

## TURKEY is Guilty!

**As a result of the violent Turkish invasion in July and August 1974:**

**3,000** people were killed, including women and children.

**1/3** of the total Greek population of Cyprus were displaced (that amounts to about 200,000 people).

**1,619** Greeks were declared missing, while Turkey never accounted for their fate to this day. Many of these were last seen while being sent for torture in Turkey, most of which are presumed dead, with their relatives still hoping that one day they will find out what happened to their loved ones.

**37%** of geographical area of the Republic of Cyprus is still under illegal military occupation, since 1974.

**500** Greek Cypriots are still trapped in the northern occupied part of the island, under strict Turkish stratocracy.

**The turks pillaged and completely destroyed** Christian churches, monasteries and cemeteries, and **illegally traded** monuments and heirlooms abroad, in order to distort the Greek cultural heritage of the island. **Turkey forced settlement** of thousands of innocent Turkish people in the northern side of Cyprus, with a view of altering the initial population percentage.

### Cyprus: an island divided



## The aftermath of the invasion

The **drama** of people losing their homes and families.

The **uncertainty** for the future of the prisoners of war.

The **grief** of the innocent children...

are all **human rights VIOLATIONS** and should be **condemned**.



## November 15th 1983

On November 15th 1983, Turkey proceeded in self-proclaiming the declaration of a pseudo-state, the so-called "Turkish Republic Of Northern Cyprus" ("TRNC"). This illegal entity, is recognised ONLY by Turkey and has been condemned by the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) for human rights violations in Cyprus.



## A brief chronology of events...

The referendum expressing the eternal national desire of the Cypriot people for "Enosis" (the unification of Cyprus with motherland Greece), was rejected by the British colonial rulers in the 1950s.

An armed movement, EOKA, was subsequently organised, serving the ultimate objectives of freedom from British rule and the union of Cyprus with Greece. It is worth mentioning that the Turkish Cypriot minority had also voted for Enosis in the preceding referendum.

Despite EOKA's struggle and ultimate military win over the colonial army, Cyprus was never granted to Greece by the British; it was instead granted independence following the Zurich-London Agreements during 1959-60. In addition to the fact that independence was never the desire of the Cypriots, neither was it the target of EOKA, the Greek population of the island was further disappointed by the disproportionate privileges granted to the Muslim minority of the island. Yet, the establishment of the Republic of Cyprus gave legal standing to Cyprus as an Internationally Recognised State (United Nations Security Council Resolution 155).

In July 1974, Turkey invaded Cyprus, ultimately capturing by force the northern side of the island. In November 1983, a unilaterally declared independence by the Turkish Cypriots was sought.

### **Turkey violated Human Right laws in 1974...**

In total, 17 Resolutions are adopted by the UN General Assembly regarding Missing persons and Human Rights violations in Cyprus by Turkey

### **...and continued doing so in 1983 and to this day.**

The UN Security Council Resolution 541 and UN Security Council Resolution 550 condemn and refuse to recognise the illegal declaration of "TRNC" as a state.

### **What could you do to aid the Cypriot struggle for Justice?**

The purpose of this leaflet is purely informative. We are firm believers that the first step to combating injustice is the imparting of knowledge. This is what will allow a more stable resistance foundation against any kind of human rights violation.

Furthermore, it is of the utmost importance to proactively act against propaganda, false and misleading information, and inform other people of the situation in the small island of Cyprus.

Stand with **US**, stand with **FREEDOM**, stand with the **WORLD**: against the **violent invasion** and **continuous illegal occupation of Cyprus** by the state of Turkey

### **Thank you for taking the time to read this leaflet.**

METOPO Cypriot Student Movement is a non-partisan organisation, founded in 2006, when a group of students impulsively decided that they had a duty to defend their values and ideals.

Amongst us are students deriving from different political backgrounds, whose common goal and ambition is neither self-projection, nor the promotion of any political party. As a movement based in the UK, we are constantly trying to resolve the issue of Turkish propaganda, and our main aim is to awaken our fellow students. Our dream is to help the development of conscientious citizens who are prepared to fight for their rights and their freedom, and we ask for your support in our struggle.

*"He who remains silent, is taken to consent"*

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## **Do you stand #WITHREFUGEES?**

In 1974, the people of Cyprus became refugees in their own homeland. In order to escape the Turkish atrocities and barbaric crimes and to save their lives, thousands of Cypriot families were forced to flee their homes, leaving everything behind. Refugees have a right to live with dignity and regain what legally belongs to them.

In Cyprus - a small Mediterranean Island and a member of the European Union since 2004 - people are still being deprived of the most basic human right, the right to freedom. They are doomed to see their homes from a distance and are only able to reminisce on memories, since Turkish armed troops that are still illegally occupying half of the island, forbid their return.

### **Imagine YOUR homeland being divided and YOUR family being forced to flee your home.**

**Could you imagine** the cities of London, Berlin, Paris, Madrid, Canberra, Brussels, Amsterdam, Rome, Prague, Stockholm, Vienna, Moscow, Washington D.C., Mexico-City, Buenos Aires, Brasilia, Beijing, New Delhi, Seoul, or

**YOUR capital city being divided and being kept under illegal military occupation with armed troops restricting your access?**

