

On June 27, the Greek Cypriot daily *Simerini* [Daily] addressed on open letter to Greek PM Kyriakos Mitsotakis. Written in Greek, the letter is quoted below in translation done by [theperiscope.substack.com](https://theperiscope.substack.com)

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### **OPEN LETTER FROM THE DAILY *SIMERINI* TO PM MITSOTAKIS**

***Listen, Mr. Mitsotakis,***

You're doing all you can, and correctly so, in order to avoid confrontation, conflict, [and] war with "friendly neighbor" Turkey. The Conqueror "friend" of Cyprus. The claimant "neighbor" of the Aegean and Thrace. This appeasement policy the Turk consistently translates into WEAKNESS...

With a recent smile [addressed] to Europe, the Turk got rid of the notorious SANCTIONS, which fed the Greek People as communication [fodder] for years. And tomorrow, when Washington will be caressing Turkey [and orchestrating] her return to NATO's bosom, American sanctions will be lifted as well.... sanctions which were of course decided upon not because of the Turk's International Illegalities and his threats against Greece and Cyprus [but because] of the procurement of the Russian S-400 [missile system].

***Mr. Prime Minister,***

You do know of course that Cypriot Hellenism rejected the Annan Plan during the 2004 plebiscite. The Annan Plan was the husk of the Two State [solution] under the fraudulent title "Dual-zone Dual-community Federation."

When the Turks use this term (today as in the past) [they] declare, and won't hide, what they mean, viz. a 2-State [solution.] It is the same [formula] they

suggested via the notorious 1956 Nihat Erim Strategic Reports (which you should study closely.)

Presently, they clearly state what they want [during] the Quintet [deliberations]; [they want] two States. [Yet] it is not that they want two States. They want the whole of Cyprus [emphasis added]. Exactly as they want half of the Aegean and Western Thrace. [And] They will take them if there is no convincing resistance MUSCLE. And muscle [with the purpose] of imposing peace means full preparation and readiness [aiming at] a winning war deterrence.

***Listen Mr. Mitsotakis,***

When you talk with Turkey you need to converse via a reliable and flawless estimation of who your interlocutor is. And [discern] his capabilities. Unfortunately, neither your father in the past nor you today realize Turkey's Expansionist Planning.

Turkey's target re. Cyprus is the dissolution of the Republic of Cyprus. The possession of at least half of the Aegean is Turkey's target re. Greece. And [Turkey] isn't finished [by pursuing] these aims.... The only preventive capability [to frustrate Turkey] is Militarily effective Deterrence. [emphasis in the original]

[Greece needs] Not verbal "Alliances" and associated misconceptions. [Greece has no use of] errors and misconceptions [related to the belief that] others would rush to help Greece at the critical hour. Turkey must understand clearly that if it continues with its provocations, Greece would rip both of its arms and legs off. In the opposite case, you better get ready for new Disasters... perhaps far worse than those of Smyrna 1922 and Cyprus 1974.

***Mr. Prime Minister,***

Do you realize why Erdogan asked you not to bring mediators during your meetings? Do you realize that he wants neither NATO nor Europe, and the White House, to intervene [in any talks] and speak of principles, values, and rights?

The Turk prefers [to deal] only [with] the frail. [The frail who is] alone and without military deterrent POWER and [with] NONEXISTENT Diplomatic and Allied support. And he wants you disconnected from Cyprus and the Cyprus issue. He wants to possess all that he demands in the Aegean and Thrace. [emphasis in the original]

In Cyprus he seized, and continues to seize, without the intervention of Greece, Mother and Guarantor of Cypriot Greeks [and] as if there is no Turkish-occupied Cyprus. [He wants] no mention of the word Cyprus and of the Turkish-dominated Cypriot Republic; of the 1974 Turkish invasion; and of the liberation of Cyprus from Turkey.

Is it that Occupied Cyprus is outside Greece's national problems? Is it that it is not the main part of the differences with Turkey? Is it that it is not on the table of "the positive agenda" with Erdogan?

***Listen, Mr. Mitsotakis,***

The coming times are exceedingly difficult. The level of [the impending] tragedy will hinge on how seriously Turkey perceives your political language and the military power that underpins that language.

If [Turkey] perceives that appeasement is your only strength (until now this is how it assesses you as well as Europe), then the Greek People must [begin to] think of the Asia Minor National Catastrophe of 1922 and 1974 when [Turkey] arrived in Cyprus. The next national calamity (if we allow it to happen) will be a generalized National Inferno.

[And the inferno shall embrace the space from] the Evros river and Thrace and all the way to Cyprus. And your cheap pleasantries with the ethno-politically devastated Greek Cypriot president won't help either. Erdogan shall arrive in Cyprus on the anniversary of the Turkish invasion. And he shall impose additional humiliation upon Cyprus and Greece.

How are you going to react to this new Turkish expansionist invasion? What are you going to say [as the leader] of the Mother [of Cyprus] and its Guarantor? You must say something important and, indeed, you must do something even more significant.

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