros for the coal transition in Greece is expected to be ready by the end of June.

Greece will also claim significant funds from the EU's Just Transition Mechanism, which was set up to boost EU member states' green transition away from fossil fuels like coal, lignite, peat and oil shale, and also provide tailored financial and practical support.

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## Storm Dennis: Fears for Severn towns amid fresh flood warnings

### Areas affected by flooding



Homes along the River Severn in Shropshire have been evacuated, amid fears that flood barriers could be breached in the coming hours.

Houses and a pub near Ironbridge have been submerged by rising waters and the pressure has cracked road surfaces.

Around the UK, almost 200 flood warnings remain in place, including six severe – or "danger to life" – warnings.

The River Wye at Monmouth, in Wales, has reached its highest recorded level.

Among the worst affected areas are south Wales, Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Shropshire, where major incidents have been declared.

Currently, there are six severe flood warnings in England, covering the rivers Lugg, Severn, and Wye.

More rain is expected in parts of the UK later this week, with three yellow Met Office weather warnings issued for north and south Wales and north-west England for Wednesday evening.

The latest severe flood warning – for the River Severn in Telford, Shropshire – prompted the evacuation

of around 30 homes in Ironbridge on Tuesday morning.

Meanwhile, Welsh Water has warned drinking water is running out in Monmouth and surrounding areas after "unprecedented flooding" at its treatment works in Mayhill.

There was some relief in Upton upon Severn, Worcestershire, on Monday morning as defences appeared not to have been breached overnight, but severe flood warnings for the area now predict river levels will peak by Wednesday.

Residents of the Wharfage, on the River Severn, have been evacuated to a restaurant on the High Street in Ironbridge, Telford and Wrekin Council said.

The council added that the river's flood peak was moving towards the Ironbridge Gorge and was expected to arrive there later on Tuesday, while the Environment Agency warned flooding in the Wharfage is "potentially imminent".

It added that river levels on the Severn could reach 6.7m high by Tuesday afternoon.

It comes as the River Wye at Monmouth, south Wales, peaked at 7.15m high on Tuesday, breaking the previous record high of 6.48m in 2002.

There are two severe warnings in place on the River Wye at Monmouth, according to Natural Resources Wales.

Around 800 homes in Wales have been directly affected by flooding, First Minister Mark Drakeford told the BBC.

The Welsh government has put aside between £5m and £10m to help those residents affected.

Meanwhile, the key developments in England are:

Calderdale Council, in West Yorkshire, has complained the Calder Valley feels "forgotten" by government, after the area experienced severe flooding during Storm Ciara. The council called for the area to be granted "Tier one" status to unlock "a recurrent injection of funding to continue to protect our communities."

Drayton Manor theme park in Staffordshire has announced it will remain closed until 29 February due to severe flooding in the grounds.

On Monday, the body of 55-year-old Yvonne Booth was found after she was swept away by floodwater when her car became stuck near Tenbury Wells.

The government has activated an emergency funding scheme for areas affected by the flooding. Councils can ask the government to reimburse non-insurable costs above a certain threshold.

## Michel Barnier: UK can't have Canada trade deal with EU

The UK cannot have the same trade deal with the EU as Canada, according to the bloc's chief negotiator.

Michel Barnier said the EU was ready to offer an "ambitious partnership" with the UK post-Brexit, but its "particular proximity" meant it would be different.

It comes after the UK's chief negotiator, David Frost, made a speech in Brussels calling for a "Canada-Free Trade Agreement-type relationship".

The two sides are due to start negotiations next month.

The UK left the EU on 31 January and is now in a transition period - following the majority of the bloc's rules - while a post-Brexit trade deal is hammered out.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has put a deadline of 31 December on agreeing a plan, saying he will not extend the transition period beyond then.

On his first speech about the trade deal since his general election win, Mr Johnson said he wanted to pursue a model similar to that of Canada's, which took seven years to negotiate.

Under the agreement, import tariffs on most goods have been eliminated between the two countries, though there are still customs and VAT checks.



Brexit, adding: "We remain ready to propose this partnership if the UK wants it."

Speaking in Brussels on Thursday, Mr Frost said the UK "must have the ability to set laws that suit us" and not be subject to rulings from European courts.

He reiterated Mr Johnson's desire for a Canada-type agreement and said if it could not be agreed, the UK would trade on the basic international terms it currently follows with Australia.

Mr Frost said the UK will set out more details of its vision for the future relationship with the EU next week.

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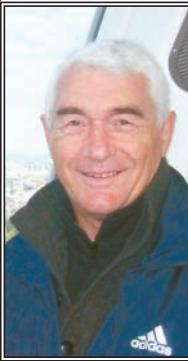






# KOPA Sports Round-up

Thursday 20th February 2020



- AKANTHOU RALLY TO FINAL
- ARMENIANS SHOCK PANTEL
- “DENNIS” SCARES OFF BIG GUNS

BY MIKKOS  
CHRYSOSTOMOU

## SAINTS AND SALAMINA WEATHER THE STORM

Just two games played in the Kopa league, those in the Junior Cup where Akanthou beat Cinar 5-3 in a thriller and the Armenians coming out of hibernation to surprise Pantel in a 4-1 win. Storm Dennis scared off the top four big boys whose semi finals were postponed.

Haringey Borough had a rest after their weekend game was called off, something Tom Loizou's injury hit squad would have welcomed.

The big threat of Storm Dennis could not stop the community derby of the day taking place. The top two of Spartan South Midlands League, St Panteleimon and New Salamis came face to face in West London to do battle in the chase for promotion.

Despite the conditions both teams were prepared to put their reputation on the line and also show each other respect. Both teams came into the match with a useful winning run so defeat was not on the menu. However, a terrific early strike by the Saints' Roberto Katsikas took the New Salamis contingent by surprise. As early as the 5th minute the free kick from inside the centre circle was taken quickly eluding New Salamis goalkeeper to nestle into the net. It was a shock but not a surprise considering the conditions.

Games are not won or lost that early in the game so both teams gradually settled down to their rhythm but noticeable that they were not taking too many risks.

As the game went on Salamina's supporters were urging their players forward hoping to get something from the game and it finally came in injury time. It came from an unusual source as substitute Andy Loizou found himself inside the six yard box to take advantage of a failed clearance to head home off the underside of the bar. The goal was celebrated by his team and their supporters and while the Saints were disappointed for conceding so late it was a fair result in the end and it keeps them still nine points clear at the top.



AKANTHOU REACH JUNIOR CUP FINAL

The game was well contested and very sporting and both teams and their manager should be proud of their progress at this level of football. The Saints and New Salamis have a quick chance to get back to winning ways on Saturday when they face Shefford and Park View respectively, two teams that have already lost 27 games between them so far this season. A very good chance!!

Squads;  
St Panteleimon: Manaj, Campbell, Capone, Nasai, Molloy, Albadri, Doukhi, Massey, Monti, Tajbakhsh, Mina, Al Ashban, Dodds, Serani, Gilmaney, Knight.

New Salamis: Cekrezi, Artimadis, Chambi, Durnin, Foster, H. Georgiou, C. Georgiou, Phil, Idy, Loizou, Lutaya, Mehmet, Marku, Pari, Antoniou.

### KOPA LEAGUE JUNIOR CUP

<b>AKANTHOU</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>CINAR</b>	<b>3</b>

Akanthou continued their progress this season with a semi final victory over rivals Cinar. They started well taking the lead with Theo Sioukri and although Cinar levelled 1-1 with Mark Summers, George Mintikis team regained their composure to go in at the interval 3-1 up with further goals from Aris Aristotelois and Sioukri. Miguel Shavez was the architect behind their progress. The second half saw Cinar regroup and battle their way to level the game at 3-3 with goals from Ahmet Topal and Johnathan Dienga. The game was well balanced after the hour with both teams creating chances but it was Akanthou who went through with two well taken goals from Alexi.

That's a good reward for everyone at Akanthou both on and off the field and will now be looking forward to the final against Armenian Youth on Wednesday evening 25th March at Haringey Borough stadium

<b>PANTEL</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>ARMENIAN YOUTH</b>	<b>4</b>

This was as much a shock as Pantel beating Komi Kebir in the previous round. The Armenian team hardly played this year and Pantel were expected to be celebrating a day out in the final. Although they took the lead with Jamie it was the visitors who were sharper and more clinical to get to the final. Garo was the chief executioner with a hat trick the other coming from Rene.



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Η Τουρκία εκμεταλλεύεται την επιδίωνση των σχέσεων μεταξύ Ρωσίας και ΝΑΤΟ για να πιέσει μεγαλύτερη επιρροή στην ανατολική Μεσόγειο και οι περισσότερες χώρες δεν αντιδρούν, δήλωσε ο Πρόεδρος Αναστασιάδης.

Σε συνέντευξη στο πρακτορείο Bloomberg, ο Πρόεδρος υπογράμμισε ότι η Τουρκία αισθάνεται ανεμπόδιστη καθώς οι ΗΠΑ προσπαθούν να τη διατηρήσουν στη δυτική συμμαχία και αυτό δίνει ελευθερία στις κινήσεις του Ταγίπ Ερντογάν.

Όπως ανέφερε ο Πρόεδρος της Δημοκρατίας, η διεθνής κοινότητα δεν ενήργησε για να αντιμετωπίσει τις τουρκικές κινήσεις στη Συρία, τη Λιβύη, το Ιράκ και την κυπριακή ΑΟΖ ή το σχέδιό της να ανοίξει την περίκλειστη πόλη της Αμμοχώστου.

«Δεν υπάρχει αποφασιστικότητα από τις χώρες για να λάβουν τα κατάλληλα μέτρα και αυτό δημιουργεί τον κίνδυνο σύγκρουσης», εξήγησε, σημειώνοντας ότι μόνο η Γαλλία ανέλαβε ενεργό ρόλο στην περιοχή. «Η ισχυρή γαλλική παρουσία φέρνει ελπίδα ότι η ΕΕ θα αναλάβει πιο ενεργό ρόλο στα θέματα της ανατολικής Μεσογείου», προσέθεσε.

## Νέα υπουργός «Ευρωπαϊκής Γειτονιάς και Αμερικής» η Wendy Morton



Ο Βρετανός υπουργός Ευρώπης Christopher Pincher αντικαταστάθηκε στα πλαίσια του αιφνίδιου και «τεσκουράτου» ανασχηματισμού στον οποίο προέβη ο πρωθυπουργός Μπόρις Τζόνσον. Στη θέση του διόρισε τη βουλευτίνα και μέχρι τώρα υφυπουργό για την Ασία και τον Ειρηνικό, Wendy Morton (φωτό).

Εν όψει, μάλιστα, Brexit, το πορτφόλιο με την ονομασία Υπουργείο Ευρώπης, μετονομάστηκε σε «Υπουργείο Ευρωπαϊκής Γειτονιάς και Αμερικής» (Ministry for European Neighbourhood & Americas).

Η κυρία Wendy Morton, 52 χρονών, είναι νέα βουλευτής του Συντηρητικού Κόμματος.

Εξέλεγκ για πρώτη φορά το 2015 εκπροσωπώντας την περιφέρεια Aldridge-Brownhills (περιοχή Midlands). Υπήρξε μέλος του τοπικού Ροταριανού Ομίλου.

Στον ίδιο ανασχηματισμό ο πρωθυπουργός έδιωξε και την Τερέζα Βίλλιερς από υπουργό χωρίς να δοθούν εξηγήσεις.

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## Η Τουρκία ετοιμάζεται για έρευνες στην Κρήτη...

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Οπως αναφέρεται στο δημοσίευμα μόλις ο ΟΗΕ αναρτήσει τις συντεταγμένες θαλάσσιες δι-

καιοδοσίας που ορίζει η συμφωνία, «σεισμικές έρευνες και γεωτρήσεις θα ξεκινήσουν στην πε-

ριοχή που θα ανακηρυχθεί τουρκική ΑΟΖ».

«Αρχικά, η τουρκική εταιρεία πετρελαίου (TP) θα λάβει αδειοδότηση για έρευνες ανατολικά της Κρήτης, στο οικόπεδο 15», αναφέρει το δημοσίευμα προσθέτοντας ότι έρευνες το Oruc Reis θα σταλεί στην περιοχή.

Υπενθυμίζεται ότι πριν μερικές εβδομάδες, το τουρκικό ερευνητικό σκάφος Oruc Reis, βρέθηκε εντός της ελληνικής υφαλοκρηπίδας, περίπου 200 μίλια νότια του Καστελόριζου. Το πλοίο παρακολούθησαν στενά μονάδες των Ενόπλων Δυνάμεων, η φρεγάτα «Νικηφόρος Φωκάς» και άλλα μέσα, τα οποία το ανάγκασαν τελικά να αποχωρήσει.

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## Ανάστατοι οι Βρετανοί παραγωγοί για τις εξαγωγές επεξεργασμένου κρέατος στην Ε.Ε. μετά το Brexit

Οι Βρετανοί παραγωγοί δεν θα είναι σε θέση να εξάγουν προϊόντα επεξεργασμένου κρέατος, όπως λουκάνικα ή μπιφτέκια, στην Ευρώπη μετά το Brexit, εκτός εάν διαθέτουν το απαραίτητο πιστοποιητικό υγιεινών συνθηκών παραγωγής της Ε.Ε., το οποίο σήμερα δεν υφίσταται στη χώρα, ανακοίνωσε η Ένωση Επεξεργαστών Κρέατος της Βρετανίας (BMPA).

Όταν ολοκληρωθεί η μεταβατική περίοδος για το Brexit στις 31 Δεκεμβρίου, η Βρετανία θα βρεθεί εκτός της ζώνης ελεύθερου εμπορίου και τα ζωικής προέλευσης προϊόντα της θα χρειάζονται ειδικές άδειες και θα υφίστανται τελωνειακές ελέγχους στην Ε.Ε. και τη Βόρειο Ιρλανδία – η οποία θα παραμείνει στη ζώνη εμπορίου της Ένωσης. Γεγονός που θα στοιχίσει απόλειτες ισοδύναμες με 8,2 δισεκ. λίρες στη βιομηχανία επεξεργασμένου κρέατος, της οποίας 75-90% των εξαγωγών προορίζονται σε χώρες της Ε.Ε., τονίζει η ίδια επαγγελματική ένωση.

«Ο κόσμος τείνει να το λησμονεί πως έως σήμερα δεν «εξάγουμε» κάτι στην Ευρώπη, απλώς στέλνουμε διάφορα πρόγραμα. Αυτή τη στιγμή απλώς τα βάζεις μέσα σε ένα φορτηγό



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