

# Massive mobilization of students outside the presidential palace

**T**housands of students rejoined their voices and marched on the streets of the capital for a human and democratic school, focusing on pupils, whose main goal is to cultivate critical thinking. On Thursday, January 16th, the students, with PSEM leading them, they marched to the Presidential Palace where they handed in a resolution to a representative of the President of the Republic stating their demands.

Students have been struggling for three and a half years against the new Government regulations, which unfortunately got flesh-and-bone this year with the implementation of quadruple examinations. They are calling for an immediate amendment of the regulations, which reinforce the school-centered character of the school, which was also highlighted in their recent meeting with the new Minister of Education, Culture, Sport and Youth, Mr Prodromou. PSEM calls for a meaningful dialogue on student assessment.

For students, the goal of the school should be to develop critical thinking and all-round education, not grade hunting and competition. This is something that the Government does not seem to realize, as it has done so despite the opposition of organized pupils and teachers, and they have implemented the exams every four months.

As EDON, we disagreed with the new rules of operation of the schools as a whole.

Specifically on the subject of exams, we believe that the problems of Education, as described above, will be exacerbated. We stand by the student movement and its leadership and support the difficult but just path it has taken.



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# EDON on the side of the struggling students



It will certainly follow a different path than the one that POFEN played for many years as a contender and defender of student rights.

However, Progressive KF will never stop fighting for the rights of students, for public and free education. On her side is EDON. Holding up the human banner, we continue with the same courage to stand by the students, highlighting their true needs. Through Student Associations in every field of study and our intervention in the student world, we will continue on the path of aspiration and struggle. Finally, we promise that we will do our best for POFEN to be back on track with the Progressive KF ahead at defending the rights of students.

**O**n December 27, the 46th Conference of POFEN took place, through which the positions and claims of the organized student movement were highlighted.

As EDON, we believe that POFEN must always be on a path of claim and that its action is at the forefront of developments. At a time when world imperialism continues to spread its nets, our homeland remains divided, education is in crisis, our compatriots live on the edge of poverty, and in general Cypriot society faces multiple problems, the organized student movement needs to keep fighting and claiming its rights.

Unfortunately, PROTOPORIA based on last year's student election results turned out to be autonomous and took over POFEN. It is clear to us that POFEN will now play the role of the DISY - Anastasiadis Government applauder, who will not only embrace the anti-popular and anti-youth policies that they are imposing, but will also applaud them.

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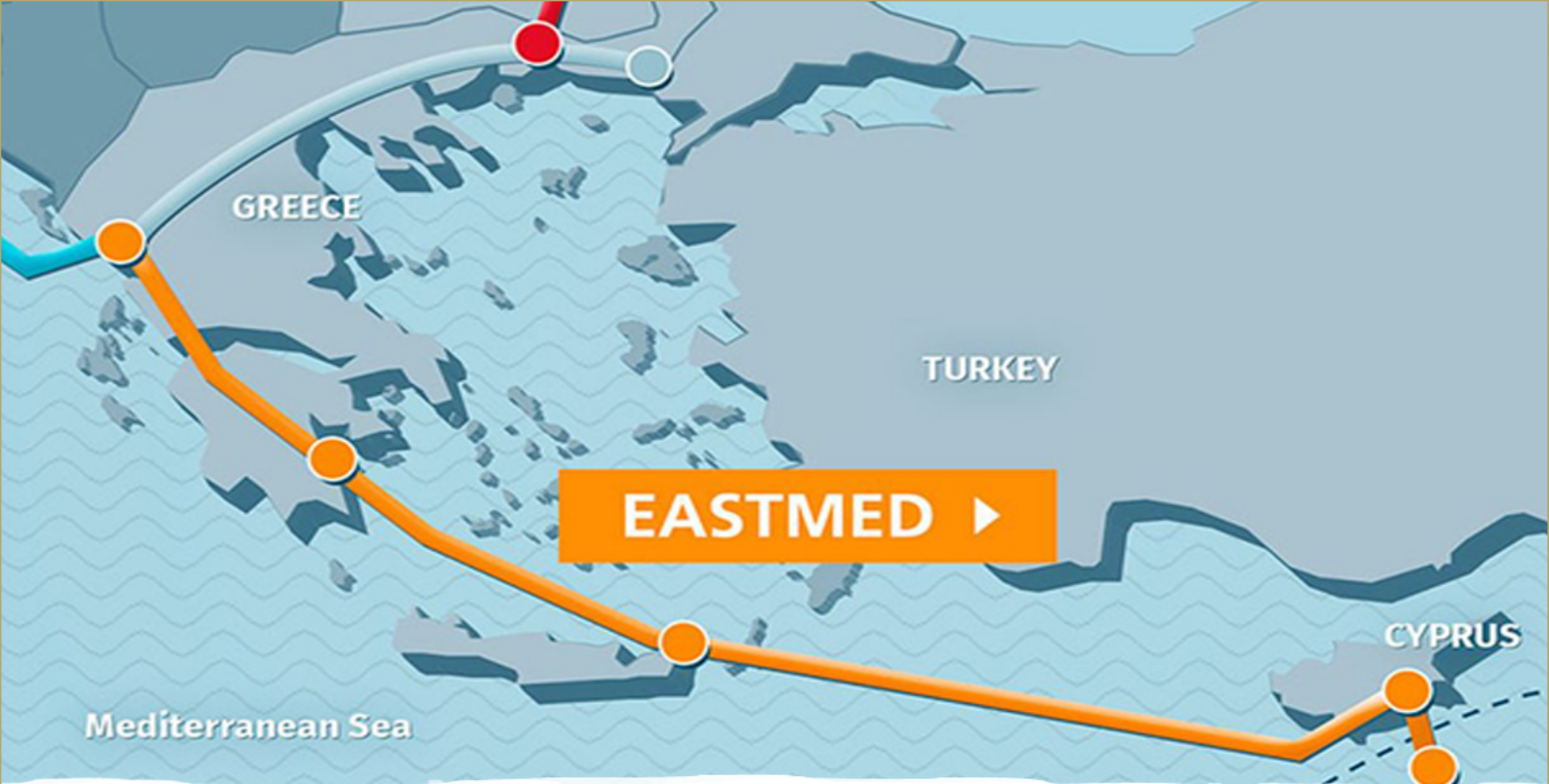


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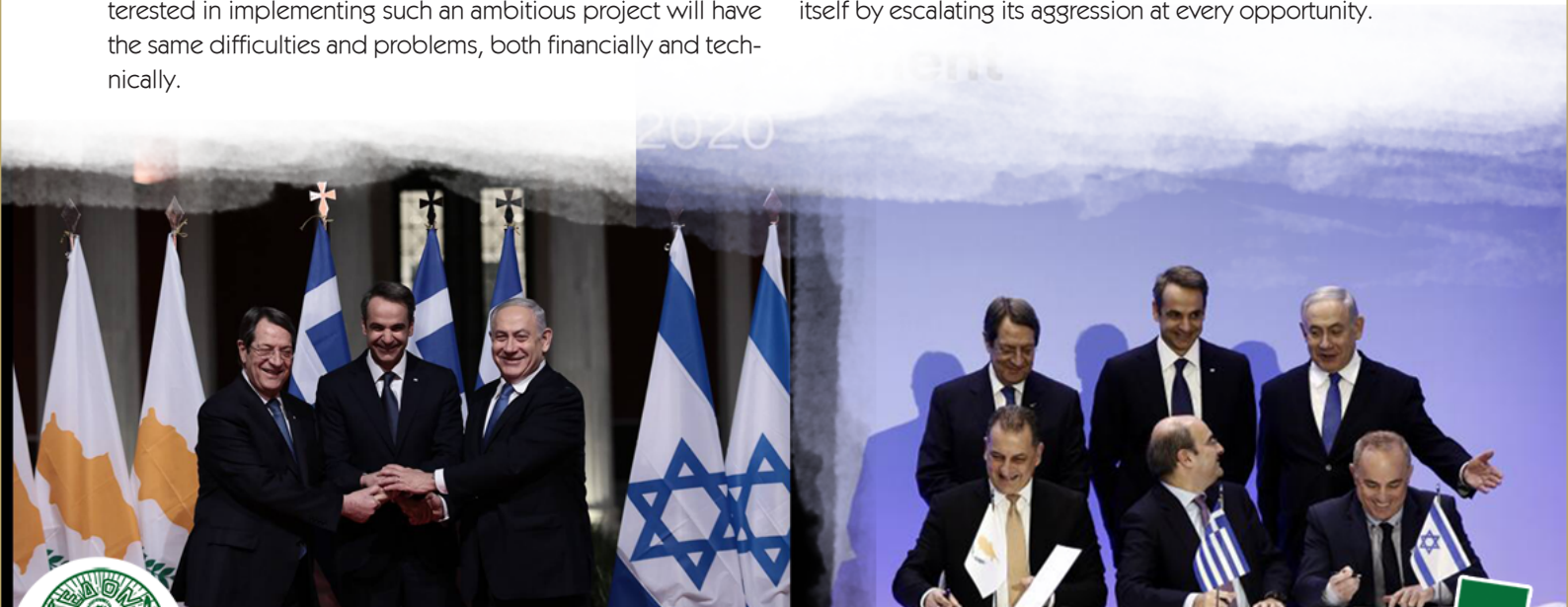
**O**n January 2, 2020, the agreement was signed in Athens by the leaders of Greece, Cyprus and Israel, as it is known, to build the East Mediterranean or East Med.

The Anastasiadis - DISY government is once again trying to mislead the public by presenting the signing of the agreement as more than it actually is. Under no circumstances is this agreement a commitment to carry out this task. The agreement merely sets out the international legal framework that ensures the consent of the three Contracting States in advance.

The bottom line is that any companies that are ultimately interested in implementing such an ambitious project will have the same difficulties and problems, both financially and technically.

These difficulties do not at present indicate that this project is likely to be implemented.

On the one hand, trilateral partnerships such as this are good, although they contribute to peace and stability. Contrary to what the government has stated, this cooperation does not offer any defence, which is part of the imperialist rivalries in our region and in the designs of the US. which could be seriously affected by such actions. It would be wiser if such collaborations and other such moves were to assist efforts to achieve a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem. Achieving a solution to the Cyprus problem is the only way to solve many problems, especially those caused by Turkey itself by escalating its aggression at every opportunity.





# No involvement of Cyprus in the new conflict of US imperialism with Iran

**T**he unrest in Iran after the death of eight people, including Iranian General Kassem Suleimani, head of the Al Quds Special Unit of the Revolutionary Guards Corps, the US opens new bloodshed in the Persian Gulf and the Middle East again.

NATO, on the occasion of statements by the Secretary General, as well as the American President, seems once again being involved in triggering new conflicts in the Middle East, which, as always, the great losers will be the people themselves.



Cyprus will be targeted if it is in any way involved in the warlike plans of the US, Israel and Saudi Arabia against Iran and other states and peoples of our neighborhood.



Any facilities provided by the Anastasiadis Government to the US Government, that is to say diplomatic missions evacuated from the neighboring countries, we hope to be used for that, without Cyprus giving ground to new bloodshed.

