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The following **IMPORTANT NEWS** has been released to the public by the Governments of both the **Republic of Cyprus** and the **Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus**.

Republic of Cyprus

President Nicos Anastasiades on Friday 13/03/2020 announced that as of midnight Saturday/Sunday 14/15th March 2020, there would be a 15-day entry ban on anyone who is not a legal resident of Cyprus, an EU national working or studying on the island, or a third-country national with a permit to be here.

He also said that only Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots would be allowed to use the border crossings, as well as legal residents of the Republic and members of diplomatic missions.

This means if you are a person other than a Greek Cypriot or Turkish Cypriot that **unless you can prove at your border** point of entry into the **Republic of Cyprus** that you are a legal resident of the Republic of Cyprus **you will not be allowed to enter into the Republic of Cyprus**.

The stricter measures came only hours before the health services announced there were seven more confirmed cases.

TRNC

The Council of Ministers have issued the following statement on Friday 13/03/2020.

All public officials working in the public sector except for police, fire brigade, health, civil aviation, finance and similar services will be considered as administrative leave until 27/03/2020. (All educational institutions will also suspend education until 27/03/2020)

In the private sector, all shops, businesses, casinos, night clubs, betting offices, entertainment centers, etc., except for businesses that produce services within the framework of meeting basic needs such as pharmacy, gas station, bakery, and market places will be closed until 27/03/2020.

Within the framework of these two measures, it is obvious that a large number of our citizens will stay at home and do not feel the need to go out. On the other hand, as the government, we call for nobody to go out to the street unless it is necessary. Also, depending on the developments within

the next 48 hours, our Council of Ministers will evaluate the prohibition of partial or full curfews under Chapter 156.

As of 14/03/2020, 02:00, until 01/04/2020, only TRNC citizens and persons with legal permission can enter the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus through the land, sea and air border gates. Entries to the TRNC are prohibited until 01/04/2020.

This means if you are a person other than a Cypriot **that unless you can prove at your border point of entry into the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus** that you are a legal resident of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus **you will not be allowed to enter into the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.**

Regardless of which country it comes from, our citizens and persons on legal leave who enter our country through land, sea and air gates will be monitored and controlled at home for 14 days. For those who do not comply with this, legal action will be initiated under the Communicable Diseases Law No. 45/2018.

Between 14/03/2020 and 01/04/2020, a decision was made to meet in associations, unions and locales and not to perform collective worship.

It has been decided to use Famagusta State Hospital as a quarantine hospital, and efforts have been increased to provide sufficient personnel, equipment and bed capacity and all kinds of facilities in our hospital.

The decisions taken by both Governments (Republic of Cyprus & Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus) in effect means that ONLY Cypriots will be allowed to cross between North and South in the next 2 weeks.

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