

## CYPRUS LATEST NEWS

### Peace Talks Continuing

Cypriot President Demetris Christofias & Turkish Cypriot leader Mehmet Ali Talat are continuing direct negotiations, making further progress on the issue of governance for a unified Republic of Cyprus. Christofias & Talat have been engaged in negotiations since September 2008.

### Military Exercises Cancelled

Turkey has decided not to carry out the annual military exercise "Toros" in Northern Cyprus, improving the climate surrounding the ongoing peace negotiations. President Demetris Christofias also cancelled the Cyprus National Guard's annual military exercise, "Nikiforos".



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## BI-ANNUAL UPDATE

### *Website*

After six months after the launch of the FOYA Cyprus website, the site has been visited over three hundred times. We are extremely pleased with the amount of visits to the website and predict more visitors once FOYA Cyprus becomes a registered organization.

### *PayPal*

In an effort to provide a safe and secure method for individuals to make donations via our website, FOYA Cyprus aimed to utilize the services of PayPal. After many complications regarding the opening of a 'charity' account with PayPal (due to the fact that FOYA Cyprus remains to be registered locally as a charitable organization) we are now pleased to announce that the matter has been resolved. Please feel free to visit our website and make a donation with PayPal.

### *Association*

Over the course of the last six months, the main efforts of FOYA Cyprus have been directed toward registering the organization. We have been liaising with the NGO Support Centre and have decided to register as an association. It was initially planned to register as a limited company and apply for charitable status shortly after. However, the costs associated with registering as a limited company are beyond the financial parameters of FOYA Cyprus and thus, FOYA Cyprus will register as an association.

Sincerely,

Demetrios Nicolaidis  
President

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# Fundraising Update

In order to become a registered Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) FOYA Cyprus must pay numerous legal and administrative fees. Most NGOs must undergo this difficult stage as larger fundraising initiatives cannot be organized until the organization is registered.

FOYA Cyprus hopes to receive €1,000 in donations and will constantly track and update progress toward this goal on our website under "Donate". As well, complete transparency of FOYA Cyprus' accounts and expenses is available on our website.

To date FOYA Cyprus has received €21.00 in donations. We are still far from reaching our target goal of €1,000, but have decided to continue with registration nonetheless.

FOYA Cyprus greatly needs your assistance and we would like to encourage you to take the time to make a small donation. Even as little as €10 or €20 per person would make a tremendous impact.

Individuals who are willing to make a sizeable donation to FOYA Cyprus, identified as €100 or over, will receive special recognition and their name will be added to our website, listed as a "Top Donor". To become a Top Donor click on the "Donate Now" link below and make your donation.

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To continue to receive updates about FOYA Cyprus, progress towards becoming a registered NGO and other programs thereafter, subscribe to receive this newsletter twice a year.

We understand people do not want to be barraged with information, thus FOYA Cyprus will put together and forward to you a newsletter such as this, only twice a year.

Visit the "News/Announcements" section of our website and subscribe.



## History in Brief

Cyprus has been the host to violent conflict over thirty years, when in 1974 a Greek back coup on the island prompted a Turkish military invasion on the island. Turkish forces captured and still retain 37% of the northern areas of the island, as a diplomatic settlement has eluded diplomats and politicians for over thirty years.

In 2003 a revolutionary development occurred in Cyprus as Turkish authorities in the occupied areas declared the opening of the ceasefire line, which had been permanently shut for over thirty years. This development allowed, for the first time in thirty years, the free movement of people across Cyprus. In April 2004, Greek and Turkish Cypriots came the closest to a political settlement as both communities held simultaneous referenda on a UN sponsored peace plan. Following its rejection by the Greek Cypriot community,

Cyprus entered the European Union on May 1, 2004 as a divided state and thus has proved a difficult issue for EU officials in determining the application of EU laws in Cyprus, the status of the Turkish Cypriots and the application of Turkey itself for the European Union.



# Membership

As FOYA Cyprus is now prepared to become a registered organization, we are excited to announce that we will now be accepting members.

As per the FOYA Cyprus constitution membership is open to all individuals and all members shall be eligible to run as a candidate for the administrative council, attend all council meetings, attend all Annual General Meetings and Vote!

To become a member, a membership form must be completed and signed and a €20 registration fee must be paid.

Become a  
member

Register TODAY!

The application form is currently available in English, Greek and Turkish and is available at the end of this newsletter. Simply complete and sign the application form and e-mail it to [secretary@forumforyouthcyprus.com](mailto:secretary@forumforyouthcyprus.com). You can also pay your membership fee on our website at [www.forumforyouthcyprus.com](http://www.forumforyouthcyprus.com) under the "Join Now" section.

If you would like to receive a copy of our constitution for your consideration, please do not hesitate to contact us. The constitution is currently only available in English & Greek, but will also soon be available in Turkish as well.



## Your help is needed

Get involved and help FOYA Cyprus become a reality.

Show your dedication and determination to creating a peaceful and prosperous Cyprus.

## You can make a difference

By making a donation you can help FOYA Cyprus make a difference.

You can help make a change from a divided society, to a united society.

## Christmas Cards



This holiday season spread the true spirit of Christmas by bringing joy, hope and happiness to both friends at home and to strangers afar.

Simply purchase our Christmas card online and include the name of your recipient. FOYA Cyprus will print a personalized Christmas card and mail it to you.

Give this card to your friends or family members over the holidays as a special and giving, Christmas gift.

The card will let your special recipient know that you have made a donation in their name and we will highlight how their contribution will help fund inter-communal peace workshops to help the youth of Cyprus learn about peace, non-violence and reconciliation.

Contact [info@forumforyouthcyprus.com](mailto:info@forumforyouthcyprus.com) for more information or to see a sample of the card.

## Final Remarks

In closing I would like to include a personal message to all readers. To all friends old and new, far and close, colleagues, classmates and acquaintances.

We can make a difference! FOYA Cyprus is committed to achieving all that is possible to make Cyprus a peaceful nation for all future generations. Your donation, even for as little as €10, will help make a difference. In one of the most militarized areas on the planet, we must ensure that the youth do not become victims of this militarization. Through FOYA Cyprus I plan to organize various, projects and events that will bring both Greek and Turkish Cypriot youth together.

Again, I ask you to take a minute and make a donation to FOYA Cyprus through our website, [www.forumforyouthcyprus.com](http://www.forumforyouthcyprus.com).

I hope you will take the time to make a donation to FOYA Cyprus and help us be a positive force within Cyprus.

If you want to help us and make a donation but do not have PayPal, please do not hesitate to contact me to organize other arrangements.



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Membership Form  
Αίτηση Εγγραφής Μέλους  
Üyelik Formu

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