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Γενικό συμπέρασμα. Η πλευρά μας βρίσκεται στη γωνιά. Τα θηρία όλα βιάζονται να μας δέσουν και πάλι χειροπόδαρα. Με μια Ελλάδα να σέρνεται και να επανειπεί και με μια Κύπρο να ζητιανεύει, θεωρούν πως έφτασε η ώρα να τελειώνουν με μας. Στο χέρι μας είναι να τους πούμε και πάλι ΟΧΙ. Λύση ναι, αλλά όχι παντοτεινή υποδούλωση στην Τουρκία. Αν είναι να μας σκοτώσουν, ας μη τους δώσουμε την ευχαρίστηση να αυτοκτονήσουμε μόνοι μας. Τουλάχιστον, ας αντισταθούμε!

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Στον Κάμερον 50.000 υπογραφές για επιστροφή του Βαρωσιού

Την επίσημη αίτηση (petition)
για την επιστροφή της Αμμοχώστου στους νομίμους κατοίκους της μαζί με έγγραφα που αποδεικνύουν ότι συγκέντρωσε πάνω από 50.000 υπογραφές, επέδωσαν στο Βρετανό πρωθυπουργό Ντέιβιντ Κάμερον τη Δευτέρα τα στελέχη του Συνδέσμου Αμμοχώστου Μεγάλης Βρετανίας.

Ο Σύνδεσμος, του οποίου τα μέλη και οι οικογένειές τους είναι πρόσφυγες από την Αμμοχώστο και τώρα Βρετανοί πολίτες, πραγματοποίησε εκστρατεία συλλογής υπογραφών από τον Ιούνιο του τρέχοντος έτους μέχρι και τις αρχές Δεκεμβρίου. Στη συνοδευτική επιστολή που παραδόθηκε στην Ντάουνινγκ Στριτ επισημάνεται ότι την αίτηση υποστηρίζει πλήρως και η Τουρκοκυπριακή Ένωση για τη Δημοκρατία με έδρα το Λονδίνο.

Αναφέρεται, επίσης, ότι πρόσφατη δημοσκόπηση της τουρκοκυπριακής οργάνωσης «Πρωτοβουλία για την Αμμοχώστο» έδειξε ότι το 73% των Τουρκοκυπρίων της κατεχόμενης περιοχής τάχθηκε υπέρ της επιστροφής της στους νομίμους κατοίκους της και του ανοίγματος του λιμανιού της.

Μιλώντας έξω από το Νούμερο 10 της Ντάουνινγκ Στριτ μετά την επίδοση των εγγράφων ο Πρό-



Ο Πρόεδρος του Συνδέσμου Αμμοχώστου Η.Β., Δρ Βασίλης Μαύρου κάνει δηλώσεις στη Ντάουνινγκ Στριτ. Γύρω του Βρετανοί βουλευτές και μέλη της Οργάνωσης.

δρος του Συνδέσμου Αμμοχώστου Μεγάλης Βρετανίας Δρ. **Βασίλης Μαύρου** είπε ότι ζητείται από τον Πρωθυπουργό Κάμερον να ασκήσει η Βρετανία όλη την πίεση που μπορεί επί της Τουρκίας, ώστε να συμμορφωθεί προς τα ψηφισματά των Ηνωμένων Εθνών και της ΕΕ.

Όπως σημείωσε ο βουλευτής Ένφιλντ-Southgate, το στάτους κβο είναι απαράδεκτο και η επιστροφή της Αμμοχώστου έχει νόημα και από οικονομική και εμπορική οπτική, ενώ παράλληλα είναι και θέμα δικαιοσύνης και σεβασμού των ανθρωπίνων δικαιωμάτων.

Ο βουλευτής των Συντηρητικών πρόσθεσε ότι η επιστροφή της Αμμοχώστου είναι ένα σημαντι-

διακοινοτική».

Παρόντα στην Ντάουνινγκ Στριτ ήταν και ο νεαρός Τουρκούπριος **Τσάρης Τζόσαρης**, εκπρόσωπος της Τουρκοκυπριακής Νεολαίας στο Λονδίνο.

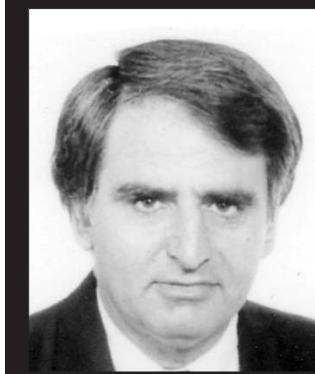
Όπως τόνισε, είναι σημαντικό η Κύπρος να επανενωθεί και επειδή είναι βέβαιος ότι αυτό δεν μπορεί να γίνει μέσα σε μια μέρα, δεν έχει νόημα να περιμένουν όλοι τη συνολική λύση.

«Αυτό δεν σημαίνει ότι δεν πρέπει να προσδοκούμε και να εργαζό-



κό μέτρο οικοδόμησης εμπιστοσύνης: «Είναι ένα μέτρο που πρέπει να συμβεί τώρα και που μπορεί πραγματικά να διοχετεύσει εμπιστοσύνη. Είναι ευπρόσδεκτο που η υποστήριξη σε αυτή την πρωτοβουλία είναι διακομματική και

μαστε για μια τέτοια συνεκπική λύση, αλλά στο ενδιάμεσο οφελουμε να δείχνουμε τη στήριξή μας σε μέτρα οικοδόμησης εμπιστοσύνης στην η επιστροφή των Βαρωσιών», ανέφερε χαρακτηριστικά ο νεαρός Τουρκούπριος.



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Συνάντηση Αβέρωφ Νεοφύτου με Βρετανούς βουλευτές



ΦΩΤΟ: ΔΩΡΟΣ ΠΑΡΤΑΣΙΔΗΣ

Ο κ. Αβ. Νεοφύτου (αριστερά) ενημερώνει Βρετανούς βουλευτές για το Κυπριακό.

Ευρεθείς στο Λονδίνο το περασμένο Σαββατοκύριακο για να να παραστεί σε συνεντίαση του ΔΗΣΥ Η.Β., ο πρόεδρος του Δημοκρατικού Συναγερμού, **Αβέρωφ Νεοφύτου**, αξιοποίησε την ευκαιρία για να συναντηθεί με Βρετανούς βουλευτές και να τους ενημερώσει για τις θέσεις της Κυπριακής Δημοκρατίας στο Κυπριακό και σε άλλα θέματα που αντιμετωπίζει η Κύπρος.

Ο κ. Νεοφύτου συνοδεύτην σε όλες τις συναντήσεις από τον πρόεδρο του ΔΗΣΥ Η.Β. **Ανδρέα Παπαευριπίδη**.

Το πρώτο ο κ. Νεοφύτου μετέβη στο Foreign Office, όπου συναντήθηκε με τη Διευθύντρια Τμήματος Μεσογείου **Hannah Corbett** και τους συνεργάτες της **James McGuire** του Γραφείου για θέματα Κύπρου και Τουρκίας και **Hinesh Rajani**, του Τμήματος Ανατ. Μεσογείου.

Ο κ. Νεοφύτου προέβη σε μια σφαιρική ενημέρωση για τις θέσεις της κυπριακής κυβέρνησης στο Κυπριακό και εξήγησε τους λόγους που ο πρόεδρος **Αναστασιάδης** εμμένει ότι πρέπει να ξεκαθαριστεί η βάση των διαπραγματεύσεων πριν αρχίσουν συνομιλίες.

Αργότερα συναντήθηκε με την υπουργό Βορείου Ιρλανδίας **Τερέζα Βίλιερς**, με την οποία είχε, όπως δήλωσε στην εφημερίδα μας, μια χρήσιμη και εποικοδομητική συνομιλία. Είναι μεγάλη η υποστήριξη της προς την Κύπρο και πολύ σημαντική, δεδομένου του αξιώματος το οποίο κατέχει στο πολιτικό σύστημα της χώρας, αλλά και της συνέπειας που τη διακρίνει στην υποστήριξη θέσεων αρχής στο Κυπριακό για πολλά χρόνια.

Ακολούθως, ο κ. Νεοφύτου είχε συνάντηση με Βρετανούς βουλευτές, τους οποίους ενημέρω-



Ο κ. Αβέρωφ Νεοφύτου με τον Λόρδο Χάνεϊ (δεξιά). Στο μέσον ο πρόεδρος του ΔΗΣΥ Η.Β. Ανδρέας Παπαευριπίδης.

Ο διαγωνισμός Πιλότας του Σχολείου Φίνσλεϋ



Μερικοί από τους πιλοταδόρους που συμμετείχαν στον διαγωνισμό

Πραγματοποιήθηκε την περασμένη Κυριακή στο Οίκημα της Αδελφότητας διαγωνισμός Πιλόττας, τον οποίο οργάνωσε το Ελληνικό Σχολείο Φίνσλεϋ, με στόχο την οικονομική του ενίσχυση.

Αρκετοί πιλοταδόροι έλαβαν μέρος στον διαγωνισμό. Τελικά, η τύχη χαμογέλασε στο ζεύγος **Μάλης - Βάσος**, που στον τελικό νίκησαν τους **Κρίστοφερ και Τόνι**.

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Spokesman: No result yet in efforts to agree on joint communiqué



There are no results yet in efforts to agree on a joint communiqué, Government Spokesman Christos Stylianides said on Monday after an informal meeting of political party leaders, chaired by President Anastasiades.

Stylianides (photo) said that "we are currently in a process of deliberations", adding that the international community is helping towards this direction.

In statements after the meeting which lasted 45 minutes, and

invited to say whether a UN draft joint communiqué has been submitted before the party leaders, Stylianides said that two-three documents have been presented but not by the UN, adding that the party leaders were fully briefed on all the details of certain documents which are under discussion.

He stressed the need for collective action, noting that "we must expect developments within the next days".

Downer: Joint declaration at "a very sensitive stage"

The Cyprus talks will resume when the two sides will have finalised the joint declaration, UN SG's Special Advisor for Cyprus Alexander Downer said last Tuesday.

Downer, who was received Tuesday morning by President of the Republic Nicos Anastasiades, told reporters after the meeting that they discussed about the joint declaration that the two sides are working on.

"This is at a very sensitive stage", he pointed out, adding that later on he will meet with the Turkish Cypriot leader Dervis Eroglu to discuss about the same issue.

Asked if the UN will give any proposals to bridge the gap between the two sides, he reiterated that negotiations are at a very sensitive stage and said that the joint declaration is a very important part of the whole Cyprus peace



process.

"Both sides want to feel comfortable with the joint declaration", he went on to say, adding that "this is a crucial part of the process".

Asked whether talks would begin before

the end of the year, the UN official noted that talks will begin when the joint declaration is completed.

The focus at the moment, he concluded, is to finalize the joint declaration.

Greek Parliament approves 2014 budget plan

Greece's parliament approved a budget plan on Saturday filled with over 3 billion euros of austerity cuts that sees the debt-laden country emerging from a six-year recession next year.

After nearly going bankrupt and almost crashing out of the euro zone last year, Greece expects growth of 0.6 percent in 2014 and hopes to secure more leeway on its debts to the European Union and the International Monetary Fund.

"This is a historic day," Prime Minister Antonis Samaras told lawmakers, calling the 2014 plan a budget of recovery and hope. "People's sacrifices bore fruit and changed the course of the country."

Outside parliament, an anti-austerity rally called by the country's largest labour unions drew only a few hundred people, a shadow of former demonstrations where tens of thousands took to the streets of Athens to protest the belt-tightening.

A total of 153 lawmakers voted in favour of the 2014 budget plan in the 300-seat house. Samaras' conservative-led coalition controls 154 seats in parliament.



Athens sees a budget surplus before interest payments at 812 million euros in 2013 thanks to higher than expected tax revenues. Posting a primary surplus is key as it would open the way for Greece to pursue debt relief from the EU and IMF.

But Athens and its lenders disagree on the forecasts for 2014, arguing over the size of a potential budget gap next year and the slow pace of reforms.

International lenders have not given their approval for the plan, which sticks to a target for a primary budget surplus (before interest

costs) of about 1.5 percent of GDP next year, and have said that unless it found new savings, Athens would miss its surplus target by about 2 billion euros.

Greek Finance Minister Yannis Stournaras has said the difference had narrowed to about 1 billion euros.

The so-called troika of EU, IMF and European Central Bank inspectors, who left Athens last month, will return to Greece in January to complete their latest review, the IMF said.

The troika's technical teams were

expected to continue talks in Athens next week.

"We expect a full negotiating team to return to Athens in January, after the authorities have made further progress in implementation, with the objective of reaching a staff-level agreement," an IMF spokeswoman said.

The review, which has dragged on since September, is crucial to the release of up to 5.9 billion euros in bailout funds, although Greece has no immediate funding pressures.

The lenders want Greece to ease restrictions on bank foreclosures and on companies carrying out mass layoffs. Samaras has rejected further across-the-board wage and pension cuts to fill any budget gaps.

The economy has shrunk by nearly a quarter since 2008, and repeated rounds of austerity have squeezed households and sent unemployment to record highs of over 27 percent.

"The bailout has destroyed Greece and will be remembered in history as a tragedy," Alexis Tsipras, head of the main opposition, the leftist Syriza party, said during the debate

Eurogroup approves next tranche of financial assistance to Cyprus

The Ministers of Finance of the Eurozone endorsed, in principle, the disbursement of the next tranche of financial assistance to Cyprus, worth 100 million euros. The formal decision will be taken on December 18 by the European Stability Mechanism. On December 20 the IMF Executive Board is scheduled to decide on the disbursement of 86 million euros.

In a press release, the Eurogroup "welcomes the conclusion of the Troika's second review mission that the adjustment programme is on track."

"Macroeconomic conditions are developing in line with programme projections, albeit uncertainty remains high. Fiscal consolidation is advancing in line with the agreed consolidation process. Structural reforms are progressing, although in some cases further efforts are required. Progress continues to be made as regards the recapitalisation and restructuring of the financial sector, including a further gradual relaxation of administrative measures," it says.

Furthermore, the Eurogroup notes that "we commend the Cypriot authorities for the progress achieved in this review and underline that a full and timely policy implementation remains essential to address the many challenges that the Cypriot economy is facing," adding that, "in particular, we welcome the firm commitment of the Cypriot authorities to strengthen the privatisation plans as agreed with the Troika institutions."

"Against this background, the Eurogroup endorsed, in principle, the disbursement of the next tranche of financial assistance to Cyprus. After completion of the national procedures and formal approval by the ESM governing bodies, the ESM is scheduled to disburse €100 million by the end of this year. The IMF Executive Board is scheduled to decide on the disbursement of 86 million euros on 20 December," it concludes.

Cyprus denounces Turkey's provocative actions in EEZ

Minister of Defence Fotis Fotiou has said that Cyprus has denounced to the EU and the UN Turkey's provocative actions in Cyprus' Exclusive Economic Zone.

Speaking before the House of Representatives' Committee on Defence, the Minister referred to Turkey's action to send Turkish vessel "Barbaros" to conduct surveys on hydrocarbons in Cyprus' territorial waters, in particular in block 3 of Cyprus' EEZ.

The Minister stressed that the implementation of Nicosia's plans to exploit Cyprus' natural resources constitutes the best possible response to Turkey's provocations in Cyprus' EEZ.

"What's important is to denounce, and we do that, these provocative actions, to the EU and the UN, while continuing our efforts to implement our plans to exploit our national resources. This is the best response to those who believe that we would relinquish our sovereign rights", he stressed.

Meanwhile, the Minister said that during the past days the Ministry of Defence has destroyed 1,300 tonnes of old, unused and dangerous munitions.

"This," he said, "is an issue of high priority for the Government because it affects the safety of personnel, soldiers and citizens".

FINMIN: Cyprus is out of the danger zone

Cyprus is out of "the danger zone" Cypriot Minister of Finance Harris Georgiades has said, adding that the recovery is due to Cyprus' willingness to commit and enact reforms quickly.

In an interview with CNBC in the US, where he held a series of meetings with US officials, including his US counterpart Jack Lew, Georgiades said that the recovery was due to Cyprus' willingness to commit and enact reforms quickly, including the recapitalization of the banking system and budget cuts.

In addition, the Minister said Cyprus is a good place for business, noting that most restrictions imposed on bank transactions will be lifted by January, except the transfer of capital outside Cyprus.

"I am not speculating as to when that will happen. I will obviously be reviewing the situation, but I think the gradual but steady relaxation is the correct one under the circumstances and we shall continue," he said, pointing out that "The stronger the confidence in the system..., the easier and the sooner we shall be able to lift all the restrictions".



Bank of Cyprus Chairman warns over coverage of closure of accounts in BoC UK

The Chairman of the Bank of Cyprus Christis Hassapis has warned that excessive publicity given to the closure of accounts in the Bank of Cyprus UK, by British regulators, harms the financial system and the economy of Cyprus.

"We are shooting ourselves in the foot," he said.

The Governor of the Cyprus Central Bank (CBC) Panicos Demetriades told lawmakers last week that the accounts, mostly belonging to unnamed Cypriots, had been shut down as part of anti-money laundering checks on politically exposed persons (PEPs) who were considered high risk customers.

Hassapis, who met with the Secretary General of the Green Party George Perdikis, clarified that the closing of accounts was not related to money laundering or lack of transparency.

"There was no reason to make such noise about PEPs. We are shooting ourselves in the foot without reason," he warned.

BoC Chairman explained that the closing of accounts was decided during a review of accounts carried out once a year, as demanded by the supervisory authorities, noting that some of those accounts had a very low credit balance and updating them would have had high costs



on the Bank.

"The accounts were closed during an annual review to bring them up to date and there is no money laundering involved," he stressed.

"All this noise harms Cyprus, the banking system and the BoC and it would be better to avoid statements about money laundering" Hassapis pointed out.

According to the Chairman of the BoC ten

accounts closed out of 110 and another 80 are being checked out. He also said that a list of the holders of the accounts will be sent on Monday to the House Committee on Institutions, Merit and the Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman).

Hassapis said the Bank will find ways to help borrowers in trouble – households and businesses who prove unable to repay their loans, but warned that the Bank will take measures to recover loans from debtors who are not paying, believing that the Bank will close down.

He also said that BoC will seek to reduce lending rates in the coming months and noted that already BoC's mortgage interest rate is 1% lower than in other banks.

On March 25 2013 Cyprus and the Troika agreed on a €10 billion bailout which featured an unprecedented haircut on uninsured deposits in a bid to recapitalise the Bank of Cyprus, the island's largest lender. The bailout also provided that Cyprus Popular Bank, the island's second largest bank would be wound down with its good part absorbed by the Bank of Cyprus.

Cyprus Cabinet gives "green light" for privatizations

The Council of Ministers has taken a political decision which paves the way for the privatization of semi-government organisations. The whole process will last three to four years and the first organisation to be privatized will be the Cyprus Telecommunication Authority (Cyta)

Government Spokesman Christos Stylianides said that Cabinet meeting approved unanimously and fully adopted a Finance Ministry proposal and the roadmap regarding privatizations of semi-government organizations, as outlined in the first Memorandum of Cyprus with its international lenders, the Troika (EC, ECB, IMF) dated November 23rd, 2012.

Stylianides said that the process would last three to four years, and stressed that the Cabinet decision safeguards a series of issues which are important to the state and the employees.

Elaborating on that, he said that the political decision safeguards national security and public interest issues and protects the essential services which the State must provide to its citizens.

In addition, he said that there is a commitment to safeguard the rights of employees and consumers' interests, while securing the involvement of employees throughout the process of privatization.

Until their privatization, the

organizations will be restructured in such a manner that would turn them into an attractive investment that would be to the benefit of the public interest, he pointed out.

The Spokesman said that the decision will be implemented in the best possible way, adding that in the meantime, any benefits which may arise from licensing of casinos or other sources will be taken into account with regard to Cyprus' obligation to find 1.4 billion euro, which emanates from the agreement with the Troika.

Asked whether this decision paves the way for the disbursement of the next tranche of Cyprus' loan from the Troika (EC, ECB, IMF),

Stylianides said the government is in constant consultation with the Troika and expects that Troika's stance will be a constructive one.

If the Troika, he said, does not follow a constructive stance on the matter and requests some corrections to be made, the government would consider them.

Concluding, he said that the Minister of Finance will maintain a constant dialogue with the trade unions so that they can have the first role in the whole process, as regards the restructuring of the organisations but also in terms of participating in shares to be issued, if they wish to do so.

Greek Eu Presidency priorities on interior ministry issues unveiled

The drawing up of an effective strategy and action framework between the EU and its member-states, the migration and refugee issue and the improvement of the member-states' good practices' exchange tools will be the priorities of the forthcoming Greek EU Presidency on issues under the authority of the ministry of the interior, Interior Minister Yiannis Michelakis said in Brussels last Thursday.

Cooperation with member-states and consultations with the European Parliament to shape strategic goals for the period to follow after the Stockholm Programme was the first priority.

As regards the migration and refugee issues, efforts will intensify for a more effective cooperation between the EU and third countries, mainly the countries of origin.

On legal migration, the interior ministry will engage in close cooperation for an agreement between the European Parliament, the Council of Ministers and the European Commission on a draft directive concerning the movement of third country entrepreneurs.

The ministry's targets also include the promotion of a discussion on a draft directive on third country nationals entering the EU for scientific research, studies, student exchange, paid or free training and volunteerism. In addition, the European agenda on integration, with an emphasis on the legal migrants' language skills, their integration and residence, will also be promoted.

The FYROM name issue is an international problem, FM Venizelos tells Nato counterparts

Referring to the Euroatlantic perspective of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) during working dinner on the Open Door Policy, held in Brussels, Government Vice President and Foreign Minister Evangelos Venizelos told NATO Foreign Ministers that the name issue was not just a bilateral matter between Greece and FYROM, but a pending international problem, in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions.

In this context, Venizelos said, Greece fully respected the process being directed by the UN Secretary General, through Mathew Nimetz, for a solution to the name issue, which is essentially a matter of good neighbourly relations, of respect for international law, and of regional security.

FYROM's actual problem, Venizelos added, was a domestic and a institutional one; a problem of democracy and respect for rule of law; a problem of ethnic cohesion and respect for and full implementation of the Ohrid Agreement on the coexistence of the Slavic and Albanian communities.

Venizelos stressed that Greece has stated its readiness for a compromise solution that would provide for a compound name with a geographical modifier for all uses (erga omnes), and it (Greece) has a completely friendly and creative attitude towards its neighbours.

Unfortunately, however, the FYROM government's stance is intransigent, the Greek Foreign minister said.

C Y P R U S

Unemployment in November declines by 0.77%

Unemployment in Cyprus declined marginally by 0.77% in November 2013 compared with the previous month, figures released by the Cyprus Statistical Service show.

According to CyStat, unemployed persons, registered at the District Labour Offices at the end of November 2013, reached 49,334 persons.

On the basis of seasonally adjusted data that shows the trend of unemployment, the number of registered unemployed for November 2013 decreased to 50,196 persons in comparison to 50,584 in the previous month.

Compared with November 2012, the registered unemployed persons recorded an increase of 9,812 persons or 24.8% which was mainly observed in the sectors of financial and insurance activities (an increase of 1,701 unemployed persons), trade (an increase of 1,642), accommodation and food service activities (an increase of 1,107), manufacturing (an increase of 954), construction (an increase of 924), as well as to newcomers in the labour market where an increase of 890 unemployed persons was recorded.

CTO welcomes 16% increase in revenue from tourism

The 16.6% increase in revenue from tourism recorded in October is a very encouraging development, Director General of the Cyprus Tourism Organisation Marios Hannides has said.

In a written statement, Hannides welcomed the fact that income from tourism showed an increase of 16.6% in October this year compared to the corresponding period in 2012, saying this is a very encouraging development.

"This proves that despite any obstacles, the tourist sector resisted the economic crisis", he pointed out.

G R E E C E

Greeks banks committed to funding major road projects

Greek financial institutions have committed to supporting the funding of four major road projects in the country, Christos Gortsos, secretary-general of Hellenic Bank Association said.

Speaking in Parliament, during a hearing at a parliamentary commission, Gortsos said that Greek banks have also fully covered the part of funding belonging to foreign banks that withdraw from the projects, while he stressed that a bank recapitalisation program's main goal was to strengthen their credibility.

Responding to deputies' questions, Gortsos said that banks – all over the world – do not lend businesses and households using their own capital, but using the capital of depositors.

Gortsos is one of the experts invited for an opinion by the committee, which is reviewing a bill on restarting major road projects with expected EU funding help.

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Noble Energy to pursue further exploration drilling in Cyprus' block 12

Noble Energy which has a concession in Cyprus' block 12 is planning to proceed with further exploration drilling towards the end of 2014, Energy Minister Giorgos Lakkotripis has said.

A senior Noble Energy official, who briefed Cyprus President Nicos Anastasiades on the plans for the development of block 12, noted that the Houston-based company continues to evaluate the results of the appraisal well carried out last October.

"By April Noble will be ready to demonstrate where the next exploratory drilling will take place, as well as to show whether an additional appraisal well for Aphrodite, will be necessary" he said.

Exploration drilling conducted in 2011 in block 12, the A1 well, showed an estimated gross resource range of 5 to 8 trillion cubic feet (Tcf), with a gross mean of 7 Tcf, whereas the appraisal drilling conducted in October 2013 lowered the estimates to a range from 3.6 tcf to 6 Tcf, with a mean of approximately 5 Tcf. However, Noble Cyprus country Manager John Tomich has said that the company sees "a lot of potential" in the bloc as it recognized "at least half a dozen separate features/structures."

Asked on the development timeframe, Lakkotripis said that President Anastasiades asked Noble whether it could expedite the exploration drilling, adding however that on the basis of the evaluation work and depending on



rig availability "it is difficult to achieve this target sooner than October 2014."

On his part, Keith Elliott, Noble Energy Senior Vice Chairman for the Eastern Mediterranean said the company continues to work on exploration processes and looks at further opportunities.

"We continue to evaluate the results of the A2 well and look at further opportunities for need for further appraisal activities and working through the process of fully evaluating the block, this is our priority," he said.

Asked whether Noble plans to drill for oil, Elliott said we are really in the process of evaluating what type of prospects exists in the block.

"We look for oil and gas but primarily we look for gas. We really don't know at the moment which is coming to the forefront," he said.

Responding to question on Noble's participation in a possible LNG plant in Cyprus, Elliott said

they are progressing along, adding "we continue to work closely with the Minister and the governments and teams toward developing a project framework agreement supporting the government planning as it progresses."

Asked whether he believes the reserves found Aphrodite are enough to justify the LNG plant, Elliott said "we think it is probably going to take more and we are working with the teams to develop additional sourcing there both from block 12 as well as working with other co-ventures in the region offshore Cyprus."

Replying to a question, Elliott said Noble is in contact with the Israelis on a possible pooling of their reserves.

Noble Energy operates Block 12 offshore Cyprus with a 70 percent working interest, whereas Israeli Delek Drilling and Avner Oil Exploration each have 15 percent working interest.

US authorities satisfied over progress in the Cyprus economy

The US authorities are satisfied over the progress in the Cypriot economy following the agreement on a €10 billion bailout between Cyprus and its international lenders.

The Cypriot Minister of Finance Harris Georgiades met with his US counterpart Jack Lew in Washington, with whom he discussed the correction course of the Cyprus economy after the bailout that featured a haircut to deposits over €100,000 that shattered the island's oversize banking sector.

So far Cyprus had two positive programme implementation reviews by the Troika of the European Commission, the European Central Bank and the IMF. Cyprus received 4.7 billion of the €10 billion bailout.

"They are too satisfied over the efforts and the progress we achieved since the spring. They were closely monitoring the situation and I

personally had discussions with US Treasury officials," Georgiades said in statements after the meeting.

Asked on the solution given to Cyprus, Georgiades said that his interlocutors consider the decisions taken as difficult but they acknowledged that "the problems that were left to inflate, did not create conditions for other alternatives."

He said that they also consider the decision of Standard and Poor's rating agency to upgrade Cyprus rating as very important, adding he explained the way forward.

"By implementing the adjustment programme on the one hand and encouraging economic activity in new sectors and by opening the economy on new investments on the other," he said, adding "this combination of programme implementation, attracting new investments and encouraging new invest-

ments is under the circumstances the way to go."

On the relationships between the two countries, Georgiades said maintaining contacts and widening the cooperation with the US government and the Congress facilitating economic business relationship constitutes a strategic option.

He pointed out that possible interest for investments can be generated through the constant efforts for the restoration of Cyprus' credibility and the construction of dependable political relationships.

Georgiades met also with IMF Director of the European Department Reza Moghadam and the Fund's chief of Cyprus Mission Delia Verculescu.

Speaking after the meeting, Georgiades said he had a very good discussions with the IMF officials

which covered the issues considered as a priority in 2014. "It is very important to have an aligned course and prioritization with the IMF. On that basis we were able to implement the programme in a satisfactory manner," he said.

Responding to a question on the privatizations, Georgiades said that the Council of Ministers will hold discussions on the privatizations plan and will take the preliminary decision that would enable the commencement of a process whose conclusion is expected no sooner than two years from now.

He also recalled that the programme partners consider privatizations as an issue of priority.

Under the programme Cyprus must draft until the end of December a privatizations plan aiming at securing €1.4 billion until 2018.

Cyprus property owners urged to make mortgage mis-selling claim

Thousands of Britons who bought property in Cyprus with Swiss franc mortgages are being urged to submit claims for mis-selling, ahead of a deadline at the end of the year.

Between 2003 and 2010, Cypriot banks suggested buyers take out a mortgage in Swiss francs because the interest rates were lower, but this advice backfired when the franc soared after the financial crisis, and mortgage repayments doubled.

Lawyers say that the banks often failed to explain the potential risks of currency fluctuation that could cause repayments to rise, and also applied heavy interest rate rises.

This has resulted in property owners facing

unsaleable and unlettable apartments, gigantic loan obligations and negative equity following the collapse of the Cypriot property market.

Those who think they may have been sold a product must act quickly, as claims have to be filed in Cyprus by 31 December, or they are likely to fail outright, said Duncan McNair from Cubism Law in London. He said British purchasers of properties had almost 2bn euros of loans outstanding to Cypriot banks.

"Commonplace features that I am dealing with are a failure to advise on the risks of foreign currency mortgages, serious misrepresentations as to the property itself, and dubious powers of attorney – as well as unhealthily close relationships

between the banks, developers and selling agents," he said.

If you think you have been affected, speak to an experienced English lawyer familiar with the situation to immediately file protective claims, in England first (asserting your wish to have your claim heard in England in preference to the Cyprus courts), then in Cyprus.

"These claims must be filed in time and in the proper form," McNair said. Those who fail to make a submission can expect to lose the right to claim at all in Cyprus, which risks enforcement by the bank against their UK as well as their Cyprus assets.

Is Orthodoxy becoming a religion of Habit?

Religions have been abandoned in the past but usually for another religion. What we have seen happening with Judaism since the holocaust, however, is the abandonment of Judaic beliefs and the adoption of secularisation. People still call themselves Jews in everything but faith. More than half of all Jews in the world do not believe in God. They may practice some of the rituals of Judaism and celebrate some of the holidays but they are non-believers. Judaism has become a religion of habit.

The conflict between tragedy and faith is not new. "Where was God to stop it?", we ask after every natural disaster or worse still we ask "Why did God create it?". One would argue that it is after every such disaster that we see humanity at its best. People seem to come together to help a complete stranger and this very human response provides the answer as to why the disaster may have happened in the first place. This, however, may be mere speculation or wishful thinking. The same event could force the conclusion that there is no God.

The holocaust is, of course, in a different category. Here we do not need to ask about the action or inaction of God but about the action and inaction of man. What kind of man could have possibly done this to his fellow human being and where was man, when all this was happening?

The reason for human suffering is the bases of all religions but there is no denying that it can also lead to atheism. "Why did God?" could easily be answered with the equally powerful "because there is no God".

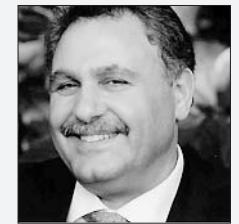
It would be naïve to believe, however, that the question of suffering in itself can lead to atheism. What leads to atheism is the untrained mind; the mind that has not developed to the point of finding the rightful place for every piece in the puzzle. In this respect, the mind of the orthodox church blessed with revelation and thousands of years of development can face any challenges and particularly challenges from scientific advancement and secularisation. Alas, however, it is in danger of becoming a religion of habit.

Judaism did not become a religion of habit because of the holocaust. It is the failure of Judaism to get further in its explanation of suffering than the Book of Job which explains suffering as a means to sanctification. How then was it possible for Jesus to be God who, by definition, was already sanctified to have suffered on the cross and die? Jesus, therefore, to the Judaic understanding of suffering could not be God.

How did this happen? In its effort to reject Hellenistic ideas, Judaism also rejected the stepping stones that would have allowed it to develop its understanding of suffering beyond the Book of Job and its understanding of beingness beyond the "I Am" of the burning bush. As a result, when the holocaust came, Judaism had no means to withstand the intellectual challenge it posed and the only thing left holding it together now is habit.

In contrast the only hindrance the Orthodox Church has been suffering from is its ability to become the source of the answers to such intellectual challenges. It is suffering from the common ailments of convenience and expediency. Why bother to engage and challenge people with dilemmas that demand controversial answers when you can make these people creatures of habit, attending liturgy on Sundays, subscribing to memorial services, sending wishes on name days and celebrating national and religious feasts? Does it really matter if they do not have answers to the big questions and will it be a complete disaster if they stop believing in God?

Unless we recognise the fast slide of our religion becoming habitual, Christmas for our grandchildren will be no more than a secular holiday when we exchange presents.



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Santa Shoeboxes spreading smiles in Cyprus

In the seasonal spirit of giving, NEPOMAK.uk decided to give back to the island that inspired their formation. The "Santa Shoebox Campaign" is a project which aimed to bring joy to less fortunate children over the Christmas holiday.

NEPOMAK.uk, in cooperation with Cyprus Educational Mission and the community Greek schools of Queenswell, East Barnet, Potters Bar, Panagia and Walker, launched a festive campaign to ask young children to donate Christmas presents for underprivileged children across Cyprus.

Proof that many hands make light work, the community response was exceptional. Over three hundred colourfully wrapped boxes, in all shapes and sizes, filled with treats and much-needed essentials, were collected by representatives of the organisation.

This week, these gifts will be generously transported by Cyprus Airways, free of charge. With the assistance of our Cyprus coordinators, Michalis Michael and Dimitris Tampouras, these gifts will be distributed in Cyprus at orphanages and to children receiving free school meals. Michalis Michael, President of Gimnasium Archbishop Makarios the Third, Plati, Aglanjia said: "We would like to express our deep



gratitude for the generosity of the Cypriot Community of London."

Antonia Savvides, President of NEPOMAK.uk, said: "Every child deserves to feel the magic of Christmas. We hope that these presents put a smile on the faces of hundreds of children in Cyprus who Santa would not have otherwise visited this Christmas. I'd like to thank everyone who supported and promoted this campaign and especially the children in London for their generosity".

Special thanks is given to Queenswell, Potters Bar, Walker, Panagia and East Barnet Greek schools for being so generous with their donations and for hosting our

collection days; to Cyprus Airways who have kindly offered to ship the boxes to Cyprus for free; to our Cyprus Representatives, Dimitris Tampouras and Michalis Michael; to Maria Papalouca and the Cyprus Educational Mission for all their support; to Doros Partasides for filming the collection date at Queenswell Greek school, to be aired on RIK; to Tony Antoniou, the Chairman of Cyprus Airways; to Agni Philalithes for her continued support and for donating shipment boxes; to Peter Savvides for organising the shipment from London Heathrow; to Brian Haines, for waiving the handling charges of the shipping at Heathrow; to Tony Ioannou,

Imagedata, for donating shipment boxes; and of course the NEPOMAK.uk Santa Shoebox team who none of this would have been possible without: Anna-Maria Stavrou, Anthony Ladas, Joanna Papalouca, Kyri Papalouca, Chrissy Pippas, Christos Karaolis, Pavlos Anastasi, Elena Nicola, Xenia Koumi, Melina Papadopoulou, Lily Georgiou, Mary Andrea Sawides, Constantina Petrou, George Karaolis, Christa Savvides.

Last but not least – a big thank you to every single person who put together a box for a less fortunate child in Cyprus this Christmas. Our outstanding result could not have been achieved without the efforts of each and every one of you.

Best practice results in another award for Cypriot Accountants

Having previously been recognised for service excellence by winning at the prestigious Herts Business Awards, Cockfosters based accountancy practice NA Associates is celebrating the award of a prestigious quality mark by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), the professional body which regulates and monitors thousands of accountants worldwide.

In order to achieve the mark – ACCA Quality Checked – NA Associates had to demonstrate 'best practice' in all aspects of its business, during a recent rigorous inspection by ACCA compliance officers.

Peter Large, Executive Director – ACCA Professional Standards, said: "The award of ACCA Quality Checked is one way of assuring businesses and the public that they can have confidence in the services offered by accountancy firms. The standards we set are high and it is a

major achievement for NA Associates to secure this award, which reflects well on the calibre of staff and the services it offers to its clients.

"We are delighted that the quality of our practice has been recognised by this prestigious award from our own regulatory body. This award endorses the firm's ethos of delivering the highest quality service to our clients with technical competence to match. I would like to thank our partners and staff for making this happen," said Managing Partner, Nick Antoniou.

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Shadow Minister for Europe met with P. Droussiotis

Gareth Thomas MP, the UK's Shadow Minister for Europe, met with the President of the National Federation of Cypriots in the UK, Peter Droussiotis. At a meeting in Parliament to discuss Cyprus and issues affecting the British Cypriot community, Mr Thomas expressed a keen interest in developments relating to Cyprus.

As the 40th anniversary of the invasion and subsequent occupation of the island approaches, next year, and in the aftermath of the economic crisis that beset the island earlier this year, Mr Thomas spoke of his party's good will towards a historical ally and fellow European Union and Commonwealth member. He also expressed appreciation for the



Cypriot community's economic and social contribution to British society.

Peter Droussiotis conveyed the reassurance he gained from the meeting, saying:

"The Shadow Minister left me

in no doubt as to the Opposition's full commitment to the UN-led negotiating process currently under way. Both the Government and Opposition stand fully behind that process but I remain of the view that the UK can and must do more

to encourage Turkey to play a constructive role, not least because of Britain's responsibilities as a Guarantor Power in Cyprus.

"Mr Thomas assured me that his door is open, and I look forward to developing our dialogue in the future. It has long been the policy of our Federation to engage not only with the British government but also with opposition parties, to ensure that Cyprus remains high on the UK's foreign policy agenda and I feel assured that Gareth will make representations to that end."

Mr Thomas accepted Mr Droussiotis's invitation to attend a dinner-discussion with the Federation's Secretariat in the early part of the New Year.

Cypriot housewife has landed a book deal after writing a steamy novel in secret

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Anna-Maria Athanasiou, 47, originally from Leeds but now living in Cyprus, hadn't even told her husband of 23 years, Marios, that she was penning the book.

She told MailOnline: "I'm not a writer by profession and I felt a bit embarrassed to tell people that I thought I could write a book. My husband works nights so I would write when I was on my own in the evenings or before he got up in the morning."

Anna-Maria said she's always had a 'big imagination' and had thought about writing a novel for years after getting an idea for a story. She would often scribble down notes and ideas when she was out and about so that various plot threads and conversations between characters ended up being written on any scraps of paper she had handy at the time. She explains: "The idea for the story came into my head about ten years ago but I never thought about writing it down. Then after my sons got older and I started to have more time I thought I would finally try and write it and I just became absorbed in it and getting it written. I wasn't very organised though and I would often get inspiration when I was out or driving. I'd have to write things down on bits of paper or old receipts so I could then make sense of it and type it up when I got home. Eventually I realised it would be beneficial to get a notebook!"

The mother said her two sons, George, 18 and Michael, 12, knew what she was doing as they often saw her working at her computer but never expected she would become a published author.

She describes her book, called Waiting For Summer, as 'erotic but romantic' fiction, saying it contains sex scenes to satisfy Fifty Shades Of Grey fans while having an engaging plot to keep readers hooked on the storyline as well.

It is set in the author's home town of Limassol in Cyprus and tells the tale of Sylvie Sapphirus whose seemingly perfect life is thrown into chaos by the discovery of her husband's infidelity and follows her subsequent whirlwind romance with a much younger man. Anna-Maria said she feels the book differs to other romantic fiction on the market as the main character is not a young woman but is in her forties.

She wouldn't divulge further for fear of spoiling the plot for readers.

Those who are intrigued can find the book in stores or download it to their e-readers now after it has been published by Austin Macauley. A second instalment will be published in April.

'Gobsmacked': The writer and her family were shocked and delighted when the book was published by Austin Macauley

The mother-of-two said she and her family were 'gobsmacked' when she found a publisher, which was all thanks to her brother, Anthony.

She explains: 'Once I'd finished the book I started to show snippets to my friends and they were all really positive and said I should try and get it published. My mother read the whole book and she agreed. When she told my brother about it he was shocked as he had just been to visit me and I hadn't mentioned it.'

'But he then started contacting publishers on my behalf. The big publishers would only deal with literary agents but three smaller ones did get in touch and asked to read more. I was then offered the deal by Austin Macauley. We were all shocked and delighted as it happened so quickly.'

British Cypriot Model Elena facing up to new success in latest competition



Greek Cypriot Elena Raouna, who earlier this year was named Miss British Beauty Curve in a competition to find the country's most curvaceous girls, is now bidding to land another modelling crown.

Elena, aged 22, is competing for the Face Of The Globe title and will be taking on girls from all over Britain as she takes another step up the beauty ladder.

It marks the end of a remarkable year for the former Campsmount School pupil, who also landed a modelling contract on

the back of her curve contest win.

She said: "I received an email that confirmed I'd been picked as a finalist for Miss Face Of The Year 2014 by Face Of The Globe. I'm really excited and keeping my fingers crossed."

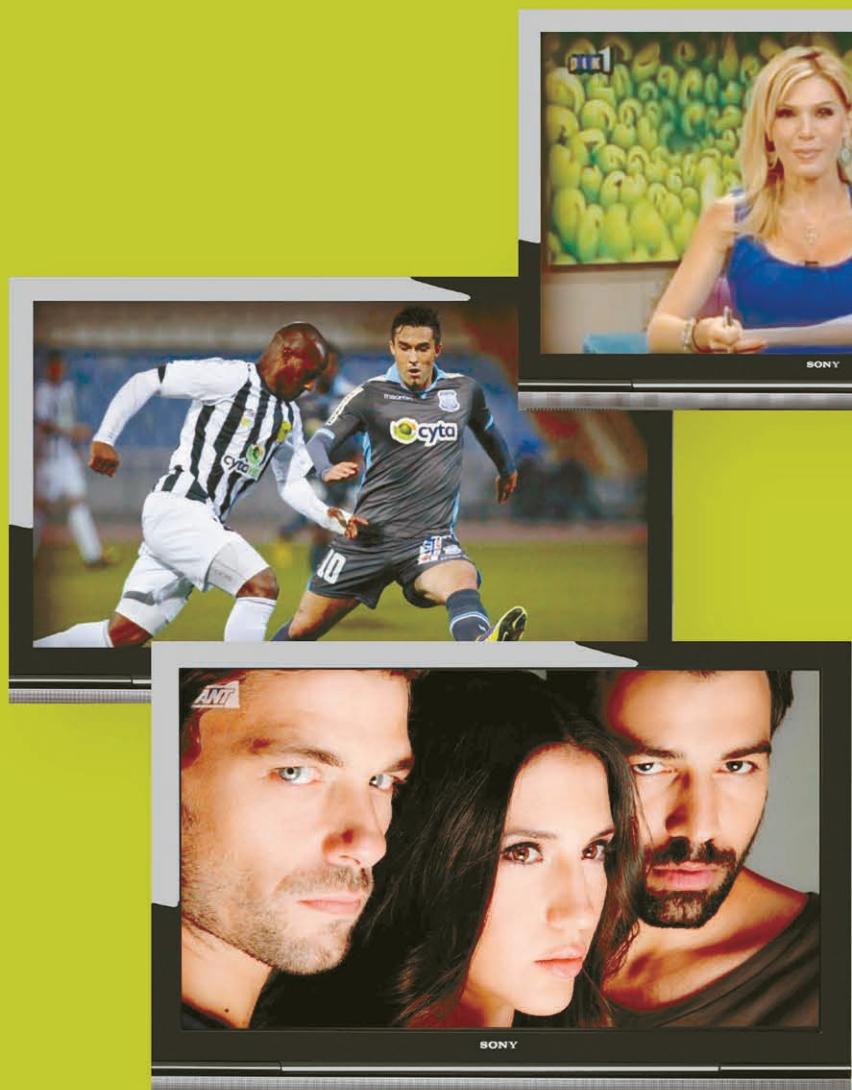
The finals will be held in East Sussex in March with the overall winner heading to Disneyland Paris later next year for the global final.

In June size 16 Elena, who works in a chip shop, made national headlines when she secured the Miss British Curve title, with a string of national newspapers and magazines following up her win.

She is also the reigning Miss Doncaster Curve.



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For decades, Cyprus has been successful in attracting investors, and now that the country is going through tough economic reforms, both the need and opportunities for foreign investment are increasing. In its efforts to build a stronger future for Cyprus, the government has put in place a series of measures to boost the economy and attract investment through modernising legislation, promoting development projects, diversifying tourism, introducing tax incentives and speeding up licensing procedures.

Sectors of Opportunity

Energy

The biggest potential for investment in the coming years will be in the hydrocarbons sector. Cyprus is set to become a natural gas exporter at a time when international demand for liquefied natural gas (LNG) is expected to rise. The ambitious project for the construction of an LNG terminal is of strategic importance and represents the largest investment in the history of Cyprus.

The government is also prioritising renewable energy sources (RES), aiming to reach 13 percent RES electricity supply by 2020, through wind farms, photovoltaic (PV) systems, solar thermal plants and biomass and biogas utilisation plants, providing investment opportunities in major infrastructure projects.

Financial Services

The passing of the Undertakings for Collective Investments in Transferable Securities (UCITS IV) Law in 2012 and The Alternative Invest-

Cyprus heading for a new era of opportunity



ment Fund Managers Directive (AIFMD) in 2013 have created new opportunities for the emerging fund industry of Cyprus, while foreign exchange trading is a key growth area. The number of investment firms and funds is constantly increasing.

Shipping

Cyprus' maritime sector is a true success story which contributes over 1bn euros to the country's economy annually, accounting for around seven percent of its GDP and directly employing 4,000 shore-based personnel and 55,000 seafarers around the world. The proven advantages of Cyprus' shipping legislation, ratified international conventions and the general framework of shipping-related business have prompted many of the world's most influential names in shipping to base themselves on the island – proof of this is an

EU-approved tonnage tax that secured Cyprus' position as the largest third party ship management centre in the EU and the largest crew management centre in the world.

Professional Services

Despite the current economic situation in Cyprus, the professional services sector remains strong. The expertise of the country's lawyers, accountants and other specialists – often UK- or US-trained – offer full and efficient services in all aspects of company law and tax planning. With around 80 percent of Cyprus' economy based on the provision of services, this sector is one of the most important in the country. Cyprus was the first country in the world for the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)

and the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) to set up training outside the UK – strengthening Cyprus' reputation as a centre of excellence for professional services.

Information and Communication Technologies

Recognising the crucial importance of the ICT sector, Cyprus has formulated a national digital strategy, making IT development a priority in its economic development plan. With access to major satellite systems and supported by an extensive submarine fibre optic cable network – including the world's longest optical submarine telecommunications cable

SEA-MEWE-3, linking Cyprus directly with South-east Asia, the Middle East and Western Europe – the island is attracting an increasing number of international companies looking for a reliable regional hub.

Health and Medical

In the medical sector there are investment possibilities in the improvement of e-Health services to the public sector, specialised medical services and the development of rehabilitation centres. Cyprus also provides investment opportunities in wellness services thanks to its moderate climate, clean seas and rich natural environment.

With the island's renowned hotels and resorts, the potential to develop wellness tourism is well supported. Having an established tourism product ripe for diversification, with over 300 days a year of sunshine and the existence of thermal springs, spas and therapy centres, are of particular interest.

Throughout its history, Cyprus has proven resilient in the face of challenges. Investment interest has grown impressively, providing good and encouraging evidence that Cyprus' prospects are very positive.

The Cypriots have their priorities clearly set out. They support and promote private initiative and they are determined to implement the necessary infrastructure to expedite processes to ensure projects go forward.

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Χριστουγεννιάτικες εκδηλώσεις στην κοινότητα Αγ. Παντελεήμονος Harrow

Λάβαμε την ακόλουθη ανακοίνωση:

Η Κοινότητα Αγ. Παντελεήμονος Harrow και Περιχώρων (ΒΔ Λονδίνου), οργανώνει τον μήνα Δεκέμβριο, πριν και μετά τη Δεσποτική Εορτή των Χριστουγέννων, δάφορες ενδιαφέρουσες εορταστικές εκδηλώσεις:

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Το δείπνο, στο οποίο συμμετείχαν πλέον των 100 ατόμων, ήταν προσφορά του ιδιοκτήτη του ψαρεστιατορίου κ. Σάββα Ανδρέου (Εκκλ. Επιτρόπου), της συζύγου του Μαρίας και της καλής τους οικογένειας.

Ο Ταμίας της Κοινότητας κ. Σωτήρης Κωνσταντίνου, τη απούσια του Προέδρου κ. Παντελή Δημοσθένους, λόγω κρυολογήματος, αφού ευχαρίστησε τους οικοδεσπότες για την προσφορά τους, ανακοίνωσε πως το οικονομικό προϊόν της εκδήλωσης ήταν £2700.



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Β) Το Σάββατο 14η Δεκεμβρίου, στις 7.30 μ.μ., θα λάβει χώρα στον Ι.Ν. Αγ. Παντελε-

Εορτασμοί για τον Άγιο Ελευθέριο στο Leyton

Λάβαμε την ακόλουθη πληροφόρηση:

Η κοινότητα Αγίου Ελευθερίου στο Ανατολικό Λονδίνο, Leyton, ανακοινώνει το

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Σάββατο, 14 Δεκεμβρίου, εσπερινός 6.30μμ.

Κυριακή, 15 Δεκεμβρίου, Αρχιερατική Θεία Λειτουργία, 9.00-12.30 πμ.

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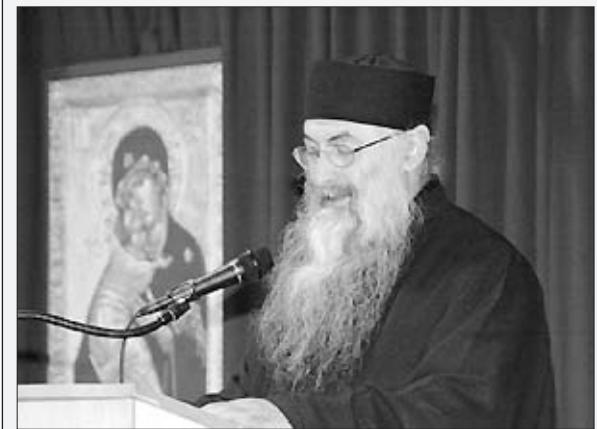
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EDITORIAL

All is not well at Manchester United. Despite topping their Champions League groups after a home win against Shakhtar Donetsk this week, there is too much negativity emanating from the club and the performances on the pitch are far from convincing.

There are too many players in the current United squad who are simply not good enough and this has been reflected in their results and the poor level of performances. The Old Trafford faithful have seen their team lose consecutive Premier League games at home for the first time in over a decade in a run that has seen them drop 13 points out of 24. And yet this is very much the same squad that won the league title last season so convincingly. This of course speaks volumes about the previous manager and his ability to extract an incredible resilience and sustained results over a long period of time with a waning squad that requires a serious overhaul.

This was Sir Alex Ferguson's forte, his ability to get his teams to overachieve, to be a genuine sum greater than their individual parts. There was always an intensity with Ferguson teams too, a will to win that was unmatched and a never say die attitude that saw games that were seemingly lost turned with United walking off the pitch with three points. The siege mentality that he fostered has been lost as has the fear factor of visiting teams to Old Trafford.

There is a recognition that these traits under Ferguson's reign this took time to cultivate and this required a special manager to perform special acts, but it also required his players to buy into his philosophy and his methods.

For Moyes at present there is a steep learning curve and he has to adjust to a new environment as the players have to adjust to a new man in charge with a new coaching staff. Moyes will now know that the squad is not good enough to compete at the highest level. There is certainly a dearth of midfield quality and beyond Rooney and Van Persie, where are the world class footballers at the club?

The summer transfer debacle certainly didn't help Moyes and while it was obvious he looked for and bid for several midfielders, were Manchester United ever likely to snare Cesc Fabregas from Barcelona? The acquisition of Marouane Fellaini has backfired with the Belgian cutting a lonely figure. Even this early on in his career at Old Trafford the signs are that the club is too big for him and his talent nowhere near what United require to shore up a midfield bereft of quality.

The fact that Ryan Giggs, at 40 years old, is still starting games in the Champions League emphasises the lack of investment in midfield over the past few years. And this is the point. Moyes has inherited a squad that overachieved last season. It was maybe the swansong for many players, including talismen and club legends like Rio Ferdinand, Patrice Evra and Nemanja Vidic.

The squad requires an overhaul and last summer was never going to be the answer to all the questions now being asked and the issues now being seen. Moyes needs to be given time and at least three transfer windows to assert his authority and personality on the team and the club.

However, he is not helping himself with some of his team selections and certainly his tactics. Too many times this season Moyes has set his team up in a very traditional 442 formation. This, as a formation, has had its day. It is archaic, rigid and too inflexible to allow transition within a game. Against Newcastle last weekend, at Old Trafford, the home team were outplayed with the visitors able to dominate the ball in central midfield because they had Cabaye, Tiote and Anita up against Phil Jones and Tom Cleverley. As has always been the case in football, the team that can dominate midfield, can dominate the ball to give the team the best opportunity to create goals scoring chances. This is not happening with United this season and it is baffling. Moreover, there seems to be a lethargy, almost a hangover, from moving from one manager to another. Surely a team that has neither the depth nor the quality in midfield would be loathe to surrender time and space to the opposition in this vital area of the pitch? And yet Moyes continues to persist. 442 as a formation is dead and has been consigned to the annals of football history. Two banks of four does not work in modern football when the opposition can unleash a player to play 'between the lines' and more often than not swarm the midfield area to keep the ball.

Standing 13 points adrift of Arsenal in the table it would be safe to assume even at this early stage that United will not contend for the title. Fans would have accepted this given the understanding that the transition from one regime to another would take time. But for United to be so far behind and to lie in ninth place seven points from a Champions League place is alarming and worrying.

The January transfer window is a critical one for Moyes and United. They are not far off being a top team again. Rooney and Van Persie are as good a striking pair in the country. De Gea is a top class goalkeeper with the likes of Jones, Rafael and Januzaj the youth elements with exciting potential. January deals, if any, should not be used as an opportunity to right the wrongs of last summer, but it should be used as a benchmark for a club that still aims to be among the major players both domestically and abroad.



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••• **SAVIOLA DOUBLE SENDS GREEK CHAMPIONS THROUGH:** Argentine veteran Javier Saviola scored either side of a Sacha Kljestan strike before Alejandro Dominguez's late penalty to send Olympiakos into the next round of the Champions after a 3-1 win over Anderlecht ••• **ARSENAL TO BATTLE LIVERPOOL FOR YOUNG PROSPECT:** Arsenal face competition from Liverpool for the signature of Hamburg's highly rated 19 year old Turkey midfielder Hakan Calhanoglu ••• **LAMELA TO GO ON LOAN?:** Tottenham summer signing Erik Lamela, 21, could be set for an early White Hart Lane exit with Atletico Madrid interested in taking the Argentine former Roma winger on loan.

Thursday 12th December 2013

F. Santos: "Greece has every chance to reach the Round of 16"

Last week's World Cup group phase draw presented Greece with an opportunity to progress to the last 16 while England have it all to do as they were pitted in a tough section.

Greece avoided being drawn against opponents such as Brazil, Spain or Argentina but national team coach will be more than aware that the seeded team in the group, Colombia, pose a serious threat. Greece will also have to contend with Ivory Coast and Japan.

It is a tricky test and one which will examine Greece's discipline and tactical awareness, but it also gives the team hope. Colombia will be strong favourites to top the group with star man Radamel Falcao ably assisted by the impressive James Ro-

"Colombia is very strong in the attack, Ivory Coast is an experienced side with great players like (Didier) Drogba and Gervinho, and Japan wants to surprise on the world stage.

"But Greece has every chance to reach the Round of 16."

Greece captain Giorgos Karagounis was himself optimistic after seeing the draw unfold, despite the impressive qualifying campaigns staged by Colombia and Japan.

"This is a tough group with tough teams, all of them," Karagounis said.

"But I am optimistic because we respond to challenges well. Any of the teams in this group can make the difference, so it definitely won't be easy."

"Our style of play generally remains the

last, their fate in the group may already be sealed.

Elsewhere, hosts Brazil will be happy having been drawn against Croatia, Mexico and Cameroon, leaving them to fight for the second place.

The happiest team will surely be France who had to come from behind in their play-off to get to Brazil and will be delighted to draw Honduras, Switzerland and Ecuador. Their good fortune does not end there as progress likely see them face debutants Bosnia-Herzegovina or Nigeria in the round of 16, leaving Didier Deschamps and his men with a reasonably clear run to the quarter-finals.

Group B will see the exit of one fancied nation with Spain and Netherlands set to

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
Brazil	Spain	Colombia	Uruguay
Croatia	Netherlands	Greece	Costa Rica
Mexico	Chile	Côte d'Ivoire	England
Cameroon	Australia	Japan	Italy
GROUP E	GROUP F	GROUP G	GROUP H
Switzerland	Argentina	Germany	Belgium
Ecuador	Bosnia-Herzegovina	Portugal	Algeria
France	Iran	Ghana	Russia
Honduras	Nigeria	USA	Korea Republic

driguez, his Monaco team mate, who makes the team tick. Coach Jose Pekerman is undeterred but is astute and loves to play attacking football. He has been credited with giving the team their identity back and throughout qualification were impressive and are many people's dark horses for the tournament.

The Ivory Coast will pose an altogether different test for Greece with their golden generation now ageing and past their best. Having never got past the group stage at a World Cup, this is the last chance for the likes of talisman Didier Drogba to distinguish themselves on the international stage. It is a talented squad and Greece will probably have to beat them to qualify.

Japan complete the group and even though it is a team with technical footballers, exemplified by Manchester United's Shinji Kagawa, it is a team that flopped badly at last year's Confederations Cup and are susceptible at the back.

On paper it seems a balanced group and there is every chance that Greece can progress. Indeed, coach Fernando Santos has high hopes but acknowledges the difficulty of the task ahead:

"It might not look like that, but this is one of the most difficult groups of the World Cup, because there are four teams with good chances to qualify," Santos said.

same. We are tough and we don't concede easily.

"I don't care how people describe our game or whether our style will be more defensive or offensive. We will play to make the last 16 and will fight for it as much as we can – you can be sure about that."

Greece will start their World Cup against Columbia on Saturday June 14. On Thursday June 19, they will face Japan and on Tuesday June 24 Greece will face Ivory Coast.

While Greece are optimistic about the draw, England are less so having been drawn against Uruguay, Italy and Costa Rica.

Uruguay are the seeded team in the group and possess magnificent striking options in Suarez, Cavani and Diego Forlan. It is a team that is past its best and are unlikely to repeat their fourth place at the last World Cup but against an England team that are largely functional, Suarez and Cavani will relish playing against a back four that contains average international footballers Cahill, Jagielka and Johnson.

England will start their campaign against Italy, a team that have a tournament mentality who also have attacking options to trouble England. Costa Rica will likely be the team the rest of the group will look to take three points, but as England play them

repeat the 2010 final on day two of the tournament. In addition, Chile, who recently beat England, will feel unfortunate to be in this group. Beyond this group stage, the runners-up will then likely face hosts Brazil.

Group G gives the tournament an intriguing encounter with Jurgen Klinsmann's USA taking on Germany with Portugal and Ghana making up a tough section.

With six months to go to the start of the tournament, the draw has whetted the appetite for what will be a festival of football. There is plenty to occupy commentators and fans before then, but there is genuine hope that this World Cup will be one of the most exciting in recent memory.

Roll on June!

The groups are:

Group A: Brazil, Cameroon, Mexico, Croatia

Group B: Spain, Chile, Australia, Netherlands

Group C: Colombia, Ivory Coast, Japan, GREECE

Group D: Uruguay, Italy, Costa Rica, ENGLAND

Group E: Switzerland, Ecuador, Honduras, France

Group F: Argentina, Nigeria, Iran, Bosnia

Group G: Germany, Ghana, U.S.A., Portugal

Group H: Belgium, Algeria, South Korea, Russia

KOPA Sports Round-up

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- PANTEL HOLD LEADERS
- MARONITES DENT ANORTHOSIS HOPES
- RIZOKARPASSO BACK IN BUSINESS

BY MIKKOS CHRYSOSTOMOU

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LIVADIA CHASE TOP FOUR

The title race was thrown wide open on Sunday when Livadia beat second place Tripimini 2-1 to close and introduce themselves to the elite four. They will all be looking round their shoulders on Livadia progressing up the table. Leaders Rizokarpaso beat Komi Kebir 6-2 and champions Salamina gradually wore down Olympia to win 2-0. In form Apoel beat Cetinkaya 3-1 to move into second spot.

In Division two the leading duo Brotherhood and Anorthosis suffered setbacks. The latter going down 2-0 to Maronites while the leaders Brotherhood were held 2-2 by Pantel. Pendayia easily beat Asha 7-1 while All Saints went down 4-2 to Arachne who now joint second.

Results in Detail

DIVISION ONE

TRIPIMENI 1
LIVADIA 2

Livadia had to thank goalkeeper Anthony Manoli for his efforts in keeping out Tripimini early pressure. Having weathered the storm they took the lead in the first half with a well taken free kick from Vince Rispoli.

The home side hit back on the hour to equalise despite having Alex Philippou sent off earlier for an off the ball incident. The visitors used the extra man to create several chances and finally made it 2-1 when Adem Ali set up Elia Katsoulides and pick up three points. Tripimini had another player sent off before the end and the suspensions could cost them dearly.

RIZOKARPASSO 6
KOMI KEBIR 2

Rizokarpaso showed no mercy in this comfortable victory over bottom of the table Komi Kebir to maintain their position at the top.

Three goals came from Bradley Stylianou the oth-



LIVADIA AIMING FOR TOP FOUR SPOT

ers coming from Harry Vazanias, Ricardo and Nick Nickou. Komi's two goals came from Andy Stylianou.

OLYMPIA 0
SALAMINA 2

Champions Salamina had to be at their best to keep out a tenacious and well organised Olympia side. The home side also had chances to take the lead but were wasted. Salamina managed to take control late in the game with two goals from Steve Valentia and close the gap on the leaders.

CETINKAYA 1
APOEL 3

APOEL had to overcome an early setback to beat a lively Cetinkaya 3-1 at Tottenham Sports ground. The home side went ahead with a goal in the third minute from Evren Altinok.

APOEL levelled with Andre McCollins and took the lead with an own goal. There was more misery

for Cetinkaya who missed the chance to level having failed to score from a penalty.

APOEL finally secured all three points with another McCollins goal and move into second spot.

DIVISION TWO

PANTEL 2
BROTHERHOOD 2

Leaders Brotherhood were fortunate to come away with a point against a revitalised Pantel side who took a 2-0 lead.

Goals from Jason and Yiannis Yianni gave the home side supporters hope of a big win but the experienced Brotherhood hit two late goals from Aaron Kennedy to salvage a point.

ALL SAINTS 2
ARACHNE 4

A hat trick from Damien Spyrou helped Arachne beat All Saints 4-2 and put themselves in joint third

spot. They led 1-0 at the interval then raced to 4-0 when Leo scored but complacency set in and allowed All Saints to score twice with Rhys Watson and Serhan Kemal and finish 4-2.

PENDAYIA 7
ASHA 1

Pendayia are steadily climbing up the table and Asha were on the receiving end of a goal avalanche. Jordan Shaw hit four goals the others came from Mark Richards 2 and Anthony Kallis.

Asha's reply came from Andrew Sparsi.

ANORTHOSIS 0
MARONITES 2

Maronites stalled Anorthosis promotion progress with this 2-0 victory. A goal in each half by Simi Kouttis and Marcus Archer put Maronites in control. Anorthosis had a chance to get back in the game but missed a penalty.

A E K NEWS !

AEK U13 and AEK U11 triumphed in the AFA County Cup

AEK U13 (Black) Youth FC contested a tightly fought affair at Enfield Playing fields against Winchmore Hill FC. A goal in each half by Luke Goodey gave AEK a 2-0 win to take them in to the semi finals of the AFA County Cup. Man of the Match Alex Charalambous worked tirelessly to ensure the result was not in doubt, Con Michael, Andrew Tiritas, Chris Shakalis made the midfield impressive with good passing and possession. Khalid Nesbit was a rock in defence and the pacey Fabian Marshall Joseph made sure nothing got through to trouble the keeper George Kyriacou. Emmanuel Yedo and George Onati were solid in the full back positions. Mario Tzotis and Antony Georgiou made life very difficult for the Winchmore Hill defence with constant forays forward looking for more goals. The U13s semi final will be against Wadham FC.

The AEK U11s also triumphed 2 – 1 against Enfield Town in a very close encounter in which Enfield took the lead in the first half after a penalty was awarded. Kofi and Jack were a constant threat and unlucky not to score in the first half. Stefano made some intelligent passes to open up the defence. Joel was working hard to close down any attacks and Theo, Thomas and Rocco kept the opposition at bay. Andrew and David made some important tackles in a game that needed everyone to be at their best. George and Tom were always a danger on the left. The two goalkeepers Alex and Alexander made some important saves to ensure that the only Enfield goal was from a penalty. An impressive diving header from Tom gave AEK the equaliser and with five minutes to go Kofi beat the defender to smash a left footed drive in to the top corner and win the tie for AEK. The semi-final will be against Alexandra Park Youth – good luck to both AEK teams.



