



# The Government is not convincing about the Cyprus issue



Last week, President Nikos Anastasiadis sent a letter to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, the contents of which remain unknown to all, as he did not consult with any political force before sending it, acting unilaterally.

In fact, AKEL's proposal regarding the way in which the Greek Cypriot side should act in the current period regarding the Cyprus issue was completely ignored, since no response was ever received on it.

This attitude of the rulers in combination with the general attitude of inaction they show regarding the Cyprus issue, is logical to cause concern about what is to be born. The unreliability of the DISY-Anastasiadis government is a natural consequence, especially at a time when more and more testimonies about Nikos Anastasiadis' discussion on a two-state solution are coming to light.

It should also be noted the unacceptable attitude of the Deputy President of DISY, Haris Georgiadis,

who with his constant interventions refers to "new realism" regarding the Cyprus issue and "de facto division", not excluding essentially dichotomous solutions.

It is clear to us that the only viable solution, but also the only one accepted by the international community, something that emerges from the UN Security Council resolutions, is the Bi-Zonal Bicommunal Federation with political equality as defined in them and anything else that deviates from it, constitutes a sale of our place behind the backs of the people.

The situation in the Cyprus issue at the moment is very gloomy, and in combination with the provocative and unchanging attitude of Turkey, there is an insurmountable need for the Greek Cypriot side to finally clarify its position for a Biozonal -Bicommunal Federation and to convince the international community about it, taking finally substantial action to resolve the Cyprus problem.



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# Another “case” of abuse of power

The Minister of Justice, Mr. Giolitis, was positive... in authoritarianism and arrogance. Obviously this virus is contagious on the hill of the Presidential Palace. We lived and are living unprecedented situations during the government of DISY – Anastasiadis.

In the eight years of Anastasiadis' rule, we have witnessed dozens of scandals. Cutting deposits, selling out Co-operation, Saudi jets, gold passports, attempting to undermine institutions he fails to manipulate, silencing journalists and much more. That was not enough, now the government is trying to silence the citizens themselves with an unprecedented fascist behavior. This is shown by the recent incident of attempted intimidation of a citizen that created a satirical twitter account.

The Minister of Justice made a complaint to the police, which she heads, although the issue does not concern criminal justice. Police searched a home and confiscated a computer. Such behavior can only be perceived as an abuse of power and an attempt to intimidate public opinion.

It is not acceptable in a state that respects the right to free expression for such behavior to be observed by the Government itself. The Minister



of Justice must give explanations for her actions and take political responsibility.

Authoritarianism, intolerance of criticism and the opposite view, mentalities that absolutely characterize the Anastasiadis-Alarm government, are dangerous for democracy and the rule of law and unprecedented for Cyprus.

This is why AKEL has registered the issue in the competent Committee of the Parliament. The government and the minister involved will be asked to give explanations.



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# Vaccination time 0

**V**accinations against Covid – 19. In Cyprus, as in all of Europe, a process has begun which is necessary both to save the lives of our fellow human beings and to return to normalcy.

Apart from the return, however, there is also the Aversion. For the manipulations of the government. She tends to turn – according to her beloved habit – something so serious into yet another fiasco.

Watching the whole thing, inevitably, many reasonable questions will arise.

With this pandemic being unprecedented and the vast majority of people worried, the government and those in charge should inform and reassure the public about the process both in terms of its evolution and in terms of “numbers”. “ for reasons of transparency only. Something they do not do.

An issue as big and complex as vaccinating a large part of the population certainly requires serious planning before it is decided and implemented. The competent authority, the National Vaccination Committee, neither met nor took any decision. And the Ministry. Health was asked to give an explanation for this, explanations which he never gave.

There have been several complaints of vaccinations in addition to the prescribed procedures. Allegations

that certain people “came in front of the line” and were vaccinated, effectively depriving the vaccine of one of our fellow human beings who may have needed it more. These complaints are made by the Ministry Health left them unanswered.

Unsurprisingly, on our part there is complete confidence in scientists, in scientific knowledge and research, and we are in favor of vaccinations, despite any interests that obviously exist from the monopolies of pharmaceuticals which, however, cannot negate the essence of scientific truth. Urging the world to “close” its ears to conspiracy theories and similar paraphilologies, while remaining faithful to the path of science.

However, we cannot remain silent, when in the face of such serious issues that concern -mostly- the health of the people but also the affected credibility and transparency of the state, the Minister. Health and consequently the Government arrogantly choose to leave so many important questions unanswered.



# Trump supporters invade US Capitol. The glass did not break today!

The events that took place last week in America are not just coincidental, but are the culmination of a long and deep decline of the largest and most powerful capitalist economy on the planet.

The planned invasion of the far right and reactionary protesters of Trump, for many was the crack of the window of the American Republic. A showcase that hides behind a society with constant reorganizations in its socio-economic background, through exterminating competition, exploitation, poverty and austerity, mass unemployment and millions of homeless people.

For us, the glass did not crack today, because we simply do not blur from the window of the "American Dream" but we always see the misery inside. We do not forget the wars, coups and the collapse of Middle Eastern and Latin American countries planned and launched by the US Governments. We can not forget the twin crimes of 1974, which were the result of a long conspiracy by Washington to turn our island into an unsinkable NATO aircraft carrier.

The rise of the far right and nationalism is not an isolated part of the US and Trump, but a global phenomenon. The mobilization of racism and xenophobia, give fertile ground for reactionary forces that identify themselves as anti-systemic while they are not, to seize power and constitute the most extreme and obscure form of the system, sharpening the blows to democratic freedoms, the rule of law and human rights. Rights.

As EDON, we offer our solidarity with the workers and youth of the United States, and we will stand up to the system that is crushing them. We are collaborating with the struggles of the anti-racist, workers' and progressive movements that have intensified in recent years.

