



PRESIDENCY
OF THE TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS



200 DAYS

in the Presidency

Booklet on the “200 Days” in Office of
President Tufan Erhürman

FOREWORD

Since my first day in office, I have endeavoured to uphold an approach on governance founded on transparency, participation, and collective wisdom, guided by the responsibility entrusted to me with the mandate of our people. We shall be continuing on this path with the same commitment to transparency and determination in the period ahead.

Throughout the more than 200 days that have passed, we have worked to ensure that the Turkish Cypriots can look to the future with confidence. We have taken meaningful steps and made every effort to advance our vision of a country where our children can live as equals, in freedom, good health, and happiness.

Our determination to build a more just, stronger, and more hopeful future will continue with the same conviction in the days ahead. We will continue to move forward together, to produce together, and to govern together.

I extend my warmest greetings to our people with affection and respect.

Tufan Erhürman

President



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**“ We continue to work with patience,
composure, seriousness and
determination... ”**

Domestic Affairs

In the first 100 days, the “EU Citizenship and Free Movement Unit”, “Maritime Jurisdiction Areas and Energy Unit”, “Export and Tourism Unit”, “Cultural Heritage Unit”, “Youth Coordination Unit”, “Unit for Monitoring Public Administration and Evaluating Citizen Complaints”, “Relations with Europe Unit”, “Council of Political Parties”, “Education Unit”, “Economy Unit”, “Property Unit”, “Environmental and Climate Unit”, “Security Council of the Republic”, “Public Diplomacy Unit”, “Culture and Arts Unit”, “Sports Unit”, “Preparation for Meetings Unit”, and the “Coordination of Technical Committees Unit” were established. Since their establishment, these bodies have held numerous meetings and continue to carry out their work.

The established working units were conceived as effective consultation mechanisms through which views and assessments can be exchanged directly, building on ongoing work in their respective areas, accumulated expertise, and collective wisdom.

Through the Presidency working units, public sentiment, expectations, and priorities are regularly conveyed; the views shared are addressed through a feedback-oriented approach and reflected in the agenda of the Presidency.

Outside these working units, the Presidency, within the scope of the constitutional powers vested in it, has also become engaged in domestic matters and challenges, holding meetings with the central administration, trade unions and civil society organisations in order to help resolve various issues or prevent them from escalating.

“ The Presidency will continue, as it has done so to date, to make every effort to discharge the duties entrusted to it under the Constitution and applicable laws and regulations. ”

A total of 34 Laws were examined

— President Tufan Erhürman:

“Pursuant to Article 102 of the Constitution, the President is the Head of State. In this capacity, he/she represents the unity and integrity of the State and of society. The President is responsible for ensuring respect for the Constitution of the Republic and the uninterrupted and orderly conduct of public affairs.”

3  **LAWS RETURNED TO PARLIAMENT**

2  **LAWS REFERRED TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT**

29  **LAWS PROMULGATED**



Laws returned to Parliament

President Tufan Erhürman, acting pursuant to the authority vested in him under Article 94 (I) of the Constitution, returned three bills to the Assembly of the Republic for reconsideration.

In addition, President Erhürman, exercising the authority conferred upon him by Article 146 of the Constitution, referred two bills to the Constitutional Court for its opinion.

A further 29 laws were promulgated by the President in accordance with Article 94 (I) of the Constitution.

The laws returned to the Assembly of the Republic by the President for reconsideration, in accordance with the authority conferred by Article 94 (I) of the Constitution, are as follows:

1. Housing Acquisition (Amendment) Law
2. Transfer and Lease of Low Forest Lands (Amendment) Law
3. Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Law

Laws referred to the Constitutional Court

1. Law on the Ratification of the Protocol on the Construction Project of the Gazimağusa College of Theology between the Government of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and the Government of the Republic of Türkiye.
2. Law on the Ratification of the Cooperation Protocol between the Government of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and the Government of the Republic of Türkiye on the Development of the TRNC Fibre-Optic Infrastructure and the Provision of Services to Households and Businesses through Fibre-Optic Networks.

183 Issues, 132 Solutions

The Unit for Monitoring Public Administration and Evaluating Citizen Complaints within the Presidency has concluded 132 out of 183 applications received.

The Unit for Monitoring Public Administration and Evaluating Citizen Complaints, established within the Presidency, held meetings with citizens who had submitted complaints or requests.

During the period exceeding 200 days, the unit examined 183 cases and solved 132 of them. Of these 132 cases, 79 were concluded positively within the framework of applicable legislation, whilst 53 had negative conclusions. In addition, 51 cases remain under ongoing review.

The unit serves as a direct link and channel of communication between the Presidency and citizens, working to address lawful requests submitted by the public and to facilitate their resolution in accordance with the law.



Ektam Cyprus Ltd. — Support for employees



On 16 February 2026, President Erhürman paid a visit to Ektam Cyprus Ltd. and met with employees who were on strike. During the visit, President Erhürman received information from trade union representatives and employees regarding the ongoing indefinite strike, and listened to their views and demands concerning the process.

Meetings with the Turkish Cypriot Bar Association, Media Ethics Board, BASIN-SEN and the Turkish Cypriot Journalists Association



On 7 May 2026, President Tufan Erhürman held separate meetings with the leadership of the Turkish Cypriot Bar Association, the Media Ethics Board, BASIN-SEN and the Turkish Cypriot Journalists Association regarding the “Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Law”, which had been passed by the Assembly.

President Erhürman meets Government officials and trade union leaders



During the general strikes and actions launched in early April by trade unions in opposition to the cost-of-living allowance law, President Erhürman assumed a critical mediating role and held meetings with government officials and trade union leaders.

Entry restrictions to Türkiye lifted for 16 individuals



President Erhürman stated on 8 May 2026 that the entry restrictions imposed on 16 individuals regarding entry into the Republic of Türkiye had been lifted, and emphasised that consultations and efforts on the matter would continue.

Technical Committees

The Turkish Cypriot side views the Technical Committees, operating under the auspices of the two leaders and facilitated by the United Nations, as one of the fundamental pillars in ensuring dialogue and cooperation between the two sides. In this context, a restructuring process has been initiated by the Turkish Cypriot side within the 13 Technical Committees, and the work of the Committees has recently been accelerated with a view to addressing more effectively the day-to-day issues and practical problems faced by both Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots. Efforts aimed at the restructuring of the Committees are ongoing.

The 13 Technical Committees are as follows:

1. Broadcasting and Telecommunications
2. Crime and Criminal Matters
3. Crisis Management
4. Crossing Points
5. Culture
6. Cultural Heritage
7. Economic and Commercial Affairs
8. Education
9. Environment
10. Gender Equality
11. Health
12. Humanitarian Affairs
13. Youth

Foot-and-Mouth Disease

Vaccines that were urgently and directly donated from Türkiye and the EU Antigen Bank enabled the vaccination of all animals in the north, and the disease was effectively combated. The spread of the disease beyond the identified areas was prevented. Following the initial urgent need for vaccines by the Greek Cypriot side, 60,000 doses procured from the EU Antigen Bank were donated without delay. The Sub-Committee on Veterinary Affairs, established under the Technical Committee on Health has also been operating in a highly effective manner since the beginning of the outbreak, holding regular meetings, exchanging information, and assessing alternative methods for combating the disease.

In addition, the Turkish Cypriot side has continued to support coordinated efforts between the two sides to overcome the disease, as also noted in the statement issued following the Leaders' Meeting on 8 May 2026.



Worn and torn banknotes amounting to 2 million euros were successfully exchanged



Worn and torn banknotes amounting to 2 million euros were successfully exchanged. President Erhürman announced that a total of 2 million euros in worn and damaged euro banknotes accumulated over the years in the country were successfully replaced with new banknotes through the Technical Committee on Economic and Commercial Affairs.

Completion of the Metehan road widening works and the commencement of road tax service in Bostancı



In addition to the completion of the project for the addition of a new lane and immigration booths carried out with the aim of alleviating congestion at the Metehan

crossing point and our request that road tax services, also for the same purpose, be provided at the Bostancı crossing point was implemented within the first 200 days, following agreement on this matter at the first meeting of the leaders. It has also been agreed that this service will be provided at the Derinya crossing point, and its implementation is expected.

A significant milestone has been achieved regarding the export of hellim/halloumi



The institution to be tasked with carrying out the inspections necessary to enable the trade of hellim/halloumi via the Green Line was appointed on Monday, 6 April 2026, following an approximately five-year delay. With the appointment of the French inspection body Bureau Veritas, another critical threshold has been crossed in the process enabling indirect access of one of our most important export products, hellim, to European Union countries via the Green Line.

In addition, a decision has been taken to establish a PDO/PGI (Protected Designation of Origin / Protected Geographical Indication) Sub-Committee under the Technical Committee on Economic and Commercial Affairs to also enable Turkish Cypriots to assess other locally produced goods that, like hellim, are also registered with the European Union.

Diplomatic Contacts and Meetings

President Tufan Erhürman has held numerous meetings, visits, and diplomatic contacts both domestically and internationally over a period exceeding 200 days. President Erhürman has voiced the rights and interests of the Turkish Cypriots in every forum and at every meeting.

“

We will never abandon seriousness, patience, composure, and determination, and we will continue to seek solutions to problems through diplomacy and dialogue.

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DIALOGUE TABLE



President Tufan Erhürman held three meetings with Greek Cypriot Leader Nikos Christodoulides on 24 February 2026, 6 April 2026 and 8 May 2026.

The meetings were held at the official residence of the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General, in the buffer zone.

Describing the first bilateral meeting as “open and sincere,” President Erhür-

man stated that the discussions covered the stage reached in the work on Confidence-Building Measures, the areas in which incremental progress had been achieved, and possible avenues for further advancement.

At the leaders meeting held on 8 May 2026, the two sides reached agreement on four key issues.



“ We will continue, in good faith, the approach we set out immediately after the presidential elections. If this same approach is also embraced in the south, it would benefit the whole island, both Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots.

”

— “We are at the dialogue table. In line with the solution-oriented will of our people, we are continuing with determination, patience, composure, and seriousness.”



Agreement Reached on Four Key Issues

— President Tufan Erhürman:

“The Turkish Cypriots do not wish to be isolated from the world, they wish to engage with it. This people seek equality. This people seek solutions, not problems. This people want their children to enjoy, on an equal basis, all the rights and opportunities enjoyed by children in developed countries. We will continue our efforts to achieve this objective...”

CONSULTATION WITH CIVIL SOCIETY:

The establishment of a consultative body with the aim of ensuring the active participation of civil society in the process.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES:

Island-wide planning to be carried out for a six-month period regarding the regulation of religious services.

COMBATING FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE:

Continuation of coordination within the framework of efforts to combat foot-and-mouth disease.

PDO/PGI SUB-COMMITTEE:

The establishment of a sub-committee under the Technical Committee on Economic and Commercial Affairs regarding the registration of local and traditional products.



President Tufan Erhürman received María Ángela Holguín Cuéllar, Personal Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General for Cyprus

President Tufan Erhürman held a meeting with María Ángela Holguín Cuéllar, Personal Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General for Cyprus, on 8 June 2026.

The Cyprus issue, confidence - building measures, and regional developments were discussed at the meeting.



Meetings with Ambassadors

President Tufan Erhürman held meetings with various ambassadors during the first 200 days of his term in office. President Erhürman raised the issues faced by the Turkish Cypriots and put forward in detail his position on the Cyprus issue. The common agenda in the meetings was the Cyprus issue and the rights, interests, and expectations of the Turkish Cypriot people.

Over the course of more than 200 days, President Erhürman met with Martin Hagström, Ambassador of Sweden; Wouter Plomp, Ambassador of the Netherlands; Clélia Chevrier Kolačko, Ambassador of France; Martin Bezák, Ambassador of Slovakia; Julie S. Davis, Ambassador of the United States (on two separate occasions); Michael Tatham, British High Commissioner; Sorin-Dan Mihalache, Ambassador of Romania; Christoph Burgener, Ambassador of Switzerland; Hans-Peter Jugel, Ambassador of Germany; Päivi Peltokoski, Ambassador of Finland; and Antonella Cavallari, Ambassador of Italy.

“ We will continue to maintain contacts and cooperation at all levels. ”

2 December 2025 – Martin Hagström,
Ambassador of Sweden to Nicosia

16 December 2025 – Wouter Plomp,
Ambassador of the Netherlands to Nicosia

18 December 2025 – Clélia Chevrier
Kolačko, Ambassador of France to Nicosia

7 January 2026 – Martin Bezák,
Ambassador of Slovakia to Nicosia

8 January 2026 – Julie S. Davis,
Ambassador of the United States to Nicosia

22 January 2026 – Michael Tatham, British
High Commissioner to Nicosia

2 February 2026 – Sorin-Dan Mihalache,
Ambassador of Romania to Nicosia

19 February 2026 – Christoph Burgener,
Ambassador of Switzerland to Nicosia

27 February 2026 – Hans-Peter Jugel,
Ambassador of Germany to Nicosia

27 March 2026 – Päivi Peltokoski,
Ambassador of Finland to Nicosia

5 May 2026 – Julie S. Davis, Ambassador of
the United States to Nicosia

11 May 2026 – Antonella Cavallari,
Ambassador of Italy to Nicosia



Swedish Ambassador

President Tufan Erhürman received Martin Hagström, Ambassador of Sweden in Nicosia.



Dutch Ambassador

President Tufan Erhürman received Wouter Plomp, Ambassador of the Netherlands in Nicosia.



French Ambassador

President Tufan Erhürman held a meeting with Clélia Chevrier Kolačko, Ambassador of France in Nicosia.



Slovak Ambassador

President Tufan Erhürman held a meeting with Martin Bezák, Ambassador of Slovakia in Nicosia.



US Ambassador

President Tufan Erhürman held a meeting with Julie S. Davis, Ambassador of the United States in Nicosia.



British High Commissioner

President Tufan Erhürman received Michael Tatham, British High Commissioner in Nicosia.



Romanian Ambassador

President Tufan Erhürman received Sorin-Dan Mihalache, Ambassador of Romania in Nicosia.



Swiss Ambassador

Swiss Ambassador: President Tufan Erhürman received Christoph Burgener, Ambassador of Switzerland in Nicosia.



German Ambassador

President Tufan Erhürman received Hans-Peter Jugel, Ambassador of Germany in Nicosia.



Finnish Ambassador

President Tufan Erhürman received Päivi Peltokoski, Ambassador of Finland in Nicosia.



US Ambassador

President Tufan Erhürman received Julie S. Davis, Ambassador of the United States in Nicosia.”



Italian Ambassador

President Tufan Erhürman received Antonella Cavallari, Ambassador of Italy in Nicosia.

NEW YORK



Bilateral meeting with António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations

President Tufan Erhürman held his first bilateral meeting with António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General, on 11 February 2026, following his assumption of office.

Describing the meeting as both “useful” and “productive,” President Erhürman stated that he had the opportunity to put forward the solution-oriented will of his people, his methodological proposals regarding the process, and his views on confidence-building measures.

Four-Point methodology presented in detail

— President Tufan Erhürman stated that, during his meeting with António Guterres, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in New York, he presented in detail the four-point methodology proposal:

“We had the opportunity to share our four-point methodological proposal with Mr. Secretary-General and his delegation in greater detail, also including illustrative examples.”

1

The principle of political equality, including rotating presidency and effective participation (including at least one favourable vote), will be reconfirmed;

3

The new process will be results-oriented and time-framed;

2

The convergences leading up to the Crans-Montana conference on Cyprus will not be re-negotiated;

4

If the process fails again through no fault of our own, the Turkish Cypriots will not be condoned to their current status.

200 Days in the Presidency

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High Level Meetings at the Antalya Diplomacy Forum

President Tufan Erhürman participated in the 5th edition of the Antalya Diplomacy Forum, held between 17 and 19 April 2026 under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Türkiye, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, and hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye.



President Tufan Erhürman delivered a speech at the Antalya Diplomacy Forum

During the Forum, President Tufan Erhürman delivered a speech that attracted considerable interest from participants and international observers. President Erhürman noted in his speech that the Turkish Cypriots, together with the Republic of Türkiye, continue to uphold their will for a solution.

President Erhürman also held meetings at the Antalya Diplomacy Forum with İlham Aliyev, President of Azerbaijan; Kubanychbek Kasymovich Omuraliev, Secretary General of the Organisation of Turkic States; and Rosemary A. DiCarlo, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs.

At every opportunity, President Erhürman has voiced the rights and interests of the Turkish Cypriots and emphasised that the isolation imposed on them no longer have any validity. Prior to the Antalya Diplomacy Forum, he had also met in İstanbul with Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of the Republic of Türkiye.



Meeting with Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of the Republic of Türkiye



Ahead of the Antalya Diplomacy Forum, President Tufan Erhürman met with Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of the Republic of Türkiye, at the Dolmabahçe Presidential Office in İstanbul.

The meeting focused on current regional developments and issues of mutual interest.

Meeting with İlham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan



Within the framework of the Antalya Diplomacy Forum, President Tufan Erhürman met with İlham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The two leaders exchanged views on further strengthening the ties between the two friendly and brotherly peoples and discussed opportunities for enhanced cooperation in the period ahead.

Meeting with Ambassador Kubanychbek Kasymovich Omuraliev, Secretary-General of the Organisation of Turkic States



President Erhürman also met with Ambassador Kubanychbek Kasymovich Omuraliev, Secretary-General of the Organisation of Turkic States.

Discussions focused on relations with the Organisation of Turkic States, as well as on future opportunities for cooperation and engagement.

Meeting with Rosemary A. DiCarlo, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs



President Erhürman met with Rosemary A. DiCarlo, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs

The meeting provided an opportunity for an in-depth exchange of views on recent developments concerning confidence-building measures and the Cyprus issue.



“Mapping Tomorrow, Managing Uncertainties”

President Erhürman delivered a speech at the Antalya Diplomacy Forum that was held under the theme “Mapping Tomorrow, Managing Uncertainties.”

Addressing participants, he emphasised the resilience of the Turkish Cypriots and their determination to preserve their identity and place in the world.



“The Turkish Cypriots have maintained their existence under the most difficult conditions and they will continue to exist on this island.”



“ No one can disregard the Turkish Cypriots on this island. No one can make decisions, establish international relations or conclude international agreements as though the Turkish Cypriots do not exist. ”

KAZAKHISTAN

Informal Summit of the Council of Heads of State of the Organisation of Turkic States

ТҮРК МҰЛКЕТТЕРІ
ҰЙЫМЫНЫҢ
БЕЙРЕСМИ САММИТІ
15 мамыр 2026, Түркістан



— President Tufan Erhürman:

“I believe that much stronger cooperation can be fostered under the umbrella of the Organisation of Turkic States, and I look forward to the further strengthening of our relations across all fields. I sincerely hope that the shared future of our brotherly peoples will be built on the foundations of peace, prosperity and cooperation.”

“ For us, diplomacy, dialogue, and the pursuit of lasting stability, cooperation, a settlement, and peace on the island and in the Eastern Mediterranean are of fundamental importance. ”



OF TURKIC STATES
15 May 2026, Turkistan





Informal Summit of the Council of Heads of State of the Organisation of Turkic States

On 15 May 2026, President Tufan Erhürman participated in the Informal Summit of the Council of Heads of State of the Organisation of Turkic States, held in Turkistan, Kazakhstan, under the theme “Artificial Intelligence and Digital Development”.

The Summit brought together Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of the Republic of Türkiye, İlham Aliyev, President of Azerbaijan; Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, President of Kazakhstan; Sadyr Japarov, President of Kyrgyzstan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of Uzbekistan and Ambassador Kubanychbek Kasymovich Omuraliev, Secretary-General of the Organisation of Turkic States.

Also participating were representatives of the Council of Elders (Aksakallar) and other Turkic Cooperation Organisations.

President Erhürman, in his remarks at the event, drew attention to the long-standing isolation imposed on the Turkish Cypriots and stressed that their fundamental human rights are being violated.

“There is a world beyond the table of dialogue. We hold observer status within both the Organisation of Turkic States and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation. Just as we have strengthened our engagement through these organisations, we will continue our efforts to develop our bilateral relations in other areas as well.”

İSTANBUL VISIT

Bab-1 Âli Meetings (18 February 2026)

At the 35th Bab-1 Âli Meetings, held continuously since 1990, President Tufan Erhürman participated as guest of honour and delivered a speech entitled “The Cyprus Issue in Light of Regional Developments.”

Speaking under the same theme, President Erhürman assessed the latest stage reached in the Cyprus issue.

Held in İstanbul, the event marked his distinction as the second President of the TRNC to address the Bab-1 Âli platform, after the late founding President Rauf Raif Denktaş.



Visit to İTÜ ARI Technopolis and Incubation Centre

Before departing from İstanbul, where President Erhürman attended the Bab-1 Âli Meetings, he paid a visit to the entrepreneurship platform “İTÜ ARI Technopolis and Incubation Centre” operating under İstanbul Technical University (ITU), and was briefed on ongoing activities and work carried out at the centre.



University Panels, Conferences and Talk

— President Tufan Erhürman:

“The relations between the Republic of Türkiye and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus are of a uniquely special nature that cannot be compared to the relations between any other two states in the world. The Republic of Türkiye is a guarantor state. It is not possible to reach a settlement without the signature of the guarantor state.”

President Erhürman attended conferences organised by Boğaziçi University and İstanbul University in İstanbul on 22 May 2025. The President also participated in various engagements within the scope of these academic events and participated in panel, meeting, and talk programmes. President Erhürman delivered speeches where he assessed the Cyprus Issue, the Eastern Mediterranean, international law, and regional developments.

President Erhürman first participated in a panel entitled “The Eastern Mediterranean, Cyprus and Western Thrace,” organised by İstanbul University in cooperation with GENÇ ASAM, where he delivered the



opening remarks.

President Erhürman also had a meeting with Mustafa Aydın, Coordinator of the Turkish side of the Turkish-Greek Forum and members of the Turkish side of the Forum, at Kadir University, where regional diplomacy, Türkiye–Greece relations, and the Cyprus issue were evaluated.

In the final part of his İstanbul programme, President Erhürman attended a talk entitled “Changing Dynamics in the Eastern Mediterranean and Cyprus,” organised by the Political Science and International Relations Club of Boğaziçi University.





Mehmet Dâna: “Twenty years from 2004, Turkish Cypriots still await fulfilment of fundamental EU commitments”

Speaking at the EU Policy Forum held on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the EU Aid Programme for Turkish Cypriots, Presidential Undersecretary Mehmet Dâna underlined the significant contributions of the programme over the past two decades in areas such as infrastructure, education, environmental protection, public health, cultural heritage, capacity building, civil society, and confidence-building measures. He also recalled that the programme emerged in the aftermath of the 2004 Annan Plan referenda, a period in which Turkish Cypriots voted in favour of the comprehensive settlement plan of the Cyprus issue and the European Union expressed its commitment to ending the isolation of Turkish Cypriots.

Mr. Dâna noted that, despite the implementation of the Financial Aid Regulation, the complementary Direct Trade Regulation has still not been put into effect, a situation which, he said, has created a perception among many Turkish Cypriots that promises and expectations have not been met. Mr. Dâna further stressed that anniversaries should serve not only to celebrate achievements but also to provide an opportunity for reflection and reassessment. Referring to the recent findings of the UN regarding the growing socio-economic disparities between the two sides, he emphasised the importance of building trust, strengthening cooperation, and eliminating the factors that continue to impede closer relations.

Reaffirming the commitment of the Turkish Cypriot side to dialogue and a comprehensive settlement, he called on the international community and the European Union to intensify efforts to create conditions conducive to lasting peace and stability in Cyprus.



**DOMESTIC AND
INTERNATIONAL
ENGAGEMENTS
OF PRESIDENTIAL
UNDERSECRETARY
MEHMET DÂNÂ**

Mr. Dâna held a number of meetings both domestically and internationally. Within the framework of his contacts at home, in addition to his routine weekly meetings with the Greek Cypriot negotiator, Menelaos Menelaou, he held meetings with officials from the embassies of the United Kingdom, the United States and France, as well as representatives of the European Union.

As part of his overseas engagements, Mr. Dâna paid two visits each to Brussels and Paris, and one visit to London. In Brussels, he met with political representatives, cabinet members and senior officials from the European Parliament, the European Commission and the Council of the European Union. Mr. Dâna also exchanged views with the Ambassadors/Permanent Representatives of the Republic of Türkiye in

the respective capitals.

Mr. Dâna held meetings in Paris with the Directors for United Nations Affairs and European Affairs of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, as well as with an Adviser to the President of France, and in London with the Director for Europe of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

During these meetings, Mr. Dâna exchanged views on the Turkish Cypriot side's position regarding confidence-building measures and the Cyprus issue, as well as matters relating to the isolation of Turkish Cypriots. Discussions also covered the export of hellim to the European Union, the initiative of the Greek Cypriot side concerning the registration of red soil potato, issues related to the Green Line Regulation, and the application of the Greek Cypriot Administration of Southern Cyprus to join the Schengen Area.

Meetings in the TRNC:

- **Clélia Chevrier Kolačko, Ambassador of France in Nicosia**
- **Michael Tatham, British High Commissioner**
- **Shane A. Siegel, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim, US Embassy in Nicosia**
- **Sandy Snider-Pugh, Political and Economic Affairs Officer, US Embassy in Nicosia**
- **Hugo Sobral, Deputy Director-General, European Commission Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy**
- **Giulia Bertezolo, Head of the Cyprus Settlement Support Unit, European Commission**
- **Stefan Simosas, Head of Cooperation, Cyprus Settlement Support Unit, European Commission**
- **Leslie Esther Vélez, Representative in Cyprus, UN High Commissioner for Refugees**
- **Regular meetings with Menelaos Menelaou, Greek Cypriot Negotiator**



International Meetings

Brussels–Paris Visit (March 2026):

- **European Parliament Rapporteur on Türkiye, Member of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D Group) and Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET)**
- **Permanent Representative of Türkiye to the EU**
- **Deputy Managing Director for Europe and Central Asia Division (EURCA), European External Action Service (EEAS)**
- **Deputy Director-General responsible for Schengen and Home Affairs (DG HOME)**
- **Member of the Cabinet of Marta Kos, European Commissioner for Enlargement (DG Enlargement)**
- **Deputy Head of Cabinet of Raffaele Fitto, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission for Cohesion and Reforms**
- **Principal Adviser responsible for Relations with Western Europe at the Secretariat-General of the European Commission**
- **Deputy Director-General responsible for Geographical Indications, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI)**
- **Director-General of the Directorate-General for Enlargement and the Eastern Neighbourhood (DG ENEST)**
- **Deputy Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the European Union responsible for EU Trade, Development and External Relations**

Brussels – London Visit (June 2026)

- **Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO), European Commission**
- **Deputy Director-General for Schengen and Internal Security, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME), European Commission**
- **Member of the Cabinet of Marta Kos, European Commissioner for Enlargement**
- **Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Türkiye to the EU**
- **Senior Policy Analyst, Europe in the World Programme, European Policy Centre (EPC)**
- **Principal Adviser for Relations with Western European Partners, Secretariat-General of the European Commission**
- **Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE), European Commission**
- **Members of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus**
- **Director for Europe at the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)**
- **Director for Europe, French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs**

VISITS AND EVENTS

Since taking office, President Tufan Erhürman has not only engaged in intensive diplomatic contacts and meetings but has also paid special attention to undertake numerous regional visits and participate in a wide range of events.

President Erhürman visited Karpaz, Girne and Lefke regions, where he met with local residents, mayors and village mukhtars. During these visits, he listened first-hand to the concerns of local communities and responded to questions regarding the Cyprus issue.

In addition to these regional visits, he also took part in a variety of events and social responsibility projects across different parts of Lefkoşa.



PRESIDENCY WORLD ART DAY EVENT

— President Tufan Erhürman:

“The Turkish Cypriot people never gave up their pursuit for culture and the arts even under the most difficult conditions.”

On 30 April 2026, the Presidency hosted a World Art Day event with broad public participation.

The event featured a presentation by Presidential Symphony Orchestra (PSO) Coordinator Mustafa Kofalı on the history and future activities of the Orchestra, followed by a performance by the PSO String Quartet. The programme continued with a solo piano recital by renowned artist Rüya Taner and concluded with a concert and performance by the TRNC State Opera and Ballet Coordination Centre.



“We are considering transforming the former Presidential building into a museum and a centre for culture and arts activities.”



“ *I believe art should speak,
and politics should know
when to stay silent* ”

PRESIDENTIAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

President Tufan Erhürman has attached particular importance to the Presidential Symphony Orchestra since assuming office. Together with First Lady Nilden Bektaş Erhürman, he attended many concerts organised by the Orchestra and expressed his commitment to strengthening the institution and helping it reach an even higher standard.

Concerts organised by the Presidential Symphony Orchestra included:

12-13 February 2026 – Valentine’s Day Concert

19 February 2026 – Apple Hill String Quartet Concert

26-27 February 2026 – Stabat Mater Concert

12-13 March 2026 – International Women’s Day Concert

26-27 March 2026 – March Concerts

9-10 April 2026 – April Concerts

22 April 2026 – National Sovereignty and Children’s Day Concert

14-15 May 2026 – Youth Concerts



“Presidential Polyphonic Children’s Choir” established under the Presidency

A “Presidential Polyphonic Children’s Choir” was also established with the aim of supporting children’s artistic, cultural and social development, introducing them to polyphonic music at an early age and strengthening the transmission of cultural values to future generations.

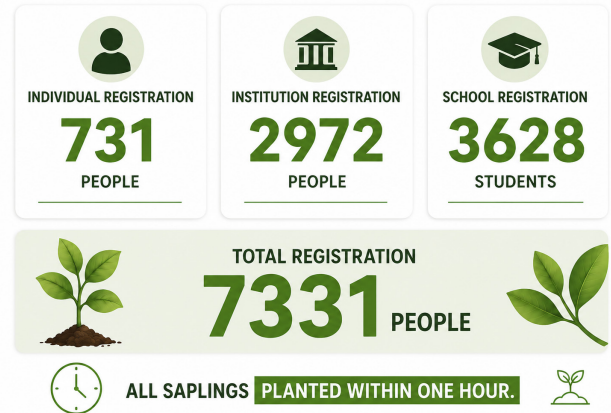


“ Art is not a luxury; it is one of the most important elements necessary to shape the identity of a society. . . ”

RE-GREENING CYPRUS: 14,300 SAPPLINGS PLANTED

On 1 April 2026, a tree-planting initiative was carried out under the auspices of the Presidency’s “Re-Greening Cyprus” project.

The campaign was organised under the leadership of the Presidency and in cooperation with the Ministry of National Education, the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Forestry Department and municipalities across the country. With communications support from Telsim and Kuzey Kıbrıs Turkcell, and the participation of 18 municipalities, a total of 14,300 saplings were planted simultaneously across 27 different planting sites throughout the country.



14,300 SAPPLINGS



23 APRIL NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND CHILDREN'S DAY

— President Tufan Erhürman:

“In this country, in this land, when we come together for our children, there is no obstacle we cannot overcome and no task we cannot accomplish.”

As part of the celebrations marking the 23 April National Sovereignty and Children's Day, President Erhürman met at the Presidential grounds with students and their teachers from schools located in central Lefkoşa.



19 MAY COMMEMORATION OF ATATÜRK, YOUTH AND SPORTS DAY

President Tufan Erhürman and First Lady Nilden Bektaş Erhürman, participated in the “107th Anniversary Procession” held in Lefkoşa as part of the celebrations marking the 19 May Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day.

“Love your country deeply and be proud to be Turkish Cypriot.”

“Dear young people, we trust you, believe in you and we are proud of you.”



5TH INTER-SCHOOL POETRY READING AND WRITING COMPETITION

On 7 May 2025, the “5th Inter-School Poetry Reading and Writing Competition”, organised by the Presidency, was held at the White Hall of the Presidency. The competition, organised in cooperation with the Ministry of National Education Department of General Secondary Education and the Department of Vocational and Technical Education, was held under the theme of four elements: “Fire”, “Earth”, “Air”, and “Water”. Students from private, public, and vocational high schools across the island were evaluated in two separate categories: “Poetry Writing” and “Poetry Reading”.



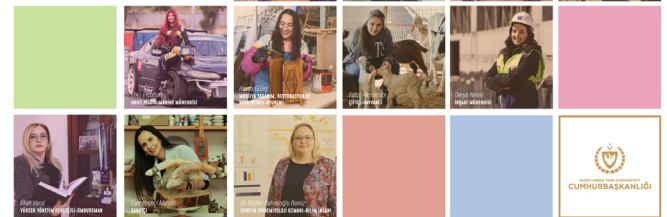
“BECAUSE DREAMS HAVE NO GENDER”

As part of International Women’s Day on 8 March, the Presidency launched a special social awareness project emphasising that dreams have no gender.

The initiative highlights the real-life stories of women from different generations who work in traditionally male-dominated fields, transform lives through their efforts and contribute to the professions of the future.

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8 Mart Dünya Kadınlar Günü



“RÜYA (DREAM) AND REALITY”

President Tufan Erhürman:

“Students should focus not only on academic achievement, but also on culture, arts, and sports.”

On 26 March 2026, President Tufan Erhürman attended the “Rüya (Dream) and Reality” event held at Girne Anafartalar High School, with the participation of students from Girne 23 Nisan Primary School. The event, organised in cooperation between the Presidency and the Ministry of National Education, was conducted by Presidential Special Arts Advisor and pianist Rüya Taner.



On 22 April 2026, President Tufan Erhürman attended the “Dream and Reality” event held in Güzelyurt, with the participation of students from Güzelyurt Şehit Turgut Secondary School and Güzelyurt Turkish Maarif College. The event, held under the auspices of the Presidency and in cooperation with the Ministry of National Education, was conducted by pianist Rüya Taner.

Addressing the students, President Erhürman stated: “We are proud of you; you will carry the country to better days.”

1 JUNE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY

The Presidency, in cooperation with the Turkish Cypriot Education Foundation (KTEV), marked 1 June International Children's Day with the staging of the Karagöz shadow play entitled "The Hidden Treasure," performed by İzel Seylani, and the original, musical and interactive puppet show "A Night in the Park with Piskot and Rüzgar," performed by Ayda Canova and Erdoğan Kavaz and designed to be accessible for children with special needs. The events were held in the White Hall and Library areas of the Presidency. Following the activities organised by the Presidency in cooperation with KTEV, books were presented as gifts to all children.





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200 DAYS

in the Presidency

Booklet on the "200 Days" in Office of
President Tufan Erhürman

“ From the moment I assumed office as President, we moved swiftly on three main fronts. First and foremost, we are at the table and we will remain there. We will strive to turn the table of meetings into a table of negotiations, and we will not walk away from it. At the same time, we will continue to fulfil our other responsibilities. There is also a world beyond the table, and I will continue my struggle to ensure that my people are not kept outside of it... ”

Tufan Erhürman
President



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