

# **TIME FOR TURKEY TO “FLOTILLA” ITS TROOPS OFF CYPRUS AND END 36 YEARS OF OCCUPATION**

ON JULY 20, 1974, Turkey invaded the Republic of Cyprus and has divided the country for 36 years.

## **CYPRUS HAS PROVEN ITSELF TO BE A FRIEND TO THE UNITED STATES AND A FOE TO TERRORISM BY:**

- Recently confiscating Syrian arms destined for Hamas,
- Refusing the recent “flotillas” use of Cypriot ports,
- Partnering with Greece to provide humanitarian support to Gaza,
- Being the first EU country to sign the U.S. antiterrorism port security agreement,
- Working closely with America on all terrorism issues,
- Rescuing 14,000 Americans from Lebanon during the 2006 conflict,
- Supporting limitations on weapons-grade uranium in Iran.

## **TURKEY HAS:**

- Invaded Cyprus, ousting 200,000 Greek Cypriots from their homes and continued its ethnic cleansing of Greek-Cypriots as well as other ethnic minorities,
- Killed 6,500 Greek-Cypriots because of their Greek ancestry and another 1,619 Greek Cypriots are still missing,
- Stationed 43,000 Turkish troops in Cyprus,
- Brought and settled 160,000 Turkish citizens on the island,
- Run off 45,000 Turkish-Cypriots, not wanting to live under the Turkish occupation,
- Destroyed churches, synagogues and cemeteries in Cyprus,
- Blocked any peaceful attempt for a just resolution to the Cyprus problem,
- Continued to oppress and persecute the Kurds in Turkey.

## **TO CLAIM MORAL HIGH GROUND, TURKEY MUST:**

- Immediately remove Turkish troops from Cyprus, a European Union Member,
- Support the reunification of Cyprus and self-governance of the entire island,
- Lift the Casus Belli clause against Greece from the Turkish constitution and be a peaceful neighbor,
- Allow the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the center of the world wide Orthodox Christian Church, to function freely, open its schools and religious institutions and return the property it has seized,
- Conduct effective negotiations with its Kurdish population,
- Be a partner that fosters peace and understanding in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East, not an aggressor.

**We the undersigned ask you to contact President Obama  
and your Congressperson to support our message.**

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