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της Ελλάδος  
στο Λονδίνο  
ο Κωνσταντίνος  
Μπίκας

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Από αριστερά: Ο Υπατος Αρμοστής Αλέξανδρος Ζήνων, η σύζυγός του Αλίκη Πασχάλη, η Έλση Χριστόφορη, το ζεύγος Κων. Μπίκα (ο νέος πρέσβης της Ελλάδος), ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος Γρηγόριος, ο Πρόεδρος της Ομοσπονδίας Πήγερ Δρουσιώπης και ο Διευθυντής της Λαϊκής Η.Β., Σοφοκλής Αργυρού

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Πολλές συζητήσεις γίνονται αυτές τις μέρες και πολλά επιχειρήματα ακούγονται από όλα τα κόμματα για το μνημόνιο που μας έρχεται και που σίγουρα θα πλήξει σκληρά ένα μεγάλο μέρος του πληθυσμού της Κύπρου. Η Κυβέρνηση Χριστοφία, δυστυχώς, συνεπαρμένη από μια ανεξήγητη και βλακώδη ευφορία, αμέλησε εγκληματικά να πάρει μέτρα όταν οι κίνδυνοι εμφανίστηκαν απειλητικά στο οικονομικό στερέωμα, με αποτέλεσμα σήμερα να καλείται ο λαός να πληρώσει το σκληρό τίμημα.

Δυστυχώς, όπως συμβαίνει κάθε φορά που χρειάζονται θυσίες, αυτοί που θα πληρώσουν πάλι την νύφη είναι οι φτωχότερες εισοδηματικά τάξεις και όχι οι έχοντες και κατέχοντες, παρά τα όσα διακηρύσσουν οι κυβερνώντες και το ΑΚΕΛ, αλλά και τα λοιπά κόμματα. Αν θα υπάρξει δίκαιη κατανομή των βαρών, θα φανεί πολύ σύντομα, αφού οι προτάσεις της Κυβέρνησης στη λεγόμενη «Τρόικα», έχουν ήδη δοθεί και οι συζητήσεις για το πακέτο των μέτρων που πρέπει να παρθούν πολύ σύντομα θα καταλήξουν σε μια συμφωνία με την μορφή μνημονίου.

Οι κοινωνικές παροχές που η Κυβέρνηση Χριστοφία κατάφερε να ανεβάσει στο αστρονομικό ποσό των τριών δισεκατομμυρίων ευρώ το 2011, σήγουρα θαι υποστούν το μεγαλύτερο κατακρούγγημα. Ας επίσουμε πως αυτές οι περικοπές δεν πρόκειται να θίξουν τις ποι ενάλωτες ομάδες των πληθυσμού. Οι άνεργοι, οι φτωχές οικογένειες, οι συνταξιούχοι, οι άποροι φοιτητές θα πρέπει να προσεχτούν.

Μια άλλη ομάδα του πληθυσμού που επίσης δεν πρέπει να θιγεί, όσο και αν αυτό ακούγεται αιρετικό για πολλούς, είναι και οι συμπατριώτες μας Τουρκοκύπριοι, που τυχάνε να είναι δέκτες κρατικών βοηθημάτων είτε υπό την μορφή συντάξεων ή νοσοκομειακής θεραπείας. Τα 48 εκατομμύρια ευρώ που ξοδεύτηκαν τα τελευταία χρόνια σε τέτοιες παροχές φαντάζουν αμελητέο ποσό μπροστά στα δισεκατομμύρια που ξοδεύουμε κάθε χρόνο για τους υπόλοιπους πολίτες του κράτους μας.

Κατανοντό είναι, βέβαια, το επιχειρήμα πως οι Τουρκοκύπριοι δεν προσφέρουν τίποτε για να είναι δικαιούχοι τέτοιων επιδομάτων. Στα πλαίσια, δώρις, μιας ευρύτερης πολιτικής ενσωμάτωσης του σύνοικου στοιχείου και εμπέδωσης σε αυτούς τούς αισθήματος «του ανήκειν», είναι πέρα για πέρα αναγκαίο να διατηρηθούν και εν ανάγκη να αυξηθούν τέτοια βοηθήματα, αν θέλουμε πραγματικά να έχουμε συμμάχους στη μουσουλμανική κοινότητα του τόπου μας για τερματισμό μια μέρα της κατοχής..

Η κοντόφθαλμη πολιτική από μέρους των ανώριμων ηγεσιών μας κατά καιρούς, και η παραγνώριση, πολλές φορές, των ανεγκών των απλών Τουρκοκύπριων, μεταξύ άλλων, μαζί με την επεκτατική πολιτική της Αγκυρας και την διαιρετική πολιτική της Μ Βρετανίας, μάς οδήγησαν εδώ που βρισκόμαστε.

Ας μη ποίξουμε, λοιπόν, τώρα και εμείς το ίδιο παιχνίδι του αποκλεισμού τους, με την δικαιολογία της οικονομικής κρίσης και του Μνημονίου. Αυτοί που ευθύνονται για την κατάντια της οικονομίας μας, εκτός από την παγκόσμια οικονομική κρίση, είναι η ίδια η Κυβέρνησή μας – κατά κύριο λόγο – και οι άπληστοι τραπεζίτες μας και με κανένα τρόπο δεν θα πρέπει να κληθούν οι φτωχοί και οι Τουρκοκύπριοι να πληρώσουν τον λογαριασμό.

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## Ιατρικά Σεμινάρια από το Κέντρο Ελληνοκυπρίων Γυναικών «Αράχνη»

Άρβαμε την ακόλουθη ανακοίνωση:

Η Αράχνη σας προσκαλεί να συμμετέχετε ΔΩΡΕΑΝ στα ακόλουθα:

—Σεμινάριο: «Εγκεφαλικό Επεισόδιο: Όλα όσα πρέπει να γνωρίζετε». Ομιλήτρια: κα Έλεν Σέρινταν, Stroke Association. Στο τέλος του σεμιναρίου, θα πραγματοποιηθεί σε όσους/όσες επιθυμούν εξέταση της πίεσης τους. Παρασκευή, 26 Οκτωβρίου 2012, 11:30 π.μ.

—Ιατρική εξέταση από νοσοκόμα του NHS, την Παρασκευή, 2 Νοεμβρίου 2012. Η εξέταση θα περιλαμβάνει, μεταξύ άλλων εξετάσεις χοληστερίνης και πίεσης καθώς και ατομική συμβουλευτική όσον αφορά την υγεία σας. Μόνο με ραντεβού. Για να κλείσετε ένα για εσάς ή/και για κάποιον συγγενή ή φίλο/η σας επικοινωνήστε με την «Αράχνη», στο 020 7263 6261 ή 020 7263 6317

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## Ο θεμέλιος λίθος της επέκτασης του Οίκου Ευγηρίας «Autumn Gardens»

Πραγματοποιήθηκε το περασμένο Σάββατο τελετή στο «*Autumn Gardens*», όπου ετέθη ο θεμέλιος λίθος κτιριακής επέκτασης του Οίκου Ευγηρίας, ιδιοκτησίας του συμπατριώτη μας Μελή Ούρρη.

Παρούσα στην τελετή ήταν η σύζυγος του Προέδρου της Κυπριακής Δημοκρατίας Έλση Χριστόφια. Αγιασμό τέλεσε ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος Θυατείρων κ.κ. Γρηγόριος, βοηθούμενος από τον π. Κυπριανό Κωνσταντίνη.

Οι εργασίες επέκτασης με ακόμα 44 υπνοδωμάτια, αναμένεται να περατωθεί σε έναν περίπου χρόνο, διπλασιάζοντας έτσι τη χωρητικότητα του Οίκου, ο οποίος θα περιλαμβάνει και Υπηρεσία Νοσοκομειακής Περίθαλψης.

Μιλώντας στην τελετή, η κ. Χριστόφια συνεχάρη την οικογένεια Ούρρη για την προσπάθεια βελτίωσης τής ποιότητας ζωής πρεσβυτέρων συμπατριωτών μας στο Λονδίνο, τονίζοντας ότι αυτό αποτελεί «ελάχιστη ανταπόδοση τής ευγνωμοσύνης μας προς αυτούς που έζησαν

και δημιούργησαν σε χρόνους δύσκολους».

Τους παρευρεθέντες καλωσόρισε ο Μελής Ούρρης και η διευθύντρια του Οίκου Έλενα Ούρρη, ευχαριστώντας ιδιαίτερα τον Αρχιεπίσκοπο Γρηγόριο και την κ. Χριστόφια για την παρουσία τους.

Την κ. Χριστόφια συνόδευε η σύζυγος του Υπάτου Αρμοστού Αλίκη Ζήνων. Παρέστησαν ο βουλευτής Andy Love, ο αντιπρόεδρος της Εθνικής Ομοσπονδίας Χριστόδουλος Στυλιανού, ο Γραμματέας και ο Οργανωτικός του ΑΚΕΛ Βρετανίας, Πάμπος Χαρολάμπος και Νεόφυτος Νικολάου, ο Πολιτιστικός Σύμβουλος της Κύπρου, Κύπρος Χαρολάμπους, οι Δημοτικοί Σύμβουλοι Ανδρέας Κωνσταντινίδης, Πάμπος Χαρολάμπους και Martin Prescott του Ένφιλντ, ο Δημοτικός Σύμβουλος Μπάρνετ (Brunswick Park Ward) Ανδρέας Ιωαννίδης, η πρόεδρος του Κυπριακού Κοινοτικού Κέντρου Σούζη Κωνσταντινίδη κ.ά.

Μετά την τελετή, δόθηκε δεξιώση προς όλους τους παρευρεθέντες.



**ΠΑΝΩ:** Τα εγκαίνια των εργασιών της νέας πτέρυγας του *Autumn Gardens* από την κ. Έλση Χριστόφια και τον Αρχιεπίσκοπο Γρηγόριο. Κάτω, η τελετή του Αγιασμού



**ΦΩΤΟ: ΠΕΤΡΟΣ ΠΕΝΤΑΓΙΩΤΗΣ**



## Ο Αγιασμός στο Ελληνικό Παροικιακό Σχολείο Hazelwood της Τετάρτης

### Λάβομε την ακόλουθη ανακοίνωση:

Με την ευκαιρία της έναρξης της νέας σχολικής χρονιάς 2012-13, τελέσθηκε την Τετάρτη 10 Οκτωβρίου ο αγιασμός στο απογευματινό Ελληνικό Παροικιακό Σχολείο Hazelwood από τον πατέρα Παύλο της Ενορίας Αγίου Ιωάννη του Βαπτιστή.

Ο πατήρ Παύλος ευλόγησε τα παιδιά, τους δασκάλους και τους γονείς του σχολείου και όλοι μαζί προσευχήθηκαν για μια ακόμα επιτυχημένη σχολική χρονιά.

Το Ελληνικό σχολείο Hazelwood, που λειτουργεί κάθε Τετάρτη απόγευμα από τις 6μμ-8.30μμ, είναι ένα μικρό σχολείο, το οποίο, παρ' όλα αυτά, έχει να επιδείξει πλούσιο έργο στις εκπαιδευτικές και καλλιτεχνικές εκδηλώσεις της Ελληνικής Παροικίας του Λονδίνου, καθώς και εξαιρετικά αποτελέσματα στις εξετάσεις Ελληνικών του Edexcel.

Αποτελούμενο από 4 μικρά τμήματα (Σύμπλεγμα A+ - B', Σύμπλεγμα Δ' - E', Στ' και As), με 6 έως 8 μαθητές ανά τμήμα, και στελεχωμένο αποκλειστικά με προσοντούχους εκπαιδευτικούς της Κυπριακής Εκπαιδευτικής Αποστολής, το σχολείο Hazelwood της Τετάρτης δίνει ιδιαίτερη σημασία στην παιδαγωγική κατάρτιση των μαθητών, όπως επίσης και στη γενικότερη γαλούχησή τους στην ιστορία, τον πολιτισμό, τα ήθη και έθιμα της Ελλάδας και της Κύπρου, μέσα από τη διδασκαλία χορών, τραγουδιών και μέσα από την τέλεση εορταστικών τελετών, που ακρίνουν πάντα τις καλύτερες εντυπώσεις.

Επίσης, αξίζει να σημειωθεί ότι μαθητές του σχολείου μας κατά την περσινή σχολική χρονιά κέρδισαν το δεύτερο βραβείο στο Διαγωνισμό Συγγραφής Θεατρικού Έργου της παιδικής ραδιοφωνικής εκπομπής του LGR και της KΕΑ «Μια φορά κι έναν καιρό».

Ο Διευθυντής  
Μάριος Ψαράς



## Η ανοικτή εκδήλωση του Συνδέσμου Κυπρίων Ένφιλντ

**Λάβομε την ακόλουθη ανακοίνωση:**

Ο Σύνδεσμος Κυπρίων Enfield πραγματοποίησε την Παρασκευή 12 Οκτωβρίου 2012 με μεγάλη επιτυχία την πρώτη ανοικτή εκδήλωση του – Free Welcoming Party (Εναρκτήριο Πάρτι) στο Boleyn Hall.

Ο Σύνδεσμος, μετά από σχεδόν τέσσερα χρόνια, επέστρεψε στο κτιριακό συγκρότημα του Boleyn Hall που έχουν εκσυγχρονιστεί από το Δημαρχείο του Enfield. Στο νέο κτιριακό συγκρότημα, ο Σύνδεσμος στεγάζει τα γραφεία του και χρησιμοποιεί για τις διάφορες τακτικές του εκδηλώσεις.



Στο Εναρκτήριο Πάρτι παρευρέθηκαν Ελληνοκύπριοι και Τουρκοκύπριοι μέλη και φίλοι του Συνδέσμου και τίμησε με την παρουσία του και ο Δημοτικός Σύμβουλος του Εργοτικού Κόμματος



Ahmet Oykener, υπεύθυνος του Δημοτικού Συμβουλίου για θέματα Στέγασης. Η βραδιά κύλησε με μουσική, φαγητό, κρασί και κοινωνικοποίηση μεταξύ των μελών και των οικογενειών τους.

Με την ευκαρία αυτή, ο Σύνδεσμος ανακοινώνει ότι η επόμενη ανοικτή εκδήλωση του προγραμματίζεται για την Παρασκευή 4 Ιανουαρίου 2013, που θα είναι αιφνιδιαστική για τον ερχομό του Νέου Χρόνου και τη Βασιλόπιττα.

Οι άλλες εκδηλώσεις του Συνδέσμου σε τακτική εβδομαδιαία βάση είναι:

**–Κάθε Δευτέρα και Πέμπτη, 11.00μμ –2.00μμ για Ενήλικες & Φροντιστές & Ατομα με Ειδικές Ανάγκες (Adults & Carers Social Club), όπου μπορούν να απολαύσουν μίαν ατμόσφαιρα με κυπριακή κουλτούρα με καφέ και τσάι και την προσφορά γεύματος έναντι χαμηλού αντιτίμου.**

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## Meeting between President and political leaders on economy ended up with significant convergences

The meeting between the President of the Republic of Cyprus Demetris Christofias and the leaders of the political parties has ended up with significant convergences on several issues, regarding government's negotiations with Troika (EC, IMF, ECB) for the signing of a Memorandum.

Government Spokesman Stephanos Stephanou, in statements to the Press after the meeting, said that there are issues, upon which there is a consensus, adding that an agreement can be reached between the government and the political parties ahead of negotiations with the lenders (European Commission, ECB, IMF).

He also pointed out that the political parties and the social partners should show their will for compromises, in order to adopt a national agreement on economy.

Stephanou said that during today's meeting, the political leaders had the opportunity to express their positions on Troika's proposals and on the government's package of counterproposals.

He also stressed that the meeting took place in a very constructive atmosphere, noting that the outcome of the meeting is that there are issues upon which an agreement can be reached. Stephanou said that the convergences focus on issues of banking sector, as well as on fiscal and structural reform issues.

Spokesman said that it is very en-



couraging that there is a consensus between the government and the political parties on almost all the issues related to the banking sector.

Asked if there will be another meeting between President Christofias and the political leaders, Stephanou said that it is possible.

In another question, Stephanou said that in order to reach convergences and to end up the process with a national agreement, everyone, meaning the political parties and the social partners, should make compromises on several issues.

Asked about the state budget, Stephanou said that it will be submitted to the House of Representa-

tives either on October 20, or on October 22. "We have said that if we will have an agreement with Troika, the 2013 state budget will include many issues of the Memorandum", he said.

Relying to another question, Government Spokesman said that Eurogroup meeting on November 12, 2012, is a benchmark for the conclusion of the negotiations with Troika. As a result, he went on to say, the consultations in the internal front should be concluded the soonest possible, in order to begin the negotiations with Troika.

Cyprus applied in late June for financial support from the European

Stability Mechanism, in a bid to recapitalise its banking sector heavily exposed to the Greek economy and to cover its refinancing needs. The adjustment programme is expected to be concluded with the Troika representatives by the next Eurogroup meeting on November 12. The Troika representatives are expected to return to Cyprus in the second half of October. The government has drafted a comprehensive fiscal consolidation package, which will act as a counter-proposal to adjustment programme proposed by the Troika during their third visit to the island in the second half of October.

### FINANCE MINISTER COMES CLOSER TO AGREEMENT

## Greece after talks with Troika, set to implement 9 billion euro, worth of cuts in 2013

According to a senior official in the Greek Finance Ministry, there is convergence on many issues between Greece and the representatives of the country's international lenders.

Speaking to reporters after the end of a three-hour meeting on the Thursday with the heads of the delegations of the European Commission (EC), the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the European Central Bank (ECB)- collectively known as the Troika- the Greek official said: "We are close to an agreement and I hope that by the [European] summit next week we will have settled most issues."

Greece has to agree with its international creditors on a 13.5 bn euro, austerity package, in return for bailout funds and specifically for the disbursement of the next 33.3 bn euro aid tranche, as it was promised by the Troika under the terms of the second 173 bn. rescue agreement to the debt stricken country.

In addition, with the adoption of 13.5 bn. worth of cuts and tax measures along with the speedy implementation of the 89 so-called 'prior actions' - structural reform policies, such as the reduction of the size of the public sector through the closure of several state organisa-



tions- Greece also wants to secure a two year extension to its deficit reduction programme.

In a sign that indicates that the two sides are close at thrashing out the final details of a deal, it has emerged that Greece is likely to adopt austerity measures worth 9 bn. next year, rather than the 7.8 bn. it had planned for in the 2013 budget.

The mix of the measures in the 13.5 bn. package is likely to be 11.5 bn. in spending cuts and 2 bn. in tax increases. Almost 5 bn. of

the cuts next year will come from pensions, which is likely to mean larger reductions for pensioners who earn more than 1,000 a month than had originally been planned.

About 1.7 bn. will be cut from civil servants salaries, rather than the planned 1.4 bn.. Welfare payments will be slashed by 1.2 bn.

The measures will include an increase in the retirement age from 65 to 67.

As the senior official from the Greek finance Ministry said : "Let us not kid ourselves; they have the upper hand on many issues. We managed to keep the cuts on benefits for the disabled that reached 300 million euros," adding that "The significant thing is that we have largely agreed on the tax reforms, where there were big disagreements at the start."

Furthermore, the Troika has asked the Greek government to prepare more measures for 2015 and 2016 should the eurozone be willing to grant Athens a two-year extension to its fiscal adjustment period.

According to government estimates, there will be a hole of up to 12 bn. in its budget due to extending the 13.5-billion-euro austerity package demanded by the troika over four years rather than two.

## Marcoullis calls on Turkey to end occupation of Cyprus' northern third

Turkey has no choice but to conform to the advice of the international community and the EU and end the illegal occupation of the island's territories, pledged Foreign Minister Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis, during a gathering at Famagusta Gate in the framework of anti-occupation events by Morphou Municipality.

She said the liberation of the Turkish occupied areas of Cyprus will immediately restore conditions of stability and end the suspension of the *acquis communautaire* in those areas.

"The implementation of the *acquis communautaire* in the entirety of the Republic of Cyprus automatically provides for restoring and securing the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all Cypriots", she said.

Marcoullis noted that 38 years after the tragic summer of 1974 that ended with the division and occupation of the island's northern third by Turkey, "the people of Cyprus are fighting for justice, rejecting the continued Turkish attempts to consolidate the fait accompli".

"United, the people proclaim their unyielding determination to find a just and viable solution that will lead to the peaceful reunification of Cyprus and the restoration of human rights and fundamental freedoms of all Cypriots, including the right of return for all refugees.

(Full report of Morphou anti-occupation events see page 16)

## Cyprus cancels annual military exercise «Nikiforos – 2012»

The Republic of Cyprus has decided to cancel "Nikiforos – 2012" military exercise, expecting Turkey to follow suit and cancel its military exercise "Taurus".

An official press release, said that the Republic had proposed to the UN the cancellation of both "Nikiforos" exercise as well as of the Turkish military exercise "Taurus". "Despite the fact that Turkey has not replied to the proposal, the Republic of Cyprus has decided, in order to avoid further tension to the already burdened area, that the exercise will not take place," the press release said.

The Republic of Cyprus expects Turkey to respond to its proposal, it concluded. Nikiforos is the annual military manoeuvres of the National Guard. The exercise has not taken place in the past few years, following government decisions to cancel it.

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## President Christofias appointed new health Minister

Former Chief Medical Officer at the Ministry of Health Androulla Agrotou, was appointed Monday as the new Health Minister in replacement of Stavros Malas who resigned to run for the presidential elections in February.

During a ceremony at the Presidential Palace, President Demetris Christofias noted that the appointment of Agrotou increases for the first time in the history of the Republic the number of women in the Cabinet to four.

Addressing the new Health Minister, President Christofias said he expects her active participation and contribution to the hot issues the Government faces at this stage, adding that there should not be any discount on health issues.

Agrotou said she sees the short time that awaits her in the Ministry of Health, until next February, as an incentive for hard work.

## More people in Cyprus living below the poverty line

THE POVERTY and social exclusion rate increased in Cyprus between 2009 and 2010, placing between 120,000 and 130,000 people under the poverty line based on a population figure of 839,000.

The figures however are two years old, and from a time when unemployment was still hovering between 6.0 and 7.0 per cent. It is now heading for double that figure after shooting up five percentage points in only 18 months, putting even more families below the poverty line.

Speaking on behalf of Labour Minister Sotiroula Charalambous at the 1st Pancypryan Conference on Poverty and Social Exclusion, ministry permanent secretary Giorgios Papageorgiou noted that the poverty rate in Cyprus increased from 15.3 per cent in 2009 to 15.8 per cent in 2010, just below the EU average of 16.4 per cent.

"In other words, almost 16 per cent of the population lives with an income below 10,189 per year, which is the poverty line," he said.

The official noted that the ministry's priority is to secure an adequate standard of living for the population through labour market integration measures.

"Access to employment is not only a measure of protection against poverty and social exclusion, but is also a means of prevention, social and economic growth and productivity," he said.

# Morphou people call for the withdrawal of Turkish troops from Cyprus

The island's political leadership and the people of occupied Morphou called on Sunday for the withdrawal of all Turkish troops and settlers, the right of all refugees to return to their homes and properties in safety and the safeguarding of the three basic Freedoms, freedom of movement, settlement and the right to property.

The position was underlined during the 32nd anti-occupation rally to Morphou organized by the Morphou Municipality, the local authorities of the 30 occupied villages of the Morphou area and all the Morphou athletic and cultural organizations, in the presence of delegations of members from the European, British and Greek Parliaments and Mayors and Councilors from the U.K., Greece, France, Malta and Switzerland.

President of the Republic Demetris Christofias repeated the government's position that without the return of Morphou and Varosha under



Greek Cypriot administration and without serious territorial readjustments that will give the

ability for the majority of Greek Cypriots to return under Greek Cypriot administration to their homes and properties, there cannot be a functional and viable solution to the Cyprus issue.

In his address, Speaker of the House of Representatives Yiannakis Omirou condemned the continued Turkish crime and occupation as well as the violation of the human rights and freedoms of the people of Cyprus, noting that "Morphou and every corner of the land of Cyprus are not negotiable".

He said events like the one today "are an expression of the immovable will of the people of Morphou and all Cypriots to continue the struggle for freedom and justice". Omirou said that the people of Cyprus will not kneel", adding that clarity and responsibility is required as well as rejecting the logic of accepting that the occupier is stronger.

The event was completed with the citizens of the Turkish occupied district of Morphou marching to the Astromeritis checkpoint, on the west of the capital Nicosia, and the handing of a resolution to a UN representative. The resolution, addressed to the UN Secretary General, reaffirmed their will to continue the struggle for a solution of the Cyprus problem and the return of the refugees to their homes.

## British MEP calls on EU to show worthiness of Peace Nobel



MEP Nikki Sinclaire has called upon the EU "to show some worthiness" of the Nobel Peace Prize that it was awarded in part for its conflict resolution, and "by pushing forward to find a just and acceptable solution to all residents of Cyprus."

In a speech at the 32nd anti-occupation rally to Morphou, organised by the Morphou Municipality, the local authorities of the 30 occupied villages of the Morphou area and all the Morphou athletic and cultural organisations, in the presence of delegations of members from the European, British and Greek parliaments and Mayors and Councilors from the UK, Greece, France, Malta and Switzerland, Sinclaire said "EU action to date has been lamentable and it must take a firmer line with one of its candidate countries, Turkey, especially it's failure to recognise the Republic of Cyprus and the Cypriot Presidency of the EU."

"This is intolerable and simply not acceptable from a would-be member of an organisation that purports to support human rights, justice and dignity. In short, Turkey must respect human rights and the sovereign reunited nation of Cyprus," she said in Astromeritis, after marching to the ceasefire line and laying a wreath to the victims of the 1974 Turkish Invasion of Cyprus.

Sinclaire paid tribute to "the endless devotion, integrity, dignity of the people of Morphou and of the Republic of Cyprus in fighting for justice, determination to find a just solution, and respect for all the citizens of Cyprus," noting that "such events help raise the awareness of the international community and a strong statement that the illegal occupation of 38% of the land by Turkish forces must never lead to the legal acceptance of a Turkish Cypriot state."

She furthermore noted that "it is a constant embarrassment of the international community that stronger persuasion of Turkey on the matter of the missing persons from the 1974 invasion has not emerged," adding that she was proud to have put her name to an adopted Written Declaration in the European Parliament endorsing the work of the Committee for Missing Persons and its post-conflict role in promoting truth, remembrance and reconciliation in Cyprus.

## Christofias pledges to do his utmost to lessen repercussions from Troika adjustment programme

President of the Republic Demetris Christofias has said that his government will do its utmost to lessen the repercussions of the painful measures proposed in the economic adjustment programme of the Troika for Cyprus.

The President disagreed with pressure both inside and outside Cyprus for an immediate signing of the memorandum without substantial negotiations and promoting the government positions.

Addressing a gathering in Pissouri on Saturday, President Chri-

stofias said the island is going through a difficult time due to the global economic crisis. He said the crisis originates from the economic model of the lawless markets, and is a perfect opportunity for some to set aside even further human rights and labour norms.

President Christofias reiterated that it is clear to everyone that the excessive exposure of the Cyprus banks to the Greek economy, the unacceptable lack of satisfactory supervision from the relevant authority, criminal mistakes and omis-

sions, had a decisive role in determining where the economy stands today.

In this critical juncture, he said, the government will act responsibly. "We will do whatever we can to lessen the repercussions from the painful measures proposed by the Troika", he said noting he disagrees with the pressure within and outside Cyprus for an immediate signing of an agreement with the Troika without substantial negotiation and promoting our positions. The President said now is the time for everyone to act responsibly, have united front to defend our interests.

The President further said he is willing to protest with workers to defend the Cost of Living Allowance.

He said that "I admit I said it and I say it now, to defend COLA I am ready to take to the streets with workers. I would definitely do that".

President Christofias appealed to parties to come forward and hold a creative dialogue, noting that "without the consent of parties, it is very difficult to move forward.



Cyprus applied in late June for financial support from the European Stability Mechanism, in a bid to recapitalise its banking sector heavily exposed to the Greek economy and to cover its refinancing needs. The adjustment programme is said to be concluded with the Troika representatives by the next Eurogroup meeting on November 12. The Troika representatives are expected to return to Cyprus in the second half of October.

## CYPRUS

### Top selling drugs will see biggest price fall

WIDELY consumed pharmaceuticals will be up to 50 per cent cheaper as of January 14, Health Minister Stavros Malas announced.

Malas said the ministry had almost wrapped up recording all of the prices, following the cabinet's recent decision to implement a new pricing policy.

"There will be significant reductions in packages that circulate widely in the market, the price of which will decrease by 30, 40 and even 50 per cent," said the minister.

There will be increases however, said Malas, mainly for medicines used during hospital treatment.

"The new pharmaceuticals price list will be implemented from January 14, 2013," Malas said, adding that prices would then be reviewed every two years, in accordance with international prices.

Well-known antibiotics will be half the price; broadly used antihypertensive drugs will be reduced by 30 per cent; cholesterol medication will also be reduced significantly, said Malas.

The new list, once made official, will be available on the pharmaceutical services' website in roughly a month's time.

The Cyprus Association of Research and Development Pharmaceutical Companies (KEFEA) yesterday welcomed the news, saying it believed the change in pricing policy would ensure continued availability of the majority of medicines on the Cypriot market.

## Cyprus' GDP at 17.97 billion euro in 2011

Cyprus' Gross Domestic Product for the year 2011 is expected to reach 17,979.3 million euro at current prices from 17,406.0 million in 2010 and 15,186.0 million at constant prices of 2005 from 15,105.6 million in 2010.

According to final data for 2010 and revised data for 2011, released by the Statistical Service, the growth rate in real terms is estimated to reach 0.5% in 2011, compared to 1.3% in 2010.

The National Accounts data for the year 2010 has been revised on the basis of the final results from the economic surveys for the reference year, while the revised data for the year 2011 is based on the most recently available indices.

The greatest drop in economic activity in constant prices of 2005 was in the construction sector by 10.3%, compared to 2010, followed by the transportation and storage sector with a drop of 8.1%, and the Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply with a drop of 6.4%.

## Poverty and social exclusion rate increases in Cyprus

The poverty and social exclusion rate has increased in Cyprus from 22.9% in 2009 to 23.6% in 2010, Permanent Secretary of the Labour Ministry, George Papageorgiou said.

Speaking on behalf of the Labour Minister Sotiroulla Charalambous, at the 1st Pancyprian Conference on Poverty and Social Exclusion, Papageorgiou noted that the poverty rate in Cyprus increased from 15.3% in 2009 to 15.8% in 2010 (EU 16.4%), which means that 16% of the population lives with an income below the poverty line, that is 10,189 euro per year.

As regards social exclusion, Papageorgiou said there has been an increase in the percentage of people experiencing severe material deprivation - 9.8% in 2010, whereas in 2009 it was 9.5% - and especially in indexes concerning the capability of families to maintain a warm home and enjoy one-week vacations. The biggest increase, over 6%, has been recorded in the case of single-parent families.

## GREECE

### Government denies reports of island evacuation

The government on Thursday categorically denied that representatives of the EC-ECB-IMF Troika ever raised the issue of Greek islands with a population of less than 150 residents being "evacuated".

According to a finance ministry announcement hours after the story went viral on the Internet, such rumours "have nothing to do with reality".

An earlier press release by the Shipping & Aegean ministry stressed that "the Troika never raised an issue of the evacuation of small islands," ostensibly because they are a burden to the state budget.

"No one ever raised such an issue with the Shipping & Aegean minister. Anyone faced with such a prospect would only consider it a joke, and one in bad taste," the ministry added.

According to AMNA news agency reports, a meeting between a Troika delegation and shipping ministry officials exclusively concerned problems in the coastal shipping sector, namely ferryboat routes to remote islands.

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## NEPOMAK.uk honours Pavlos Kontides and Karolina Pelendritou

British Cypriots paid tribute to Pavlos Kontides and Karolina Pelendritou at the open reception organised by NEPOMAK.uk, under the auspices of the National Federation of Cypriots, on Friday 12 October at the Greek Cypriot Brotherhood.

The event, attended by Pavlos Kontides himself and over 150 Cypriots, celebrated Cypriot sporting achievement. Accepting his commemorative plaque, Pavlo praised the UK Cypriot community as being "twice-Cypriot" for maintaining Cypriot culture and identity so passionately despite the distance between the UK and Cyprus. Pavlo said that whilst the slogan of the Olympics was to inspire a generation he hoped he had "inspired a nation".

Pavlo also shared some of the secrets of his Olympic success thanking his parents, family and girlfriend for their steadfast support during his demanding, 5 hour per day, training routine.



About his training, Pavlo said "it's not just hard work that is important, it's important to be focussed and have a clear goal. Otherwise it's like trying to use a satellite navigation system without an address."

Pavlo then took questions from the floor and responded in a characteristic honest and down to earth manner. Asked how he approached the races, he said that he was always looking to con-



**Pavlos Kontides with Finchley's and Manor Hill's Greek Schools Choir**

solidate his position and ensure he won the Silver. In response to another question about the costs of training for the Olympics, he said that his family covered the majority of his costs and more investment was needed in Cypriot sports to train future athletes.

Accepting a plaque of behalf of Karolina Pelendritou, who could not attend due to existing commitments, Andrea Yerolemou read a message on her behalf. Karolina thanked the British Cypriot community for the honour and said "every day represents a new start for everyone who has a desire to work hard, to succeed and reach their goals".

Introducing the speakers Christos Karaolis, NEPOMAK President and General Secretary of the National Federation of Cypriots, praised Pavlos' dedication and hardwork saying "Pavlo's Olympic success hasn't impacted his studies as I'm told his marks are currently averaging in the First Class range across all subjects".

Peter Droussiotis, President of the National Federation of Cypriots congratulated Pavlo on behalf of the Cypriot community saying "you have made Cypriots all very proud. The entire community is behind you and will always be behind you".

Speaking on behalf of the High Commission, the Head of the Cyprus Educational Mission Dr Androulla Othonos Zahariou praised Pavlo's "dedication and achievements" and said Pavlo had "made Cypriots feel proud".

Closing the event, Peter Charalambous, NEPOMAK President "Speaking on behalf of the Cypriot youth here in the United Kingdom, we share your joy and we look forward to helping you understand what you have achieved. The people here tonight are testament to the fact that we too, as young overseas Cypriots want to celebrate with you."

Peter Charalambous also thanked the event sponsors Bank of Cyprus, Cyprus High Commission, Cypressa and Wiltons Patisserie.

The evening ended with a selection of Olympic-themed songs performed by the joint choirs of Manor Hill and Finchley Greek Schools. The songs included one that was written especially for the Olympics and won a competition to be performed at the Olympics.

Speaking after the event Pavlos said "I want to thank NEPOMAK.uk for hosting this event. I saw how organised and passionate you are of being Cypriot. I really appreciate it and it was an honour to be with you tonight".

## Banks «must prove they acted in good faith»

UK SOLICITORS Maxwell Alves who are acting on behalf of clients in the Alpha Bank mortgage dispute, are asking the Central Bank of Cyprus, the Disciplinary Committee of the Cyprus Bar Association and the Cypriot Attorney General, the bank, the developer and the lawyer in each of their cases to demonstrate that they were acting in good faith. "There are just too many coincidences and irregularities that point in the other direction," said George Kounis, consultant with Maxwell Alves who is due to visit Cyprus for meetings in the coming week. "But we need to give them every opportunity to explain."



The law firm is one of several representing Britons who bought holiday homes in Cyprus but face repossession after one of Greece's major lenders, Alpha Bank, launched legal procedures against them.

As many as a thousand Britons stopped paying their mortgage as a direct result of an ongoing debt crisis and the changes this brought upon their mortgage terms. The borrowers bought property in Cyprus with Swiss francs denominated mortgages, an advantageous agreement five years ago because Swiss franc loans offered a much better interest rate. But since the credit crisis, the Swiss franc has been appreciating against other currencies and Britons repaying mortgages in sterling now need to pay significantly more. Alpha Bank argues that borrowers were asked to sign all the relevant legal documents, including declaration letters acknowledging that they fully understood the risks involved in borrowing in Swiss francs.

Maxwell Alves said the recent move of Alpha Bank Cyprus against thousands of British buyers of properties in Cyprus who defaulted on their mortgages was anticipated.

It said Swiss Franc mortgages and other low interest currencies, such as the Japanese Yen, became very popular a few years ago in many countries. Cyprus was no exception. What people did not realise at the time was that the increases in their value (the Swiss franc rose by nearly 40 per cent since 2008) would quickly absorb any interest rate savings and increase the original capital borrowed. So if one borrowed 100,000 in 2008 he now owes 140,000 before any interest is added.

Add to this the economic downturn, which meant that property values did not appreciate and in many areas have even fallen (up to 70 per cent on Paphos holiday homes) and the fact that banks have since put up interest rates despite Swiss franc deposit rates going down.

"The situation is so serious in some countries that the Supreme Court in Iceland has ruled against banks hiking interest rates on these loans and the government of Hungary is taking steps to force the banks to write-off the currency appreciation differential. So what makes Cyprus different?", the lawyers said in their statement. "Buyers of properties in Cyprus that do not have title deeds do not have a choice of lender and cannot re-mortgage unless the land is unencumbered," said Kounis. "The bank that has lent the money to the developer is also the only possible lender to the purchaser unless it consents to another bank lending the money." This places purchasers who run into problems at the mercy of the lender.

"But the third and perhaps the most important difference is that at the time, these borrowers could not have anticipated what could happen. If the other side to the transaction (which included what they thought were their professional advisers) had foreseen the pitfalls and did not tell or worse still if they planned it this way, then we would have a scam of scandalous proportions, a Cypriot 'Swissgate', the solicitors said. "You expect a bank to be making a profit on the interest rate differential. That is normal," said Kounis. "What would be unacceptable is if the bank is using a developer to sell off Swiss franc loans in anticipation of a rise in the currency value so that it can make a killing, for the developer to be using low-cost convenient mortgages to sell-off properties that would otherwise not sell and that a lawyer purporting to be acting for you would be used to keep you in darkness."

## CONSERVATIVES FOR CYPRUS

### Villiers leading the way on enhancement of Conservatives for Cyprus



Theresa Villiers, MP for Chipping Barnet met the Executive of the Conservatives for Cyprus during the Conservative Party Conference last week in Birmingham.

Also present at the meeting were Mr Tony Yerolemou, Ian Twinn, Andreas Papaevripides and Demetrios Markou.

The Minister praised the

Group, which has been active for 20 years now promoting the Cyprus issue.

The Conservatives for Cyprus are looking into ways to enhance its role and presence in British politics, not only in promoting the Cyprus issue, but the aims of the Conservative Party. Theresa expressed enthusiasm for assisting this process.

Theresa also co-hosted the Cyprus fringe meeting on 8th October, which was very well attended, with David Lidington Minister for Europe as the main speaker.

During her closing speech to the meeting she said "We all want to see a just, balanced and lasting solution in Cyprus and the involvement of the UK Government in helping to facilitate and encouraging a solution is of huge importance to the Cypriot community".

Theresa congratulated the Government of Cyprus for running a good Presidency of the EU and thanked David Lidington for coming along to the Conservatives for Cyprus event for the third year running.

She also praised MEPs Dr Charles Tannock and Marina Yannakoudakis, and Members of Parliament David Burrowes, Mike Freer, Matthew Offord and Nick De-Bois for their efforts on Cyprus, including work on sensitive issues like the missing people and the destruction of the National Heritage in the Northern part of Cyprus.

### Doros Partasides exhibition in Brussels

An exhibition of photographs of Cyprus was taken to the European Parliament in Brussels to mark the Cypriot Presidency of the European Union. Doros Partasides has spent 45 years capturing the island's history, identity and culture in his images of people, places, events, landmarks and everyday life. The exhibition, entitled "Images Through My Lens", was organised by former Morphou mayor and Democratic Party MEP Antigoni Papadopoulou.

Doros' local MEP, Marina Yannakoudakis, attended the exhibition saying: "I am pleased to see Doros' exhibition come to Brussels. The photographs tell the story of Cyprus over that past half century. "The exhibition begins with a portrait of the photographer's mother. Her name was Irene which means 'peace' and Doros has dedicated his exhibition to the peace and unification of Cyprus.

"There is a photograph of Cypriot women waiting to hear news of their husbands who had gone missing during the Turkish invasion. I have shown this picture to the members of the European Parliament who signed my written declaration on missing persons. I know that they have found the image as moving as I did and have resolved to help both communities in Cyprus to learn the fate of their loved ones after decades of uncertainty."



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## The LGR music awards competition

LGR All Star Music Awards was sold-out before the final on October 14th even the 'waiting list' felt the strain. Almost 400 souls at the successful event held at Millfield Theatre Silver Street Edmonton. The standard of talent was immense with all of the 11 talented finalists. It is something, which the crowd noise seemed to reciprocate with their positive reaction. The crowd were decisive with 40% of the votes to judges 60% with Vasilis Panayi, Stalos Georgiou, Mike Bennett and Mario Anastasiades.

The LGR gong for Best Vocal went to Sophia Karydis, Best Runner-up Katie Pedonomou, and Best Junior was Elena Pedonomou, Best Original Song and Award was divided between Alexia Elena and Astir with Eleni Christofi on vocals and Christos Panagi claimed Best Lifetime achievement. The Best Newcomer Community Artist went to the excellent talented singer and 21-year-old bouzouki man Valentinos Antos.

All the way from Athens Christos Menidiatis sang live the more Laiko section to the occasion. Singing his current Zeimbekiko hit 'Pano ap'ola' and big tunes 'Mono Ta Matia Sou', 'Den Pistevo' also 'Enoikiazetai' 'Oi Kyriakes' and cover rendition 'An Eisai Ena Asteri'. He thanked LGR for the great event. Iphigenia Loucaidou last year's LGR music awards winner sang, 'Aphrodite' which won her the prize. Ensuring, the smooth transitions, were hosts Anya Cooklin and Marios Tsotras. Pete the Greek had a turn with his acoustic guitar. Last on were the fantastic Grecian Kings and Harry K on guitar with Valentinos Antos flawless on bouzouki. They sang the Valentino smash hits 'Fevgo' and 'Peftoune T'Asteria'. It will live long, in the annals of history, for the outstanding talent who performed for the diligent LGR listeners.

Tony Neophytou review



**Above:** Kypros Charalambous with the winner of LGR music awards Sophia Karydis, Valentinos Antos and Vasilis Panayi  
**Down** Kypros Charalambous with Finalists



## Lynne Featherstone MP reveals shocking figures behind Fairer Health Funding campaign

Shocking figures revealed today by Lynne Featherstone MP show that health services in Haringey are missing out on hundreds of millions of pounds due to a funding formula-

same funding per person as those in Camden, NHS Haringey would have an extra £70 million this year. Even if Haringey received the same funding as the London-wide aver-

ages that residents in Haringey, who are counted as living in 'outer London,' have less need for health services than those in 'inner London'. Figures on deprivation, how-



Councillor David Winstill, Lynne Featherstone MP and activist Jenni Hollis at the Junction of Hornsey Lane and Highgate Hill - Where the boroughs of Haringey, Islington and Camden meet.

Ia, which gives them less money than those in neighbouring Camden and Islington.

If Haringey services received the

age, health services in the borough would benefit from an extra £25m this year. The funding difference is caused by an old formula which as-

ever, indicate that this is no longer the case.

Last month Lynne Featherstone, MP for Hornsey and Wood Green

and Crouch End Councillor David Winstill launched a campaign to address the historic health funding inequality in Haringey. The MP for Hornsey and Wood Green has received numerous responses from residents who have suffered the consequences of the funding shortfall. Local resident Syd Pochin had to have his left hip resurfaced in April this year. Haringey would not fund a resurfacing, as no local hospital performed the operation. Mr Pochin was also informed that Haringey would not refer him outside of the area. It cost Mr Pochin a great deal of money to go private, which, as a pensioner, he could not really afford. Mr Pochin felt let down by Haringey and the NHS.

One resident works locally as a practice nurse, and previously as a district nurse in Tottenham. She asked Lynne to look at the numbers of nurses and training available for community nurses in Islington and Camden, and compare it to Haringey. The resident says that, while there are many unsung heroes in the borough - her and her colleagues are 'on their knees sometimes, doing their best, against all odds here in Haringey.'

Commenting, Cllr David Winstill (Haringey Liberal Democrat Lead on Adults and Health) said: "This campaign is all about correcting decades of underfunding of Haringey's health services with a rebalancing of health funding. We are one of the poorest boroughs in the UK with some of the worst health outcomes. If we had enjoyed fairer funding I am convinced that we would be a healthier borough with far fewer health inequalities."

## Government encourages councils to freeze tax

Lynne Featherstone MP today welcomed a Government announcement, which encourages local councils to freeze Council Tax next year. Local authorities who freeze their Council tax will be given an extra £450million in Government funding. Last year, Haringey Council's financial reports revealed that Labour was considering a tax rise of 2.5%, despite being offered funding from Government to halt a rise. Liberal Democrat MP Lynne Featherstone and the Haringey Liberal Democrats called on Labour-run Haringey to freeze Council Tax, and were successful in preventing a rise. This is the third year in a row that the Coalition Government has enabled councils to freeze their Council Tax by offering them enough money to cover the cost. Lynne Featherstone MP commented: "All Liberal Democrat-run councils decided to freeze or reduce council tax this year, helping families keep bills low in difficult times. Neither Labour nor the Conservatives can say the same. "Following the Government announcement, I am taking the opportunity to renew my call for a Council Tax freeze in Haringey."

## Support Stav Styli on Kilimanjaro trek Independent feature film to be shot in Cyprus

In February next year, Greek Cypriot Stav Styli is trekking to the peak of the highest free standing mountain in the world, Mount Kilimanjaro, to raise much needed funds for the Leukaemia Cancer Society.

The trek itself will take seven days and will test both physical and mental strength. What will be driving him forward to reach the top of the mountain is the charity that he is raising money for and how much it will benefit people suffering with Leukaemia.

Stav aims to raise a minimum of £10,000 for the Leukaemia Cancer Society, a charity which is close to his heart, having seen friends and family suffer with the illness over the years.

The charity is dedicated to ensuring that people with blood cancer survive, have the best possible quality of life and that their families and carers get the support they need.

Facing cancer, whether as patient, carer, or member of the family, is a life-changing experience.

The charity works with people as they come to terms with and manage these changes, in particular by providing relevant information and emotional, social and psychological support.

Support Stav by making a donation that will go towards the recruitment of volunteer bone marrow donors, research, education and patient care. Please visit [www.justgiving.com/Stav-Styli](http://www.justgiving.com/Stav-Styli) and give whatever you can. Please note, all sponsorships must be donated by 30th November 2012.

Cancer affects us all. We can all help.

## London Cypriot celebrates 100th birthday



A FORMER Ministry of War interpreter, who moved from Cyprus to London more than 70 years ago, celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends at a Southgate care home at the weekend.

Lela Iaonnidou, who lived in Winchmore Hill until she moved to the Beaumont Care Home, in Cannon Hill, seven years ago, was born in Cyprus on October 8 1912. A party with more than 50 guests was held at the care home on Sunday, with relatives flying in from as far afield as California and Sudan – and the following day more guests, including her former GP, met Ms Iaonnidou to wish her many happy returns.

She said: "It was a lovely surprise for me. All my friends came and enjoyed themselves. I did not expect it at all." With a grin, she added: "I have problems with my legs, but in my head everything is working just fine." People keep saying I'm old but I don't feel old. I always say I am of advanced age." The Iaonnidou family moved to England in 1937 because Lela's father could not get work on the eastern Mediterranean island. She worked as a Greek to English interpreter for the Ministry of War during World War II. After the war, she took up an interpreter role with the British Council and also worked as a freelance broadcast journalist with the BBC. An enthusiastic self-taught dressmaker since the age of nine, in 1949 Ms Iaonnidou was asked to make costumes for a ballet production which landed her a job as couture supervisor at the Old Vic theatre in Waterloo. There she met the actress Vivien Leigh, for whom she made a dress which was so liked by her husband, Laurence Olivier, that he bought Ms Iaonnidou a bouquet of flowers.

Her niece Andre Chris said: "She was in hospital for three months this year but she has so much strength of character she has pulled right through." She still goes on holiday to Cyprus twice a year, travelling on the plane by herself."

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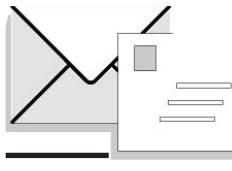
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## Η προσφυγιά



Λάμπρος Κώστας Πετρίτης (Τσιάλης) από τη Μακράστυκα Αμμοχώστου και τώρα μόνιμος κάτοικος Ελλάδας Φιλόλογος - Διευθυντής του Γυμνασίου Αγίου Κωνσταντίνου Φθιώτιδας

Όταν γίναμεν πρόσφυγες τζια φύαμεν που τα χωρκά μας, ήταν τα χρόνια δύσκολα για μας τζια τα παιδιά μας. Εφύαμεν που το χωρκόν με όφτζιερα τα σιέρκα, χωρίς νάχουμεν πάνω μας με πρότσες με μασιαίρκα.

Εμέναμεν σ' ένα μιτσή σπίτι έξι νομάτοι, είχαμεν όμως σύμπνιον τζι' ας είμασταν φευκάτοι. Η πίκρα μας ήταν πολλή τζια τη οργή μας μιάλη, για τα πολλά μας βάσανα που προξενέσαν άλλοι.

Ποιος θα μου πει γιατί με διώχσαν όρον-άρον τζια με υποχρέωσασιν την προσφυγή να πάρω; Πότε, αλήθεια, ο Θεός εν να μας δίκαιωσει τζια το μεγάλο μας κακό μήπως τζια διορθώσει;

Η προσφυγή είναι σκληρή τζι' όποις δεν την έσιει ζήσει, τα όποια της προβλήματα δεν θα κατανοήσει. Καταραμένη προσφυγή, γιατί μ' έσιεις πληγώσει τζια όλ' αυτά που πέρασα, ποιος θα μου τα πληρώσει!

## Ζεϊμπέκικο

Πάνω στο κύμα του γιατίου παίζουν ορνιθοπούλια, κι ο αυγερινός εκεί ψηλά στέλνει φυλιά στα πούλια.

Κι εγώ με ένα άσπρο σύννεφο, ταξίδι θα σε στείλω, σε δύση και ανατολή, καντάφιού το φύλλο.

Θα σου' χω τριαντάφυλλα στολίδι στα λαιμά σου, και δυο πετροχελίδονα να τάχεις ως παιδιά σου.

Κι ένας μικρούλης βάτραχος, που τις καρδιές ματώνει, τα καστανά σου τα μαλλιά γλυκά θα στεφανώνει.

Νίκος Κωνσταντή  
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Στην δύσμορφη πατρίδα μας, την Κύπρο την Αγίαν, που καταρρέει ηθική τζιάφι φθείρει η αξία. Με το ρουσφέτι χτίζεται μια άλλη κοινωνία! Μακάρι να μεν ήξερα, σταλιά να μεν γαϊζω, τον σίτο που τα άσιερα, να μεν τον ξεχωρίζω. Τότε εν θα μαράζων τζια δεν θ' αγωνιούσα. Όπου πηνίναν οι πολλοί τζι' εγώ θ' ακολουθούσα.

Μα, δυστυχώς ή ευτυχώς, έτσι είμαι γεννημένη. Με ιδεώματα παλιά, σγιάν την χιλιόχρονη ελιά, στη γη μας ριζωμένη. Μέσ' την καμπούρα μου κρατώ δκυο τρίτα του αιώνα. Τζι' ούτε γ' αστεί να σκεφτώ, δεν μου αρμόζει να μπλεχτώ σε τέτοιον κυκεώνα. Σαλίγκαρος ο άνθρωπος, στη γη να σαλιαρίζει. Στων αφεντάδων την αυλή, σαν το σκυλί με το λουρί, να γλείφει, να γαυγίζει!

Τα άστρα εδουλέψασιν, εκάμασιν το θαύμα!! Τζια η αξιοπρέπεια; Κατάντησε ζητιάνα!!! Τζι' ο άνθρωπος δεν δύναται, δκυο βήματα να κάμει. Αν δεν λαδώσει τον τροχό, κάμα τζια το ροδάνι! Η Σπάθη της Διαφθοράς σκοτώνει συνειδήσεις. Τζια για ρουσφέτη; Μεν ωρτάς, στην κάθε πόρτα που χτυπάς, τζιαμέ να κουτσουφλίσεις.

Τζι' η κουμπαριά; Καλά κρατεί!!! Κύκλοι μεγάλοι τζια μικροί, με τα... βαφτιστικά τους. Πιάσε... χριστούγεννα, λαμπτήρια, στον κάθε μήνα που να μπει, έχουν τα τυχερά τους!!! Με το ρουσφέτι έμπλεξε τζια η κουτσό Μαρία. Η ψώρα άπλωσε παντού, σε όλη την κοινωνία! Τζι' αλιμόνιο τού ποιητή αν ξεστομίσει λέξη, τζι' ο κουδελος που λόσου του, μαλλί εννα γυρέψει.

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1) Ποιά η διαφορά της ψευτοεπιτροπής της Τουρκίας στα κατεχόμενα (IPC στα αγγλικά) από ότι μας πρότειναν οι «εθνοσωτήρες» Σάρρας/Λαμπράκης; Αμφότεροι μάς ζήτησαν να τους ξεπουλήσουμε τις κατεχόμενες περιουσίες παραδίδοντάς τους, τους τίτλους ιδιοκτησίας μας και έχουν έτοιμες τις πληρωμές. Η μεν πρώτη τάχατες αποζημιώνει για απώλεια χρήσης και όταν πάνε οι άνθρωποι εκεί, τους εξαπάτα απαιτώντας τους τίτλους ιδιοκτησίας για να δώσει λεφτά, οι δε δεύτεροι απαιτήσαν – προκαταβολικά – και το δηλώνουν – τους τίτλους ιδιοκτησίας μας για να μας πληρώσουν. Είτε με την ψευτοεπιτροπή είτε με τους «εθνοσωτήρες» το αποτέλεσμα είναι ΤΟ ΙΔΙΟ – ΞΕΠΟΥΛΗΜΑ ΤΗΣ ΚΑΤΕΧΟΜΕΝΗΣ ΓΗΣ ΜΑΣ.

2) Και η αδίστακτη κοροϊδία τους ότι, τάχατες, όποιος θα θελήσει να επανακτήσει την περιουσία του, θα μπορεί να το κάνει, εφόσον επιστρέψει τα λεφτά που θα πάρει από την επιτροπή Σάρρα/Λαμπράκη και Σιά, είναι ακόμα πιο ύπουλη και προκλητική, εφόσον μας θεωρούν και ανεγκέφαλους, ηλίθιους. Οι άνθρωποι μας συμπειρέθηκαν ώπως οι πίθηκοι στους ανθρώπους στην ξεχασμένη τανία «The planet of the apes»!!!

3) Πιατί μόνο ανεγκέφαλοι, ηλίθιοι, μπορούν να πιστέψουν σε τέτοιους «απατέωνες» που ως νέοι πλέον ιδιοκτήτες των περιουσιών μας με τίτλους, δεν θα τις μοσχοποιητήσουμε αμέσως την επομένη της εξαγοράς στον πρώτο επόμενο πελάτη. Που πρώτη στη σειρά θα είναι σε τέτοια περίπτωση η ίδια η Τουρκία και με το αζημίωτον!!! Ζήτω η Τουρκία δηλαδή!!!

4) Επομένως, αν οι κύριοι αυτοί με τα διαστημόπλοια, τα χίλια «θα, θα, θα» και αμύθητα δισ., που δεν βρέθηκε ακόμα τράπεζα στο κόσμο να μας επιβεβαιώσει την ύπαρξή τους, πράγματι είχαν το καλώς νοούμενο εθνικό συμφέρον της Κύπρου υπόψη, εκείνο που έπρεπε να κάνουν, ήταν απολέπιοι. Φέρεται να έχει την ίδια πηγή...» («Σημερινή», Παρασκευή 5 Οκτωβρίου 2012, σελ. 15).

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The revelations and the sordid details outlining the depths and lengths that Lance Armstrong took to avoid detection as a serial drug cheat are a harsh lesson of what a motivated group, led by one, will do to ensure they finish ahead of the rest.

Newspaper and magazine headlines have condemned Armstrong in the severest way. He has been labelled 'as a lying, drug-taking con artist rather than a champion cyclist' and as a 'despicable cheat Armstrong has shattered dreams and ruined his sport.'

These words are as harsh as they come, but the report produced by USADA, the US Anti-Doping Agency last week, ensured that Lance Armstrong's career and sporting legacy lay in tatters.

In its most definitive statements, the report claimed labelled him a "serial" cheat who led "the most sophisticated, professionalised and successful doping programme that sport has ever seen".

USADA has already banned the 41-year-old American for life and stripped him of his seven Tour de France titles. The report though now details why it took this course of action and has used substantial evidence from his former team-mates.

Armstrong has always denied doping but the evidence is now compelling. Armstrong has always been held up as a superhuman athlete, a sportsman who beat cancer and then beat the world's most gruelling bike race seven times. He was lauded for his achievements and idolised by millions. He was a genuine sporting hero. And now this is all forgotten. He instead stands accused of bullying, lying and cheating his way to the top in a never before known manner.

The bitter taste it leaves has flabbergasted many. There are those who always suspected and even though their suspicions are vindicated, nothing good has come from this.

The report is damning. Its length, some 1000 pages, is monumental in its detail. Among the key claims of the report include the that the "achievements of USPS/Discovery Channel pro cycling team were accomplished through the most sophisticated, professional and successful doping programme that sport has ever seen."

It claims that "Armstrong's career at the team was fuelled from start to finish by doping" and that "more than a dozen former team-mates, friends and former team employees confirm a fraudulent course of conduct."

The report goes on and says that "Armstrong acted with the help of a small army of enablers, including doping doctors, drug smugglers and others within and outside the sport and his team" and that Armstrong was so powerful and systematic in his approach that he had "ultimate control over not only his own personal drug use but over the doping culture of the team."

When Daley Thompson, a double Olympic champion and a sporting icon, spoke about the report, it is clear that here is a sportsman who however successful he has been, is as crushed by the revelations because he too at his core is like many of us, a sports fan. Thompson said that Armstrong shattered the illusion that athletes we hold in a different regard achieve something beyond what we can achieve. They push the boundaries of human physical achievement and astound us with their feats.

But it seems all that was done by Armstrong was faked. And yet, faced with these revelations and witness accounts Armstrong has yet to address the issue.

Armstrong, at the very least, needs to be humble enough to at least say sorry. He needs to show contrition and remorse, to give his side of the story. But that would betray the person it seems he is.

Forgiveness is a difficult act and for many Armstrong can never be pardoned for what he has done for not only the length of time but for the bullying and using others for his own ends. But forgiveness is not nearly as difficult as showing remorse and admitting you were wrong.

Can Armstrong ever show the compassion needed to do this? If the report is anything to go by there is very little evidence to suggest that he has the character traits to finally do something positive.

The whole distasteful episode is a lesson to that while sport should be used as an example of positivity, there are also human lessons to be learned. Catching the cheats shows that testing works. Reprimanding cheats and banishing them to the sporting wilderness should act as a deterrent.

Alas, greed and financial gain are powerful incentives; so powerful that they supplant the basic ideals of sport and the theatre of competition. The modern era has been characterised by several high profile cheats. Armstrong is not only the latest but perhaps will become the most vilified.



## STOP PRESS...

• • • **GIANNIOTIS WINS OPEN WATER WORLD CUP:** Spyros Gianniotis triumphed in the last round of the open water World Cup, in Shanghai, to finish first in the standings in the 10km • • • **NEYMAR ENGLAND BOUND?:** Brazil playmaker Neymar, 20, has put Premier League clubs on red alert after revealing he wants to learn English • • • **NANI MILAN BOUND?:** Manchester United midfielder Nani, 25, is being targeted by AC Milan as the Italian giants look to secure a cut-price €12m deal to take the player to the San Siro next summer.

## WORLD CUP 2014 QUALIFIERS

# Greece win, Cyprus lose



Dimitrios Salpingidis struck in the second half to lead Greece to a 1-0 victory over Slovakia in their 2014 World Cup qualifier on Tuesday.

Salpingidis capitalised on a defensive blunder by the hosts to score the winner from close range in the 63rd minute at a time when Slovakia was putting the visitors under pressure.

Slovakia captain Marek Hamsik came close several times but wasted his chances and Michal Brasnak hit the post of Orestis-Spyridon Karnezis' goal two minutes from time when the hosts were desperately seeking an equaliser.

Greek Coach Fernando Santos will be particularly happy with the result given the relatively poor performance of his side in the rainy Slovakian capital, but the three precious points are all that matter.

The match also marked a milestone for Kostas Katsouranis who became only the fourth Greece player to win 100 caps.

Greece now has 10 points from four matches and leads Group G together with Bosnia-Herzegovina, who beat Lithuania 3-0 in another qualifier on Tuesday. Slovakia is three points behind.

Greece travels next to Bosnia-Herzegovina, while Slovakia hosts Lithuania on March 22.

In Cyprus, visitors Norway scored two late goals as they came from behind to win 3-1 and boost their hopes of Brazil 2014 qualification.

Cyprus went ahead thanks to a 42nd-minute goal from Efstatios Aloneftis, but the hosts could not hold out until half-time as Brede Hangeland quickly levelled. Tarik Elyounoussi then put the visitors in front ten minutes from time with a penal-

ty and substitute Joshua King made the points safe three minutes later.

The win moved Norway above Iceland and up to second place in Group E with Cyprus rooted at the bottom helping pressure on coach Nikos Nioplias.

The hosts were first to threaten with Georgios Efrem's header bringing a fantastic parry from goalkeeper Rune Jarstein before his opposite number Tasos Kissas denied Tarik Elyounoussi from 12 yards.

Hangeland then met a John Arne Riise free-kick from the right, but saw his header come back off a post. The visitors were growing into the game and Alexander Soderlund had a shot parried by Kissas.

But, despite being on the back foot, Cyprus took the lead in the 42nd minute as Aloneftis picked out the top corner from inside the area.

Crucially Cyprus could not hold on to the lead and Norway were level on the stroke of half-time as Soderlund laid the ball off to Hangeland, who finished low into the corner from six yards.

Cyprus continued to stand firm early in the second half before Norway finally completed their comeback in the 80th minute.

Elias Charalambous was penalised for a foul on King in the area and Elyounoussi stepped up to place the resulting spot-kick into the bottom left corner. And King put the result beyond doubt three minutes later as he fired low into the net from 12 yards, Elyounoussi this time setting up the goal.

## Battle lines drawn over proposed Greek Grand Prix

After the announcement earlier this month that the Greek government is willing to invest in building a motor racing circuit with a view to hosting a Formula-1 race has been met with positivity within the motor racing fraternity. However, the initial media reports that suggested the circuit would be built near the port of Patras, have met with an angry response from a business consortium behind a similar project in Piraeus.

The Piraeus consortium, which trades under the name DielpisF1, has worked hard on their project and formalised its bid through ELPA, Greece's National Motorsports body.

Indeed, DielpisF1 has already received personal approval from F1 supremo Bernie Ecclestone. The company issued a statement denying that its rival, Avtokinitodromio Patras, can claim any candidacy for a Greek Grand Prix with one of the founders of DielpisF1 accusing the partners within Avtokinitodromio Patras, which include a number of local civic bodies, of using "organised disinformation" to attract investors.

With the Ministry of Regional De-

velopment in Athens already confirmed to committing a subsidy of nearly 30 million Euros towards the proposed 95 million Euro budget of Avtokinitodromio Patras, plans are advanced. The site of the track has already been decided Xalandritsa, a Patras suburb approximately 130 miles from Athens.

However, DielpisF1 has been working for a lot longer on a project adjacent to Piraeus, which lies on the outskirts of the capital. This project is based on a big, disused industrial site on the coast in the municipality of Keratsini-Drapetsona, only 30 miles from Athens International Airport. This location would be convenient for access and transportation of Formula teams during race week.

In its statement, DielpisF1 said, "DielpisF1 rebuts all recent articles in the Greek and foreign press concerning Formula One races in Greece, and more specifically in Patras."

"The circuit to be built there will meet Formula One specifications but without fulfilling certain pre-conditions, such as access, accommodation, services, character and so on, and has never requested to be

included in such [Formula One] events.

"The official Greek candidacy is DielpisF1, [which] involves the port of Piraeus. This proposal constitutes a private initiative and investment that not only will not burden the Greek citizens but will also create benefits for them. Through the mayor of the Drapetsonas-Keratsini municipality, it has been officially submitted by ELPA to the FIA and Bernie Ecclestone.

"On May 26, 2012, in a meeting with the head of DielpisF1, Mr. Ecclestone stated his agreement in principle with this proposal and mentioned that the next step was simply to secure investors. On July 26, 2012, the competent minister of culture sent Mr. Ecclestone the government's official position with regard to the DielpisF1 candidacy.

"On Sept. 3, 2012, the deputy minister of development formally expressed his ministry's support of the DielpisF1 candidacy. Therefore, there is no other candidacy for Formula One races in Greece.

"At the present time, we are in contact with interested investors and we believe that soon this procedure

will be completed so that the Greek dream of hosting Formula One races in the port of Piraeus will come true."

Athanasiou P. Papathodorou, an Athens architect who has designed the Piraeus venue, added, "There has been organised disinformation, giving people the wrong impression that a Formula One track is to be created at Xalandritsa. Some reports have even said that Bernie Ecclestone has given his consent and abandoned our project at Keratsini-Drapetsona."

"All this publicity has not happened by chance. We believe it has been motivated by the founders of the Xalandritsa project in order to raise the funds that they need in addition to the state's share of their construction costs."

"We invite everyone involved in the Xalandritsa project to directly deny all false reports in the Greek and international press, and to prove that they were not involved in this organised disinformation."

Greece is hoping to have a suitable racing facility ready in time to host Formula One by 2016.

# KOPA Sports Round-up

Thursday 18th October 2012



- KLN RISE COMPLETE
- SALAMINA ESCAPE AT BROTHERHOOD
- RIZO, CETINKAYA WIN

BY MIKKOS CHRYSOSTOMOU

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## TRIPIMENI TRIUMPH

Tripimeni have made big news lately but a thrilling 4-3 victory put them close to the top, while Maronites played their parts in an exciting game.

Champions Salamina had an escape when narrowly defeating improved Brotherhood.

Rizokarpaso picked up their first win bonus, beating highflying Olympia 1-0

Scorers; Brotherhood Chris Hadjipapas and for Salamina Nic Nickou and George Gregoriou.

**MARONITES** 3  
**TRIPIMENI** 4

What a thrilling game as both sides created

side at bay. They took all three points with scorer Anthony McDonald.

**AEL/ARADIPPOU** 0  
**CETINCAYA** 2

Another defeat for the merger sees them drop into 3rd place. Cetinkaya are getting their game

**BIG WIN FOR KLN**

Cetinkaya picked up their 2nd win beating AEL Aradippou 2-0

In Division 2 the only game of the day saw KLN go top after a 1-0 victory over Pantel.

Results in detail

### DIVISION 1

**BROTHERHOOD** 1  
**SALAMINA** 2

Brotherhood put up a much better performance when going down by the odd goal of three against champions Salamina. They still remain bottom, but considering their two games against the champions last year where they conceded 18 goals, they must be pleased with their progress.

and took their chances well.

Maronites have shown they can compete with the top teams after going down to the leaders APOEL 2-1 last week, and now just missing out on a good result against Tripimeni.

Scorers for Maronites Yianni, Dino Costa, James Chapman and Tripimeni's Rikki Loucca 2, Alex Roussis and Henderson Brown.

**OLYMPIA** 0  
**RIZOKARPASSO** 1

Rizo picked their first win of the season to move in 7th place.

In a tight game where defences were on top the well organised Rizo rearguard kept the home-

together after a poor start and deserve their 3 points. Their goals came from Josh Djemal and Volkan Altinok.

### DIVISION 2

**KLN** 1  
**PANTEL** 0

This was Pantels defensive display encouraged by their excellant keepers performance, but could not find a goal at the other end to cheer their suffering supporters.

KLN managed to sneak in with a goal to take maximum points to go top. Their goal came from Adam McKinnon.

**RIZOKARPASSO GOT A VERY IMPORTANT WIN AGAINST OLYMPIA**

### SUNDAY GAMES

Just two game next week for First Div, cause of FA Sunday Cup and the LEFA Intermediate Cup

#### DIVISION ONE

**Tripimeni v Dynamo**  
Draw 2-2, if Dynamo hold.

**Rizokarpasso v Maronites**

Maronites need the win, but Rizo are proven hard to beat.  
Draw 1-1

**FA SUNDAY CUP**  
**NEW SALAMIS v MANOR HOUSE FC**  
TBC

**LFA INTERMEDIATE CUP**  
**REAMA FC v BROTHERHOOD**  
TBC

**PENDAYIA v HEEGAN FC**  
TBC

**CETINKAYA v SHIP FC**  
10.00 am, Wadham Lodge

**A E K N E W S**

**AEK Youth FC results for matches played on Sunday 14th October 2012**

**U10's AEK FC (4) – (5) Northwood Red**  
AEK Scorers: Jack Lancaster (2), Joel Mcintosh, Thomas Pritchett

**U12's Whetstone Pumas (1) – (6) AEK Black**  
AEK Scorers: Luke Goodey (4), Andrew Tiritas, George Demosthenous

**U12's Borehamwood Tigers (3) – (1) AEK Gold**  
AEK Scorer: Eric Kemish

**U14's St Albans Rangers (5) – (3) AEK FC**  
AEK Scorers: Oliver O'schlubel (2), Alexis Nikolides

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## Ο Νίκος Αναστασιάδης στο Λονδίνο τον Νοέμβριο

ΧΟΡΟΕΣΠΕΡΙΔΑ ΔΗΣΥ Η.Β.

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Με την ευκαιρία της εδώ παρουσίας του, ο κ. Αναστασιάδης θα παραστεί σε χοροεσπερίδα τού κόμματός του το **Σάρβατο**.

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## Και...καλόγριες διαδηλώνουν κατά της λιτότητας στην Ιταλία

### ΑΛΥΣΟΔΕΘΗΚΑΝ ΣΤΟ ΔΗΜΑΡΧΕΙΟ ΤΗΣ ΝΑΠΟΛΗΣ

Καθολικές καλόγριες από 40 ιδρύματα αρωγής για ηλικιωμένους και παιδιά διαδηλώνουν από την περασμένη Τρίτη μπροστά στο δημαρχιακό μέγαρο της Νάπολης σε ένδειξη διαμαρτυρίας για τις περικοπές των κρατικών χρηματοδοτήσεων.

Οι καλόγριες, σε ένδειξη διαμαρτυρίας, αποφάσισαν να δεθούν με αλυσίδες μαζί με γονείς οικογενειών που αντιμετωπίζουν χρόνες οικονομικής δυσκολίες και στηρίζονται στην βοήθεια των συγκεκριμένων Καθολικών Οργανισμών. Τα χρέα του ιταλικού Δημοσίου και της τοπικής Αυτοδιοίκησης προς τα θρησκευτικά αυτά ιδρύματα ξεπερνούν τα 40 εκατομμύρια ευρώ.



Όπως μεταδίδουν ιταλικά μέσα ενημέρωσης, υπάρχουν καλόγριες που άρχισαν να πωλούν αντικείμενα αξίας των ιδρυμάτων και να διαθέτουν ακόμη και τις συντάξεις τους για να μην διακοπούν οι υπηρεσίες κοινωνικής φροντίδας.

«Κινδυνεύουν να χάσουν την δουλειά τους εκαντοντάδες εργαζόμενοι και να μείνουν στο δρόμο, με την γνωστή δύσκολη καθημερινή πραγματικότητα της Νάπολης, χιλιάδες παιδιά», επισήμαναν οι καλόγριες, οι οποίες απάιτησαν την άμεση παρέμβαση του δημάρχου της Νάπολης, **Λουίζι Ντε Ματζίστρι**.

ΑΙΣΙΟΔΟΞΙΑ ΕΚΦΡΑΖΕΙ Ο ΕΛΗΝΑΣ ΠΡΩΘΥΠΟΥΡΓΟΣ

## ΑΝΤ. ΣΑΜΑΡΑΣ: «Περνάμε τον τελευταίο κάβο»



Την αισιοδοξία του ότι η Ελλάδα «περνάει και τον τελευταίο κάβο» εκφράζει ο πρωθυπουργός Αντώνης Σαμαράς σε συνέντευξη που παραχώρησε στην «Καθημερινή της Κυριακής».

Ο κ. Σαμαράς δηλώνει ότι είναι ρεαλιστικό να πάρει η χώρα ολόκληρη τη δόση των 31,5 δισ. ευρώ και εξαιρετικά επικίνδυνο να δοθεί αυτή τηματικά.

«Θέλουμε να βγούμε από την κρίση με τις δικές μας δυνάμεις και όχι κάθε τόσο να περιφέρουμε τον δίσκο «δώστε και σώστε», είπε χαρακτηριστικά.

Επίσης ανέφερε ότι θα πρέπει τάχιστα να ολοκληρωθεί η συμφωνία για τα δημοσιονομικά και να έχει ξεπεραστεί η διαφορά ΕΕ-ΔΝΤ για τη βιωσιμότητα του χρέους.

«Μετά από αυτό είναι θέμα ημερών για να γηφισθεί η νέα συμφωνία από τη Βουλή», υπογράμμισε.

### «ΛΕΩ ΣΤΟΝ ΤΣΙΠΡΑ ΟΤΙ Ο ΛΑΪΚΙΣΜΟΣ ΔΙΑΛΥΕΙ ΤΗ ΧΩΡΑ»

έλλειψη ρευστότητας θα ξεπεραστεί πολύ σύντομα».

Σε ό,τι αφορά εκείνους που τον επικρίνουν ότι πλέον εφαρμόζει όσα στο παρελθόν καταδίκαζε, ο Αντώνης Σαμαράς απαντά: «Τώρα ήλθε η ώρα να διορθώσουμε τα όποια λάθη. Και όχι μόνο των τελευταίων επών, αλλά όλα τα λάθη που έγιναν στην Ελλάδα επί δεκαετίες. Αυτό κάνουμε».

Ο πρωθυπουργός απάντησε στην ερώτηση «ποια συμβουλή θα έδινε στον Αλέξη Τσίπρα» λέγοντας πως θα του έλεγε ότι «κάποτε ο λαϊκισμός απέδιδε. Τώρα διαλύει και τη χώρα και τα κόμματα που τον πυροδοτούν. Και κάτι ακόμα: ο εξτρεμισμός εκτρέφει τον αντίθετο εξτρεμισμό».

## Η Παροικία τίμησε τον Ολυμπιονίκη Παύλο Κοντίδη

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