

# EDON for the opening of the enclosed city of Varosia



**46** years were completed last August since the cosmopolitan city of Famagusta was to become a ghost town and remains enclosed to this day. The time for the city of Famagusta stopped right there, in 1974, when its legal inhabitants were expelled by the Turkish army.

Security Council Resolutions 550 and 789, adopted in 1984, expressly condemn any attempt to settle any part of Varosia. Additional resolutions refer to the opening of UN-controlled Varosia, which was reaffirmed in 2012.

The Government's manipulations on the Cyprus issue in combination with the Turkish intransigence have had negative consequences for the efforts to resolve the Cyprus issue. For the past three years, there have been no talks, and Turkish provocation has become a daily occurrence. The culmination of the Turkish provocation is the decision of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdo-

gan, with the so-called "prime minister" and Erdogan's candidate for the so-called presidential elections on Sunday in the occupied side of Cyprus, Ersin Tatarstan, on Friday.

Unfortunately, the threats to open Varosia by Turkey were not just "pre-election tricks", as Foreign Minister Christodoulidis stated. The move was a pre-election show on the part of the divided Tatar. On the other hand, for the people of Cyprus who want the liberation and reunification of our place, and especially for the people of Famagusta, it was another invasion.

As EDON, we participated in the protest held by the Municipality of Famagusta and sent a message condemning the illegal opening of the coastal front of Famagusta. We also condemn the attack of Greek Cypriot far right on the roadblock of Deryneia. Such actions result in the rise of nationalism in both communities and bring the division closer and closer.

We will fight until the end, for the liberation and reunification of our people and our place. For a Cyprus, homeland of all its children.



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# No tolerance for the alteration of the public and free character of public universities!

**R**ecently, the issue of English-language programs with tuition fees at Public Universities has returned to the fore, due to the draft law that was referred to the plenary session of the Parliament by DISY. In essence, the proposal makes it possible to impose tuition fees in undergraduate programs in the public universities of our country.

In this way, the public and free character of the universities is affected, as those who can not afford these programs will be excluded. Tuition will essentially create two-speed students, those who can afford it and those who do not. We believe that the imposition of tuition fees in English language programs will be the prelude to the future introduction of tuition fees in all curricula of public universities.

Teaching programs in English is not something we disagree

with, on the contrary we support it. Teaching in English, however, is a different matter from imposing tuition fees to attend these curricula.

Related to this issue are also the alternative ways of admission to these programs. DISY's proposal proposes to enter these programs with international exams and not with Pancyprian exams. Obviously, the Pancyprian exams are not the ideal way to be admitted to Public Universities, however, having a single exam for all prospective students is an imperative, as otherwise the criterion of fairness and equality among students is affected.

Policies like these, the main concern is to serve only the interests of the few and the elite, completely dissolving the public and free character of education. As EDON, we will not stop fighting for a truly public and free education, as we did in the past with the battles we fought for the establishment of public universities, as we do today by building a bulwark against degrading policies, as we will continue to do so in the future.



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# Deeply understand Fascism!



The condemnation of Golden Dawn as a criminal organization and its members on October 7 in Greece, is a popular historical victory. This court decision is the highest justification for the families of the anti-fascist Pavlos Fyssas and the other victims, as well as for many communists, refugees, immigrants and members of the labor movement who saw fascism face to face.

The Golden Dawn condemnation should not reassure us. Fascism is not defeated in courtrooms. This decision must be confronted by the ubiquitous anti-fascists, as a milestone in our struggle for a world without fascism, without Nazism without the monster that gave birth to holocausts, concentration camps and juntas. Fascism, as rotten as the system has given birth to, cannot be "another voice in democracy."

The House of Representatives, in its Resolution in November 2017 on the rise of neo-fascism, called on the authorities to monitor the Golden Dawn trial and, depending on the results, to take appropriate action to determine whether the Golden Dawn criminal offenses occur. in Cyprus. In Cyprus, the activities of neo-Nazi, fascist, far-right organizations and their connection to the Golden Dawn have been publicly clarified by ELAM itself.

EDON, together with the mass presence of the wider youth and people, marched on October 11, 2020, from the Greek Embassy to the Presidential Palace and raised their demand for the immediate need for an investigation by the State and the Attorney General of the Republic of Cyprus, for the action of the criminal Nazi organization "Golden Dawn" in Cyprus, its relationship with parties-organizations operating in our country and the possibility of committing criminal offenses by them in Cyprus.

As EDON, we know very well that fascism will not be defeated by a condemnation. Fascism is crushed by the people in the streets, in the squares, in the universities, in the schools, in the stadiums, in the workplaces. Fascism is crushed in the struggle for a society that will abolish the exploitation of man by man.

So there is no middle ground. Either you are with them or in front of them.

We were and are opposite. And as we crushed them then, in '45, we will crush them today! As humanity and life won then, so they will win today!



# Nagorno - Karabakh: End hostilities immediately

On the morning of Sunday, September 27, 2020, the Azerbaijani armed forces, violating the ceasefire of recent years, attacked Nagorno-Karabakh. The conflict in the region did not fall like lightning, as the ethnic and religious differences between the Azeris and Armenians in the region have existed for centuries, while for months there has been increased tension. The situation between the two countries had stabilized after the victory of the Great October Socialist Revolution in Russia, in 1917. The conflict returned to the fore in the late 1980s, when world historical changes took place in Eastern Europe that led to the dissolution of the USSR.

Today's resurgence raises some questions, as on September 25, two days before the outbreak of military conflict, the United States sent instructions to its embassies in the two countries to allow American citizens to leave the area.

Add to this the dangerous situation, is the destabilizing role of Turkey. In addition to the provocative statements of Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan, Turkey is also participating militarily. According to Russian information, Turkish aircraft and drones are actively involved in the clashes, while Turkish "special forces" are on Azerbaijani territory.

As EDON, we support an immediate ceasefire and the return of the warring parties to the negotiating table. To end the bloodshed and the sacrifice of civilians on the altar of a conflict that has nothing to offer to the peoples of the countries, but also of the region. The Minsk Group, set up by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and co-chaired by Russia, the United States and France, as well as the United Nations, must make every effort to find a diplomatic solution to the issue.

