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## EASTER WITH UNFICYP SECTOR FOUR AT AYIA MARINA

A renovated church in the middle of the Buffer Zone was the scene for a moving ceremony held by UNFICYP's Sector Four to commemorate Easter.

Ayia Marina is a small church located inside the UN Buffer Zone east of UN 144. This church is dedicated to Saint Margrethe, who died in 307 AD as a martyr and is revered as one of the 14 helpers in need. In the Greek Orthodox church, she is known as Saint Marina.

The church of Ayia Marina, which was burnt down in 1974, was renovated by the municipality of Dherinia and AUSCON members. It has been the scene of various religious activities, including several marriages, pilgrimages and a number of annual church services.

On 3 April 1999, the Easter Vigil of Sector Four was held at the church. A better place to celebrate the festival of peace and of the resurrection seems hard to imagine.

The holy mass was attended by a large number of soldiers and their families. Padre Alexander Pytlik arranged the event, and the service began with the traditional Easter fire. Everyone was involved by reading lessons in German and English. The approach of dusk put everyone present in an appropriate mood for the holiest night in the Christian year.

After the holy communion, the blessing of traditional dishes concluded this celebration that will live long in everyone's memory.

Eine renovierte Kirche in der Mitte der Pufferzone, war der SchauPlatz für einen emotionalen Ostergottesdienst vom UNFICYP's Sector 4.

Ayia Marina ist eine kleine Kirche gelegen in der Pufferzone östlich von UN-144. Dieses Kirchlein ist der Hl. Margarethe, die als Märtyrerin im Jahr 307 nach Christus starb und als eine der 14 Nothelferinnen verehrt wird, geweiht. Im griechisch Orthodoxen Glauben ist sie als Hl. Marina bekannt.

Im Jahre 1974 brannte die Kirche im Rahmen der Kampfhandlungen aus, wurde in den letzten Jahren unter Mitwirkung von Auscon renoviert und ist seitdem des öfteren Schauplatz religiöser Veranstaltungen, sowie Hochzeit und Pilgerfahrten.

Am 3. April wurde dort der Ostergottesdienst des Sector-4 gefeiert. Eine bessere Örtlichkeit zur Begehung des Festes des Friedens und der Auferstehung als dort, scheint kaum denkbar.

Die heilige Messe wurde von zahlreichen Soldaten aus allen Kontingenzen des Bataillons zusammen mit deren Familien besucht. Padre Alexander Pytlik sorgte unter anderem durch den Beginn der Messe am traditionellen Osterfeuer und Einbindung der Gläubigen bei den Lesungen, für eine feierliche und ergreifende Atmosphäre. Die mit Fortdauer der Messe hereinbrechende Dämmerung stimmte die Anwesenden auf die heiligste Nacht im Christlichen Glauben ein.

Nach erfolgter Spende des Sakramentes der heiligen Kommunion bildete die traditionelle österliche Speisensegnung den Abschluss dieser Feier, die Allen noch lange in Erinnerung bleiben wird.



## Elsewhere in UNFICYP

An Easter Sunday mass was also held in the UNPA at St Columba's Church. Dutch padré Peter van 't Hoen held a bilingual joint service in Dutch and English for the soldiers of Sector Two. Live music by a number of Dutch soldiers and their dependants made it an even more interesting and enjoyable service.



Cpl Maj Mark Kingston under cover at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Meanwhile, on 7 April 1999, the Mad Hatter's Tea Party took place at St Michael's School in the UNPA.

This was the children's main Easter function at HQ UNFICYP. The event was well advertised, and everybody was invited. Music played throughout and drinks and snacks were available while the "Easter Bunny" (seen left) was busy hiding eggs.

The children were divided into two age groups and they set off on the hunt to see who would get lucky. The Bunny had done a good job and there were plenty of eggs to go round. The children were thrilled with their finds and shared their eggs around - nobody went without.

The event ended with a raffle. This sunny Thursday afternoon was a great success.

Sector One celebrated Easter at ARGCON HQ in San Martin Camp. Families joined personnel from UN Flight, the MFR and the whole of Sector One at noon.

Chaplain Juan Lickay began the mass as usual, but this service was a special occasion. Not only was it Easter, but three children, Juan Ignacio Mujica, Maria Ines Ramires and Maria Fatima Milillo, all took their first communion.

After the mass, everyone was invited to the Officers' Mess for a typical Argentinian dish, "Empanadas".



The three communicants

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### QUOTATIONS

*If you confront a person who has the mind of a scientist, the training of a lawyer and who does not suffer fools gladly, then be happy if you come off second best!*

*"What we hope men will realise is that women are not some kind of misbegotten man. They do not want to be carbon copies of men, or a threat to men. They do not want to be viewed by men as either victims or viragos; but as equal partners in the creation of a better world.*

*Claire de Hedervary, Former President of the Group on Equal Rights for Women in the UN*

When we relaunched The Blue Beret as a newspaper back in February, we asked readers to let us know what they thought about it. Many people say it "looks much nicer". Others appreciate that it covers "a wider range of subjects".

Nevertheless, people still want a colour publication that they can take home with them at the end of a tour of duty in Cyprus as a reminder of their time here.

The PI office therefore proposes to help rotating contingents put together a full-colour photographic memento of their UNFICYP tours. We are also planning to produce an annual report at the end of each year.

Another plea is for more languages. We are including more translations into German, Slovenian and Dutch - as well as the Spanish and Hungarian we started with.

Please keep sending in your comments and we will do our best to respond to them.

Sarah Russell  
Editor

## EDITORIAL

Cuando efectuamos el relanzamiento de La Blue Beret como periódico, en Febrero, le pedimos a los lectores que nos hicieran saber qué era lo que pensaban al respecto. Mucha gente dijo "se ve mucho mejor". Otros apreciaron que cubría "un rango más amplio de temas".

El problema principal parece ser que la gente se preocupa, porque no tiene más una publicación a color que se puedan llevar a casa, al final del Tour, como recuerdo de su tiempo en la isla.

La oficina de prensa, por lo tanto propone, de manera rotativa, que cada contingente ayude con fotografías a color de sus recuerdos durante el Tour en UNFICYP. Estamos planeando en producir un reporte anual al final de cada año.

Otro tema de crítica es el hecho de que la revista no contiene idiomas suficientes. Al respecto estamos tratando de superar dicha situación incluyendo más traducciones, como por ejemplo Alemán, Esloveno y Holandés, como ya lo hemos hecho con el Español y el Húngaro.

Por favor sigan mandando sus comentarios. Haremos lo imposible para responderlos a todos.

Sarah Russell  
Editor

Ko smo Februarja zaceli z izdajanjem "Blue Beret" v obliki casopisa, smo povprašali bralce, kaj menijo o novi podobi.

Mnogo jih je dejalo, da izgleda precej lepše, spet drugi cenijo to, da zdaj zajema več različnih tematik.

Toda bili so tudi tisti, manj navdušeni. Najbolj jih je motilo, da "Blue Beret" ne izhaja vec v obliki barvne revije, katero so si potem vzeli domov, kot lep spomin na opravljeni misijo na Cipru. Zato si castnik za informiranje prizadeva, da bi vsem odhajajocim kontingentom zagotovil nekakšen poseben barvni izvod, kot spomin na UNFICYP. Poleg tega nacrtujemo tudi letno porocilo, ki bi izšlo koncem vsakega leta.

Prav tako pa so nas pokarali, da casopis ne zajema vseh jezikov. Zato se trudimo, da bi pripravili vec prevodov v nemščino, slovenščino in nizozemščino, kot tudi v španščino in madarščino, s katerima smo tudi zaceli.

Prosimo, da nam pošiljate še vaših mnenj in mimo storili vse, da bomo na njih tudi odgovorili.

Sarah Russell,  
Urednica

## BB TIPS: UNFICYP'S PHRASE BOOK - PART I

In this issue of *The Blue Beret*, we are providing our readers with the first in a series of helpful key phrases to enable members of UNFICYP to communicate with each other and also island-wide.

If readers have any specific questions/phrases they would like included, please write in.

### ENGLISH

Good morning  
Good evening  
Nice to meet you  
Goodbye  
Yes  
No  
Please  
Thank you  
Sorry, I don't speak  
English

### DUTCH

Goedemorgen  
Goedenavond  
Fijn u te ontmoeten  
Tot ziens  
Ja  
Nee  
Alstublieft  
Dank u wel  
Het spijt me, ik spreek  
geen Nederlands

### FINNISH

Hyvää huomenta  
Hyvää iltaa  
Hauska tavata  
Näkemiin  
Kyllä  
Ei  
Olkaa hyvä  
Kiitos  
Anteeksi, mutta en  
puhu suomea

### GAELIC

Dia is Mhuiire duit  
Oiche maith  
Ba mhaith liom aithne  
a cuir ort.  
Slán  
Seá  
Ní Heá  
Más sé de thoil é  
Go raibh maith agat  
Gabh mo leath scéal  
ach ní labhraim gaeilge

### GERMAN

Guten morgen  
Guten abend  
Es freut mich Sie zu  
sehen  
Auf Wiedersehen  
Ja  
Nein  
Bitte  
Danke sehr  
Es tut mir leid, ich  
spreche kein Deutsch

# UNFICYP'S EDP UNIT

Got a problem with your computer? Phone Maria Trimithiotou at the Electronic Data Processing (EDP) Help Desk. Your printer refuses to print the valuable products of your decision-making process? Captain Maria Chocobar will come to your office and solve the problem. That 10 page report you were working on just disappeared from the screen? Kyriakos Michaelides will come to your rescue. Disconnected from the World Wide Web? Hassan Al-Attar can link you up again.

Established in late 1993, EDP has grown from one staff member supporting a handful of computers to a team of five professionals providing support for an UNFICYP-wide advanced computer infrastructure. No wonder the EDP phones are always ringing.

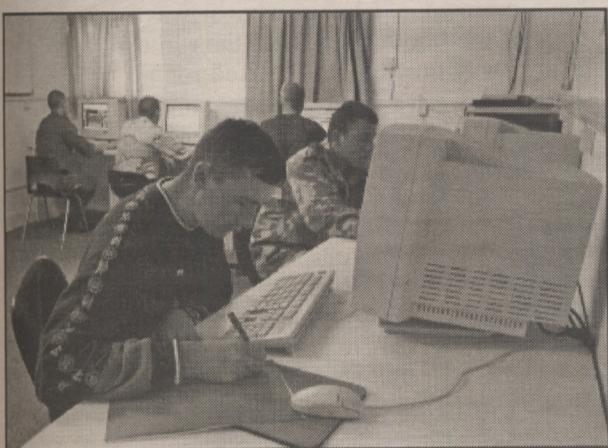
"Connectivity and training are the keys," says Yiotis Longinos, the chief of the EDP team. "As the mission gets more and more automated, support becomes harder and more time-consuming. Our goal is to expand and upgrade the

mission computer network, so that most tasks can be performed from a central location."

Most computers in the UNPA are now connected to a central network with access to the Internet. Since 1998, all sector headquarters and Pyla also have access to the Internet. This makes it possible to distribute information easily and at low cost. Take, for instance, the daily press cable by the Public Information Office. It used to be printed, copied and distributed, using the pigeon hole system. The next day, a courier would drive from the sectors to the Headquarters to collect the messages. Now the secretary to the Public Information Office clicks on her electronic distribution list and moments later, the addressees can read today's most relevant news. No paper, no copying, no delay.

Using the computer in this way requires not just knowledge but also a change of culture. Many people still want to see things on paper. Of course, information will sometimes get lost in the computer, just like documents can get lost. But that's why we all back-up our files, isn't it?

Among the other services it offers, EDP has established a fully equipped computer room, open to all UNFICYP staff members, which allows mission personnel the opportunity to learn and use the latest software for duty purposes or sometimes just for fun. "I've found information about the Volkswagen VR-6, the car I want to buy when I return to the Netherlands," says Pte Roelof Stam. "And I can talk to my wife in Argentina via electronic mail," adds SSgt Cesar Chavez. Located in the EDP Unit building, close to the enormous satellite dish, the computer room is open Monday to Friday during normal mission working hours.



The EDP computer room



The EDP team. From the left: Kyriakos, Hassan, Maria and Yiotis

## Blue Beret Favourites

This issue's candidate for the Blue Beret Favourites quiz is the Commanding Officer of Sector Two, Lt Col Ian Tinsley. His favourites are:

Colour: "British racing green"

Food: "Spotted Dick and custard"

Place: "The Wiltshire Downs"

Hero: "Bobby Charlton"

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

By Lt Rasic Luis Jorge

The people who work in communications are some of our most valued colleagues - not least because they keep us in touch with our relatives back home.

"This is a very important service, which I am very proud of," says WO III Walter Alfredo Zurita, one of the ARGCON signal operators. "We make, on average, 15 radio links between Cyprus and Argentina a day. The recipients of these communications are families and sometimes the Combat Units in Argentina where we have friends. Thanks to the FT-747 radio and its amplifier FL-7000, we can do this every day."

The work is done by the Communications Branch, on top of their daily activities, and it's a vital way to keep up the morale of the personnel stationed here in Cyprus.

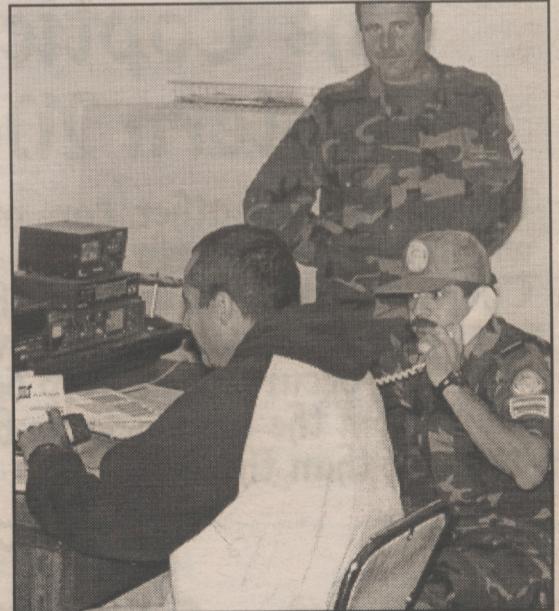
A big thank you to SSgt Manuel Alfredo Lino, SSgt Luis Marcelo Medina and WOIII Zurita for keeping us linked up with home.

El personal que trabaja en comunicaciones, es uno de los más apreciados, ya que además de cumplir con sus actividades normales, nos permiten mantener contacto radial con nuestros familiares.

"Este es un servicio muy importante, del cual me siento muy orgulloso de poder realizarlo", dice el Sarg Ay Zurita Walter Alfredo, uno de los operadores de radio del Contingente Argentino. "Nosotros hacemos un promedio de 15 "radio links", entre Chipre y Argentina, por día. Los receptores de esas comunicaciones son familiares del personal aquí destacado y algunas Unidades Militares, en las cuales tenemos amigos. Nosotros podemos prestar este servicio diariamente, gracias a los equipos de radio FT-747 y a los amplificadores FL-7000."

Este servicio es prestado por el personal de la Sección Comunicaciones del Sector 1, sin perjuicio de sus funciones, como una forma vital de mantener en alto la moral del personal destinado en Chipre.

Un muy especial agradecimiento para el Sarg Ay Zurita y a los Sarg Iro(s) Manuel Alfredo Lino y Luis Marcelo Medina, por permitirnos mantener el contacto con nuestras familias.



### GREEK

Kalimera  
Kalispera  
Hero poly  
Adio  
Ne  
Ohi  
Barakalo  
Efharisto  
Signomi, then milo  
Ellinika

### HUNGARIAN

Jó napot kívánok  
Jó estét kívánok  
Örülök, hogy találkoztunk  
Viszontlátásra  
Igen  
Nem  
Kérem  
Köszönöm  
Bocsánat, de nem beszélek magyarul

### SLOVENIAN

Dobro jutro (after 0900: Dober dan)  
Dober vecer  
Lepo da se poznavo  
Nasvidenje  
Da  
Ne  
Prosim  
Hvala  
Oprosti, ne govorim angleško

### SPANISH

Buenos días  
Buenas tardes  
Encantado de conocerlo  
Adiós  
Si  
No  
Por favor  
Gracias  
Perdón, no hablo español

### TURKISH

Günaydin  
Iyi Aksamlar  
Tanistigimiza memnun oldum  
Allahaismarladik  
Evet  
Hayir  
Lütfen  
Tesekkür ederim  
Özür dilerim Türkçe bilmem

# Robbery After The Rain

By Sgt P Carlin

Who stole the money from the airport snack bar? Can you solve this crime before Inspector Carter does?

To help you, the illustration contains a vital clue. Answers to the Public Information Office by Monday 26 April please.

It wasn't really Inspector Carter's sort of crime, and he frowned as he looked across the airport apron, leaning over the rail of the spectators' gallery.

"I've got Mr Dyson...." began Sergeant Graham, but the rest of his sentence was silenced by the departing roar of a jumbo jet. ".....he's waiting for us downstairs", said the sergeant, a full 30 seconds later.

Carter sighed. "It's the wind", he concluded unhappily. "They're having to use the runway right beside us today."

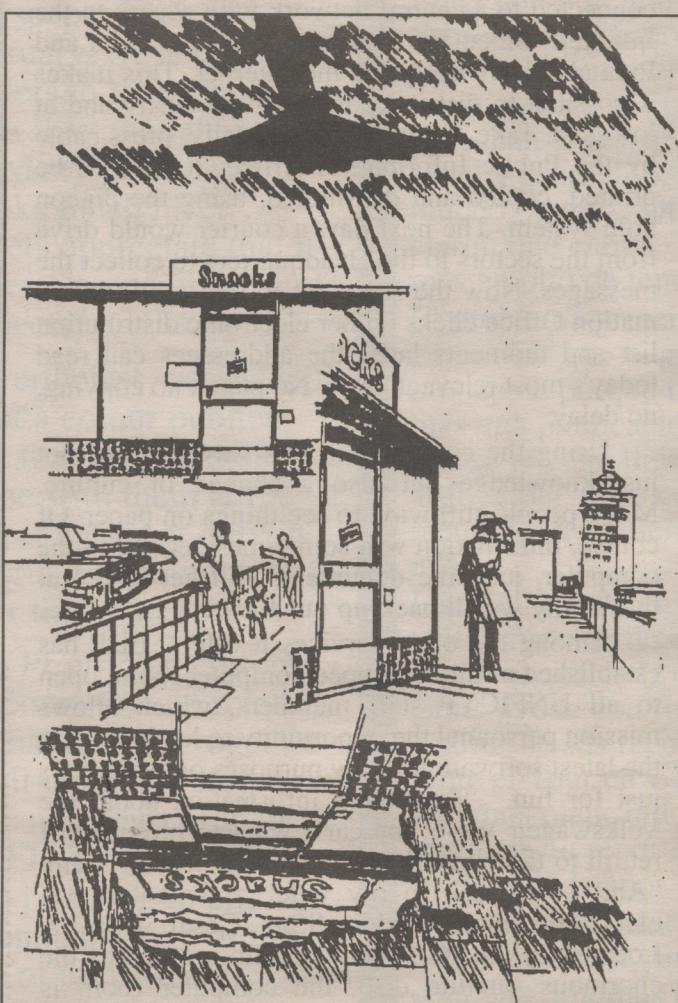
There was good reason for the inspector's dissatisfaction. Half an hour earlier, he had been waiting in the departure lounge, happily contemplating the prospect of three days in the sunshine of Madeira, acting in an advisory capacity in a murder case.

Now he was investigating a theft involving an amount of money equal to no more than the price of a carton of cigarettes. The call had come straight through to the airport. "Would you oblige.....?"

Philip Dyson brought his mind back to more practical considerations. He, too, had been bound for the sunshine and he was - to put it mildly - furious at being delayed.

"Look, Inspector, I've given your sergeant a full description of the man," he began. "I just saw him from the back - a light brown raincoat and a grey felt hat ... that's what he was wearing."

And even Mrs Jenkins, the attendant of the snack bar, had to agree that she had seen a person answering that very description on the gallery when she left the booth.



"I'd run out of cigarettes, so I had to go downstairs and get some more", she told the detectives. "Mr Dyson was up on the gallery, and there was this other gentleman further along."

The door to the booth had been left unlocked for perhaps five minutes. When Mrs Jenkins returned, the money was missing.

Sergeant Graham, in his most diligent mood, had uncovered not a single clue. In front of the booth was a pool of water from an early-morning rainstorm, and from it led a set of footsteps, but they proved nothing.

"Look, I've told you inspector, I was on the gallery watching a jumbo take off," Dyson was saying in an increasingly shrill voice. "Then I suddenly noticed this man .....

"But something must have drawn your attention to him," insisted Graham.

"Well, yes ..... I suppose it did," Dyson thought for a moment. "I know what it was - I heard the door of the booth close, and then I heard footsteps going away quickly, so I looked round."

"But I wasn't really paying much attention .... Look, inspector, can I get on with my holiday now?"

Sergeant Graham was even more gloomy than usual as he consulted with his superior. "We'll let him go, sir, shall we? Then perhaps we can get away, too."

"Not a bit of it," countered Carter. "If you ask me, the mysterious man in the grey hat never went anywhere near that snack bar!"

**Why did Inspector Carter say that?**

The answers to "UNFICYP TRIVIA" are set out below:

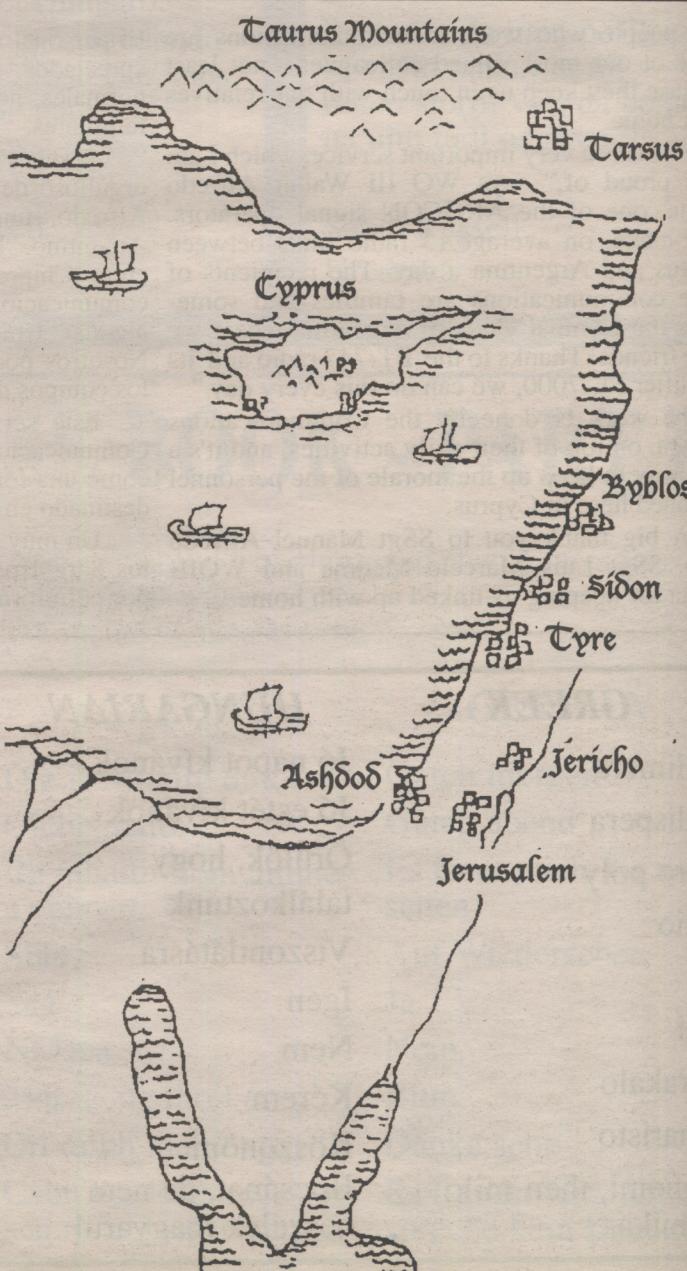
1. (a)	4. (b)	7. Trick question: Answer = 152	13. (a)	17. (a)
2. (a)	5. (b)	8. (b)	10. (b)	14. (c)
3. (b)	6. (c)	9. (a)	11. (d)	15. (b)
			12. (a)	16. (b)
				18. (c)
				19. (a)
				20. (c)

The response from the UNFICYP Trivia was great; thank you all for your efforts. The lucky winner of the competition is *Panicos Hairtas*. Please contact the Force Photographer (extension 4551) to claim your prize.

## The Coptic Gales of the Eastern Mediterranean

The Ancient Weather Lore of Arabia listed a series of gales which occur regularly in the Eastern Mediterranean area. They generally set in from the south west and veer to the west and north west. The average duration is three days and their occurrence rarely deviates more than forty-eight hours from the dates shown below. Those marked \* are stronger than the rest.....

Date	Arabic Name	Translation
27th September	El Saleeb Winds	Cross Winds
21st October	El Saleebish	Crusade
26th November *	El Mickness	Broom Gales
6th December	Kassim	Gale
20th December	El fedra El Saggira	Small feeder Gale
11th January *	Unnamed	Gale
19th January	El fedra El Kebira	Large feeder Gale
28th January	Unnamed	Gale
18th February *	El Shams El Seghira	Small Sun Gale
10th March	El Hossoom	Equinox Gale
20th March *	El Shams El Kebira	Big Sun Gale
25th March	Harwa	Wind Gale
29th April	Khamseen Winds	The 50 Day Wind



# PEOPLE

# FRONTLINE COMMUNICATOR

One consequence of UNFICYP's success in maintaining peace in Cyprus is that work here often seems routine. "It's a good week when nothing happens," we hear, "because that shows we're doing the job properly."

For many veterans of peace-keeping missions in more volatile regions, this must come as a welcome relief.

Take UNFICYP radio room operator, Raul Chamarro, for example. Life for the Colombian must seem mundane here given that during his 20 years with the UN, he dodged shells in Lebanon, evaded bullets in Mozambique and narrowly escaped a helicopter crash in Guatemala.

In 1976, Raul left his job as a ship's radio operator, accepted a pay cut, and joined the UN. Why did he make the move? "To have the opportunity to work with an organisation committed to furthering peace and to spend more time on land."

His first posting was the UNTSO mission supervising the truce in the Middle East conflict. However, Raul soon found himself in the middle of an ongoing conflict when he was transferred to war-ravaged Beirut to serve with the UN mission monitoring the Lebanon-Israel armistice.

In Beirut, he recalls that "Almost every

day, we experienced all kinds of firing." He particularly recalls one night shift, during which forces were exchanging shell fire. A shell landed close by to the building he was working in, and glass shattered everywhere. He later discovered that the guard of the building had been killed in the explosion.

From Beirut, he was transferred to UNIFIL in southern Lebanon. One of his abiding memories is of the Israeli invasion, which made crossing the border impossible because of the hundreds of tanks that clogged up the roads.

But perhaps his most harrowing experience of all came in Mozambique, where he was stationed from 1993-95, serving with the UN mission monitoring the post civil war peace process. One night he went with colleagues to a restaurant called Piri-ri - which means hot.

Sure enough, things heated up. As his party were enjoying their after-meal coffees, the sound of gunfire could be heard outside.

The noise grew louder until the diners realised that the shooting was aimed directly at the restaurant.

Raul and his colleagues took refuge under the table as armed gunmen entered the restaurant and continued shooting. He recalls that the glasses on the table were shattered in a hail of bullets. The outcome of the carnage was four people dead - one of them a UNDP driver and another the husband of a UN volunteer. The armed robbers made off with around \$1,000.

Meanwhile, when in Guatemala with the UN's human rights monitoring mission, Raul narrowly avoided a fatal plane crash. He was due to go with his chief communications officer on a flight to another part of the country. However, a day before the flight, he was told that his services would not be required after all. Tragically, the helicopter crashed, killing four of the people on board.

This is Raul's second term with UNFICYP. He first joined in 1989 and stayed

for three years. He came back to Cyprus in June last year.

Asked how things have changed since he was here last, he recalls a lot of heavy radio equipment around in the mission back in 1989. Satellite communication had just begun, but the old radio equipment was maintained for back-up purposes.

When the Gulf War erupted in 1991, UNFICYP served as a vital communications centre for the UN's Middle East-based missions, and the HF and VHF equipment came into use. The intermission radio transmissions were carried out through the relay facilities on Mt Olympus and parallel facilities on Lebanon's huge Mt Harmon.

Nowadays, the "radio room" is a bit of a misnomer for Raul's work base. With modern technology - ranging from mobile phones to e-mail - making instant communication more and more accessible to more and more people, Raul's main job is not radio communications but supervising the sending and receipt of faxes in the mission.

Even this is rapidly changing, with many messages currently sent by fax set to be sent by e-mail in the future. And it's a far cry from Raul's first years in the UN, when he would often have to put his knowledge of Morse code into practice.

comenzó en 1989 por un espacio de 3 años y volvió a Chipre en Junio del año pasado. Cuando se le preguntó si habían cambiado las cosas, él recuerda que los equipos de comunicaciones eran más pesados en el '89. Ahora tenemos comunicaciones satelitales, no obstante ello, se mantienen los viejos equipos de comunicaciones como reserva.

Cuando estalló la Guerra del Golfo en 1991, UNFICYP sirvió como centro vital de comunicaciones para las misiones de Naciones Unidas destacadas en el Medio Oriente. En dicha oportunidad, los equipos de HF y VHF salieron a relucir. Las transmisiones de radio entre misiones se llevaron a cabo a través del Monte Olympus y en paralelo con las facilidades en el Líbano, en Monte Harmon.

Actualmente, el "cuarto de radio", término equivocado para el lugar donde Raúl trabaja, cuenta con una moderna tecnología que va desde Teléfonos Celulares hasta E-Mail, haciendo las comunicaciones instantáneas y más accesibles para todos, día a día. Pero el trabajo de Raúl no son más las comunicaciones, hoy en día es el supervisor de todos los Faxes que entran y salen a la Misión.

Hasta esto está rápidamente cambiando, ya que los mensajes que entran vía Fax, en un futuro no muy lejano entrarán vía E-Mail. Es ya un llanto lejano para Raúl su primer año en Naciones Unidas, cuando tenía que utilizar sus conocimientos de código Morse, para poder comunicarse.



En Beirut, recuerda que "casi todos los días experimentamos todo tipo de incidentes", en particular se acuerda de un cambio de guardia de noche mientras Sirios y cristianos libaneses intercambiaban fuego de artillería. Un proyectil impactó cerca del Edificio en el que estaba trabajando, causando la rotura del vidrio. Luego descubrió que el personal de guardia del edificio había muerto en la explosión.

De Beirut fue transferido a UNIFIL, al sur del Líbano. Uno de sus recuerdos más frescos de esos tiempos fue la invasión israelí, que imposibilitaba cruzar las fronteras a causa de los cientos de tanques en las calles.

Pero quizás su experiencia más horroso fue en Mozambique, donde estuvo destinado desde 1993 hasta 1995, sirviendo a las Naciones Unidas y monitoreando el proceso de paz de la guerra civil. Una noche, cuando fue con sus colegas a un restaurante llamado PIRI-RI que significa "CALOR", las cosas se calentaron cuando compartían el café después de la comida. El sonido de los disparos se

podía escuchar desde afuera. El estampido crecía cuando los comensales se dieron cuenta que las balas iban dirigidas hacia el restaurante.

Raúl y sus colegas se refugiaron debajo de la mesa, a la vez que los hombres armados entraron al restaurante y seguían disparando. El recuerda que los vidrios sobre la mesa se astillaban en un infierno de balas. El resultado fue de 4 muertos, uno de ellos un conductor de UNDP y el otro el marido de una voluntaria de Naciones Unidas. Los ladrones armados se alzaron con un botín de US\$ 1,000.

Mientras tanto, cuando estaba en Guatemala con las Naciones Unidas, monitoreando los Derechos Humanos, Raúl se salvó de un accidente aéreo fatal. Estaba planeado que fuera con su Jefe de Comunicaciones en un vuelo a otra parte del país, sin embargo un día antes del vuelo le fue informado que sus servicios no eran requeridos. El helicóptero se estrelló trágicamente, muriendo los 4 pasajeros, incluyendo el Jefe de Raúl.

Este es su segundo Tour en UNFICYP,

## The Hungarian Amazons

By Capt  
László Horváth

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce the five women currently serving with UNFICYP in the Hungarian Contingent.

Like the men, they are all volunteers, but while most of the men come from the 88th Rapid Reaction Battalion/Szolnok, our five "Amazons" come from four different units.

WO Csákánzné Vétek Katalin, Personnel Branch/HQ Sector Four, Famagusta comes from Budapest. Cpl Kövecses István, COMCEN/1st Coy, Athienou, comes from Veszprém, a charming town in the Transdanubia. WO Laboda Jánosné, Personnel NCO/1st Coy, Athienou, is also from Veszprém. Cpl Máté Annamária, Administration/1st Coy, Athienou, comes from Debrecen, and Cpl Páaztor Judit, Administration/HQ Sector Four, Famagusta, comes from Tata.

All five say they are proud to have been selected to serve abroad. Competition to come to Cyprus was strong. WO Laboda says: "It is a big challenge for me. To be able to do my best I needed the backing of my whole family - my husband and two daughters. I am lucky I get all the support I need from home."



a két lányom támogatása. Szerencsés vagyok, hogy minden támogatást megkapok otthonról, ami szükséges."

Szeretném megragadni az alkalmat, hogy az UNFICYP magyar kontingensében szolgáló öt hölgyet bemutassam.

Csakúgy, mint a férfiak Ők is önkéntesek, de amíg a erősebb nem képviselői többsége a szolnoki 88. GYRZ. állományából érkezett, addig az öt hölgy négy különböző alakulattól érkezett.

Csákányné Vétek Katalin zls., aki Famagustában a személyügyi részlegnél szolgál, Budapesten dolgozik. Kövecses István szkv.az 1. szd. COMCEN kezelője egy Dúnántúli szép városból Veszprém ből érkezett. Máté Annamária örv. az 1. szd. írnoka Debrecenből, Pásztor Judit örv. aki Z.Pság-on írnok pedig Tatáról érkezett.

Egybehangzó mondják, hogy büszkék arra, hogy különösen teljesíthetnek szolgálatot. A Ciprusra kerülésért folytatott küzdelem nehéz volt. Ahogy Labodáné zls. mondja: "Ez egy nagy kihívás számomra. Ahhoz, hogy jól teljesítsék, szükséges az egész családom - a férjem és

# NEWS

# CANDLES AND FLOWERS AT APOSTOLOS ANDREAS

It was an early day for the 1,452 pilgrims who were lucky to be on the list to visit the Apostolos Andreas monastery on 12 April. The pilgrims, old and young, turned up at the Ledra Palace checkpoint well before 07.00 a.m. Most brought candles and flowers to leave at the monastery, and a packed lunch to silence the call of the stomach.

Getting on the buses took a while, but before ten o'clock, all 36 buses were set off in convoys of five for their three-hour journey to the Karpas.

Midway the travellers stopped at Bogaz on the outer and return journey for fresh air, a quick cup of coffee and to 'wash hands'. This stop also provided the opportunity to briefly meet some long-missed friends from the

north. Laughs, kisses and an occasional tear were observed when the convoys set off en route again.

At Bogaz, the services of the accompanying medical team, provided by the northern authorities, were already called upon. An elderly lady became ill and was treated in the ambulance on her way from Bogaz to Apostolos Andreas, but was able to resume her pilgrimage afterwards. Twice more the medical team had to assist, but luckily both times for minor treatment.

After the long drive, only one and a half hours were left to worship, lay flowers and light the large number of candles. Force Photographer Damian Faulkner was heard to say: "I've never seen so many candles in my life!"

Father Papazacharias, the priest of the monastery, finds some time to sit down with SCAT-4 member, WO1 Theissel, to give a brief history of the location. "This monastery has always been very important to pilgrims. The offerings to Apostolos Andreas, the brother of Saint Peter and the student of John the Baptist, are kept in the church of the monastery. The story goes that the ship of Apostolos

Andreas ran out of potable water on its way back to Jerusalem. The captain became blind from thirst. When they passed the Karpas peninsula, Andreas told the captain to go ashore and find water. So it was, he found plenty of water. The captain regained his vision, and out of gratitude, they established a shrine near the source. This was the basis for setting up the monastery. This source is famous throughout Cyprus, and many pilgrims collect holy water to take home."

After eating lunch under a friendly sun, it was time to travel back. Most pilgrims left happy that they had the chance to pray in this sacred place, and at the same time, sad that they can't go there whenever they like.



## comment

### DECISION-MAKING IN A CHANGING WORLD

By Lt Col Eduardo Cundins

It's now almost ten months since I left my home in Argentina, and said goodbye to my students at the General Staff College in Buenos Aires. Just before leaving, I wrote an article entitled: "Nothing is entirely good; nothing is entirely bad; everything should be examined thoroughly."

What I was trying to do was to encourage my students to think strategically. I wanted them to do more than simply memorise facts and realise that it is not enough to just follow standardised procedures.

To make effective decisions, we need to look at things from more than one point of view - globally. "How" we think is more important than "what" we think.

We are living in a rapidly changing world. To cope with this changing environment, we have to adapt the ways we do things and find new ways to solve problems.

International conflicts are no longer fought exclusively by armed forces on the battlefield. The most powerful attacks are carried out by "armies" of people who wear suits, not uniforms, and who carry briefcases and laptop computers rather than rifles.

Commercial enterprises have adopted military terminology to describe what they do. They have "strategies" and "target" their clients. Civilians have learnt from military approaches to decision-making. Similarly, the military is



now adopting some civilian approaches to management and decision making.

And we are learning that just because something "has always been done this way" means that this is the best way to do it.

INVITATION  
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INVITACION

The Dutch Soldiers of UNFICYP have pleasure in inviting all their fellow peacekeepers - civilian, military and police - to assist them in celebrating the birthday of HER MAJESTY, QUEEN BEATRIX, QUEEN OF THE NETHERLANDS at St Michael's School, UNPA.

Friday 30 April and Saturday 1 May.

BBQ at 18.00 hrs, music, song and dance from 19:30 to 23.30 hrs

Free Entrance

Drinks available

All benefits go to charity

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE DUTCH - BE THERE!!

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## ITEMS FOR SALE

### CARS FOR SALE

**Honda Prelude.** Duty Free. 1992, black, 30,000 km, automatic, all options, power steering, electric windows, reinforced engine version. £2,500 ONO. Tel (02) 864440.

**BMW 520i**, air conditioned, stereo radio, 1986, fully serviced, good condition, duty free - £650. Contact Klaus Thalinger on 02-359666.

**Honda Civic EL**, 1993, duty free. Silver, 52,000 km, a/c, hatchback, good condition. £2,000. Contact Padré Richard on 02-359108.

**Nissan Sunny Saloon**, white, 1992, duty free, 4WD, 4 new tyres in excellent condition, price: £1,200. Available from April. Contact Lt Col Ramirez: (02) 864764 (O) and 924159 (H).

**Mazda 626 Estate 2.0 GT.** Genuine 7-seater, a/c, cruise control, electric windows, sun roof, low mileage. Excellent condition. £3,500 ONO. Tel John or Bronwyn Jones at (02) 753001 (O) or 660997 (H).

**Mazda 323**, 1993, white, 4-door sedan. 5-speed, a/c, power windows/locks, new battery/tyres. Very good condition, 60,500 km. Duty free: £1,200 OBO! Available July. Call (02) 776400, Ext 2595 (O) or 352502 (H).

**Volkswagen Golf** automatic saloon, 5 doors, duty free, only 11,750 miles - low price. Call (02) 771834.

### OTHER ITEMS FOR SALE

Brand new computer table, light wood for sale. £50. Phone Shona on (02) 454600 (O) or 351349 (H).

As new ladies' medium sized full diving suit (Marin) with jacket. Half price at £85. Phone Joanne on (02) 864485.

Complete house contents for sale including furniture, carpets, electrical appliances, crockery, crystal, pots pans and many, many extras! Prices are low and negotiable. Make an appointment to view. Tel: Mrs Drogoul at (02) 779910/11/12 (O) or 513039 (H).

## ITEMS FOR HIRE

### HIVE ITEMS FOR HIRE

The NICOSIA HIVE operates a comprehensive loan store. Items available are: VAX machine, child's car seats, pushchairs, backpacks, high chair, travel cots, children's toys and bikes, cool boxes, sun loungers, golf clubs, radio/cassette players, BBQ, etc. Call the HIVE to check availability.

### DISCO FOR HIRE

The UNPA WOs' & Sgts' Mess (The Vic Club) has upgraded its disco equipment to a high standard. This is available for hire for functions etc. The cost of hire is now £50.00 per event. Two DJs are also available and separate arrangements should be made with either DJ regarding fees. Bookings for the disco should be made through the PMC, WO2 Miller on (02) 359760 ext 126 (W) at least seven days in advance.

### HAVING A PARTY?

The Youth Club is now available for hire. Many facilities including new disco equipment and lights, barbecue and plenty of space! Contact Pam on (02) 359112 for more details.

## PROPERTY TO LET

Very spacious four-bedroom apartment in quiet residential area in Engomi, occupying third and fourth floors. Elevator, parking, nice views all round, four A/C units, washer, fridge, cooker/oven. Contact (09) 680870 or (02) 355414.

House in a cul-de-sac in Strovolos. 3 bedrooms, 3 WCs, kitchen, dining room/sitting room, a/c in master bedroom, ceiling fans, c/h, unfurnished, garden, patio. Available from April 99. £480. Contact: 02-320357.

Flat in Lycavitos. Third floor, 3 bedrooms, storeroom, covered parking, c/h, provision for a/c. Can be let furnished or unfurnished. Rent: £400 (negotiable). Phone Yannos on (02) 344461/09-693993 or Yanna on (02) 864524.

First floor house in Strovolos (11 Herodou Attikou St). 220 sq.m. with 3 bedrooms, hall, living room, office, kitchen, 2 WCs, laundry room, garage and c/h. Solar water heater. Rent: £400. Tel: (02) 422516.

3-bedroom penthouse flat to let in Acropolis (Hilton area). 175 sq.m. Sitting/dining room, TV room, study, large kitchen, bathroom, 2 WCs. Fully furnished, including all kitchen appliances. Split unit and separate shower in master bedroom. Large verandah overlooking park. C/h and solar water heater. Available from end May. Address: 2 Ermokleos St. Rent: £425. Call (02) 337044 (O) or 335534 (H).

## CHURCH SERVICES

### SERVICES AT ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH, UNPA: ANGLICAN EUCHARIST:

**Saturday 17 April**, 18:00 hrs. Roman Catholic Vigil Mass

**Sunday 18 April**, 10:00 hrs. Sunday Worship.

**Saturday 24 April**, 18:00 hrs. Roman Catholic Vigil Mass

**Sunday 25 April**, 10:00 hrs. Sunday Worship.

Sector 2 Padré's Office (LPH), tel: 864760/1, Ext 301.

**BRITCON** Anglican Chaplain: Padré Philip McCormack.

Dutch Chaplain, Padré Peter 't Hoen

**BRITCON RC** Chaplain - Father Kevin Prince

## FACILITIES

### NICOSIA LIBRARY

The Nicosia Library, 23 Sycamore Road, UNPA. Tel (02) 359317. Many new books now in stock. For the new entrance please follow the arrows round the side.

**Opening Hours:**  
1000-1300 and 1500-1700 hrs Mon - Fri.

All nationalities are welcome. Huge selection of fiction & non-fiction books for adults and children.

Book search and reservation service.

Language cassettes and books available on long-term loans.

Many music cassettes and books on tape.

Videos now available on loan.

Photocopying at 5c per copy.

Computer & CD-ROM for use with military studies. "COIC Career Builder" programme.

### NICOSIA HIVE NEWS

The NICOSIA HIVE is open for information and advice and is located at 21 Sycamore Road, UNPA (within the Married Quarters area). Tel (02) 359316. The Nicosia HIVE Co-ordinator is Geraldine McKendrick.

All nationalities are welcome!

Opening Times: Mon-Wed-Fri, 0930-1230 and 1500-1700 hrs.

## SERVICES

### Why don't U.Network@the UNPA?

The next meeting takes place on Wednesday 21 April 1999 at 1000 hours in the Nicosia HIVE. Come along and exchange news and information with a friendly group of spouses from UNFICYP and diplomatic missions.

### BEAUTY TREATMENTS BY NIKI

Niki will be at the HIVE on Thursday 15 April. A wide range of facials, manicures and massage treatments available. For appointments or more information, call Niki on (05) 391640 or the Nicosia HIVE ON (02) 359316.

### ART FOR PLEASURE

The new term begins on **Tuesday 20 April 1999** at St Michael's School on the UNPA. New students welcome. Cost of course is £20. To register, please phone the HIVE on (02) 359316. Full details from Lindsay Twort on (02) 358611.

### CONVERSATIONAL GREEK

New term begins on **Tuesday 20 April 1999** at the HIVE. Time: 17:30-18:30 for intermediate and 18:30-19:30 for beginners. Please note that these courses will run subject to sufficient demand. The cost is £20 per course and a small deposit is payable on registration. To register, please phone the HIVE on (02) 359316.

### JUST A SECOND

the nearly-new clothing exchange in the Nicosia HIVE, **urgently** needs spring and summer stock. Sellers receive 80% of the selling price and the remaining 20% goes to the UNFICYP Community Welfare Fund. So spring clean your wardrobes, make some money and support a worthwhile cause. Opening times are as for the Nicosia HIVE. A selection of Falcon School uniform is now in stock.

### FED UP WITH THE IRONING BOARD?

Mature British lady takes in ironing. Excellent service, reasonable rates. Tel: (02) 661787.

### SANDRA'S HAIR FASHIONS

Sandra's Hair Fashions is situated at 21 Sycamore Road on the Married Quarters Patch. Open Mon-Fri between 0900-1800 hrs. Tel: (02) 776454.

### ENGLISH LESSONS

Qualified and experienced teacher available to teach English to small groups or on a one-to-one basis. Tel: (02) 772991.

**MATURE BABYSITTER** Reliable, mature lady available for babysitting. Tel: (02) 623850 after 1600 hrs.

### EVENING BABYSITTING AND ASSISTING AT PARTIES

Lady available for evening babysitting and assisting at drinks/dinner parties. Tel Maroulla: (02) 330296 after 1600 hrs.

**UK-TRAINED SEAMSTRESS** available for alterations, zip replacements, costume making, etc. Also specialises in beautiful creative home fabric decorations. Contact Stella on (02) 491840.

### BRITISH TRAINED SEAMSTRESS

Specialises in dressmaking for formal occasions, ball gowns, wedding dresses and outfits, etc, also alterations and repairs. Mrs

Chris Broad, 28 Vyzantou Street, Ayios Dhometios, Nicosia (close to UNPA, near Astra garage). Tel: (02) 773206.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### TEDDY TOTS PLAYGROUP, UNPA.

Children from the UN and international community are most welcome. Ages: Two to rising five. Excellent facilities, air-conditioned, follows English pre-school curriculum. Small numbers in class. For further information Tel: (02) 359655 (school) or 359225 (home).

### "BRATCON" YOUTH CLUB.

If you are aged between 8-16, and want to have some fun, "BRATCON" is the place to be seen. We are open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 6-8.30 pm at St Michael's School in the UNPA. Our Club is run by volunteers. We do everything from sporting activities to staging our own pantomime.

Come along and make some new friends. For further information, contact Pam Kingston on (02) 359112, or pop in on one of the nights that we are open and find out for yourself. Membership is £1.50 per term or £4 annually. Nightly subs - 50c for members and 75c for visitors.

### VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED.

The "BRATCON" Youth Club urgently requires new volunteers to help out at their twice-weekly sessions. If you have some free time and would like to work with a bunch of happy kids, please contact Pam on (02) 359112 for more information. Don't delay - pick up the phone NOW.

### BRATCON presents:

## GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS

**Fri 23 and Sat 24 Apr**

**Curtain rises at 7:00 pm at St Michael's School**

**Tickets on sale now:**

**Adults: £3.00**

**Kids: £1.50**

**Contact Pam on (02)**

**359112 or get your**

**tickets from the HIVE,**

**YMCA or Y/C**

### THE NICOSIA DOG SHELTER

requires a trainee volunteer for mornings with a view to full/part time paid employment in March/April. Call (02) 359010.

It also desperately needs good homes for its many dogs and volunteer help at the Shelter. The Charity Shop is open daily and needs donations of good clothing, household items, bric-a-brac, etc.

*Please call (02) 369568 and help to support a good cause.*

## CYPRUS KARTING CHAMPIONSHIP

The second round of the Karting Championship will take place on Sunday 18 April. **DON'T MISS IT!**

To advertise in the Blue Beret, send your ads to the Public Information Office at HQ UNFICYP or e-mail to [blueberetcyprus@hotmail.com](mailto:blueberetcyprus@hotmail.com).

## TRAVEL TIPS

### A Brief View of Jordan

Jordan is a land of ancient heritage with a history as old as time itself. The country, also known as the Hashemite Kingdom, is a mere 45 minute flight away and yet full of stark differences.

### Main Places to Visit:

- The Nabatean City of Petra (2-3 hours from Amman) is the most famous sight and an experience not to be forgotten. The city is hewn from solid pink rock.
- The Red Sea at Aqaba.
- Jerash (½ hour from Amman) is the ancient Roman City which has survived an incredible 2,300 years.
- The Crusader Castles
- Madaba and Mount Nebo where Moses first looked over to the Promised Land and is also buried.
- The briny Dead Sea, the lowest point on Earth.
- Wadi Rum, the largest and most magnificent of Jordan's desert landscapes (where Lawrence of Arabia was filmed).

**Transport.** Local transport is cheap. Yellow government taxis are reliable and run on a meter.

Public transport is not recommended as buses do not have set schedules.

If you hire a car (right-hand drive), you can go as you please. It is very easy to drive from Amman to Petra and from Petra to Aqaba.

**Where to Stay.** Hotels in Jordan vary from 5-star to budget hotels. Prices start from £10 to £40 with breakfast.

**Currency.** The Jordanian Dinar. You can order dinars in advance from your bank, alternatively you can take US dollars and change to dinars in any local bank.

**Visas and tax.** All nationals require visas and prices vary. Check with the Jordanian Consulate before departure.

On departure from Jordan, everyone must pay departure tax at Queen Alia Airport (approximately Jod 10).

**Final Words.** Jordan is a great country for any traveller to visit, whether on a short break to see the great sights or for a more relaxed stay in Aqaba (Red Sea Resort). The locals are very friendly and speak English. Local Arabic food is delicious.

# BLUE BERET SPORTS SECTION

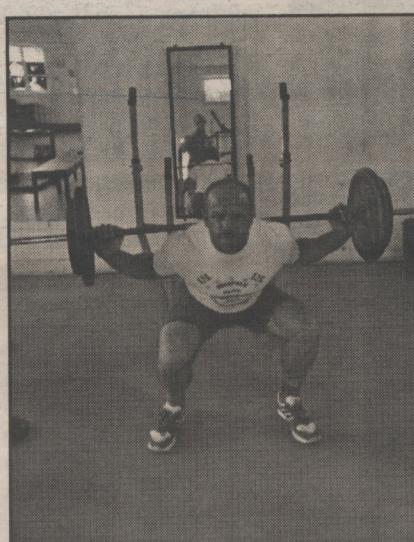
## COOL CHIEF CLERK CHRISTIAN CHMELA

The physical requirements to be a chief clerk in the Personnel and Logistics Branch are not high. Being able to move a computer mouse and lift a pencil will do. Well, WO2 Christian Chmela certainly meets these qualifications - and more.

You wouldn't immediately think of Christian as a power lifter on meeting him in the corridor. Nevertheless, he was runner up in the last

Austrian national competition. "I started doing power lifting when I was 38 years old, which is quite late. Last week I turned forty, which ranks me in the master class. The next tournament, the Austrian championship, will be easier. On 6 March I went to Villach in Korinthie, Austria, where I qualified for the world championship in November in Calgary."

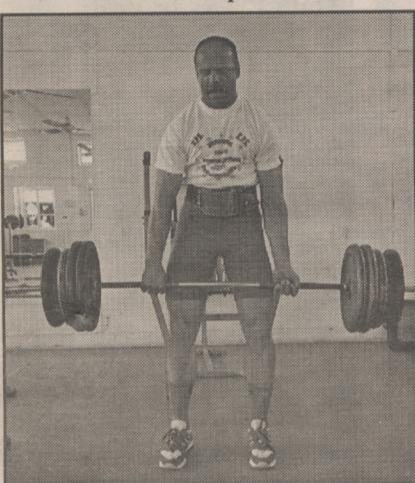
After changing into sports gear, it becomes obvious that Christian Chmela is all muscle. He explains the discipline of power lifting. "Power lifting is about three different exercises. First of all there is the squat, where you take the weight in a standing position, bend your knees until the upper leg is horizontal and then stand upright again. The second part is the bench press, an exercise you do lying on your back, lowering the weight until it rests on your chest and then press it up again. And finally there is the deadlift. The weight is on the



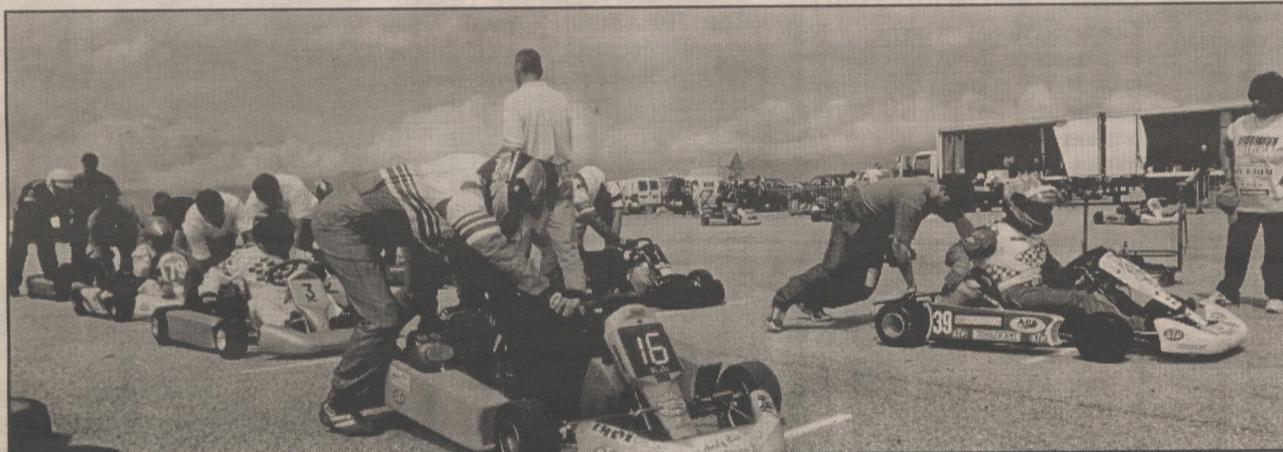
Squat: 230 kg

ground and you have to lift it until your back is upright. The total weight lifted counts."

"I do it just for fun, train about four times a week, each time about one and a half to two hours. Where do I train? I go to a gym just outside the UNPA. I don't work out in the UNPA gym. There aren't enough weights!"



Deadlift: 270 kg



Ready, set, Go-kart!

## VIVICITTA 12 KM ROAD RUN SUNDAY 18 APRIL IN STROVOLOS

Test your fitness on Sunday 18 April by taking part in the International Road Run "Vivicitta 1999". The Pancyprian Workers Sport Club of Cyprus and the Runners Club "Periklis Demetriou" organise this event in Cyprus, while at the same time, similar events are being run in almost every European country.

The race will start at the athletics centre of Strovolos Municipality near the English School, Nicosia at 10.30 a.m.

Women run in two categories; up to 34 years and 35 years and over, while men run in five categories. They are up to 19 years, 20-29 years, 30-39 years, 40-49 years and over 50 years.

All those who finish will receive a free T-shirt, and, in a few weeks, certificates from Italy will be presented.

You can register for the race up to 10.00 a.m. on the day at the start point, or get a form in advance by phoning (02) 849849, (09) 411411 or (02) 333462 and by fax at (02) 849850. Participation is free of charge.

Forward your name, surname, date of birth, category, address, telephone, club and date, and sign the form before sending it.

A good day of fast racing brought Antonis Ioannou a new lap record on the Nicosia 1.350 metre-long track. Antonis handed in his previous 58.2 seconds record for the sharper time of 56.5 seconds, which averages a speed of 86 kph. He was competing with 11 of his fellow countrymen, 14 Britons and 1 American.

The direct-drive karts reached speeds of 125 kph down the back straight, while the gearbox karts managed to hit a top of 165 kph.

Up until the final race, the weather was kind to racers and spectators. Then it rained, making the final more interesting. The drivers

## LET'S TANGO

Hungarian Corporal Antal Bor is a resourceful individual. Antal is posted in Camp Berger, a location with limited sports facilities. There's a concrete platform but it isn't big enough for football, there's a net but it isn't high enough for volleyball, and there aren't any tennis rackets. So Antal took a bit from all three sports: a football and a low net, some rules from volleyball and (table) tennis and created a new game called *tango*.

It's a game for four people, and the aim is to get the ball back over the net to the other side, where it is only allowed to touch the ground once. You can pass the ball to the other member of your team before it goes back over the net, but you can't use your hands - just your head and feet. The team which scores 21 points with two points difference from the other team first, wins.

László Horváth, the previous platoon leader, claims his personnel play the game till it gets dark. "I've even applied for lights so they can play in the evenings."

And why is it called *tango*? Because it looks like the team members are dancing together.

Says László: "I've been watching the impact of this *tango* and have seen how my soldiers get smarter, how they get used to operating in pairs, how they recognise each other's talents and characters. I think it makes a valuable contribution to their development as members of the UNFICYP mission."

## GO-KART PILOT ANTONIS IOANNOU BREAKS LAP RECORD

By Major Dave Bartholomew

succeeded in completing the full eight laps. Kypros Christodoulides must have been very disappointed. After winning both his heats convincingly, giving him pole position for the final, he lost his place early in the race and was unable to continue. *C'est la vie!*

Each participating nation was represented in the prizegiving. Cypriot Andreas Kolskides won the 100cc Lightweight, British SSgt Robert Paterson won the 100cc Heavyweight, Antonis Ioannou won the 125cc Lightweight and Andreas Kasparis won the 125cc Heavyweight while American Mark Moher came third in this class. Nicolas Zachariades was the best racing novice.

There were other novices - the 10 Sector Two Start Line and Track Marshalls, who had trained for two days at Fire Fighting, Flags and First Aid, for this, their first race.

The next event is to be held on Sunday 18 April at the UNPA, starting at 10.00 a.m.

## SECTOR ONE SHOOTS SHARP

By  
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Drege

On 23 March, ARGCON went shooting at the Old Mine Shooting Range. There the officers and NCOs of the different branches showed off their marksmanship. The tournament was divided into four sections, two of them using a 7.62mm rifle and the other two a 9mm gun.

The tournament consisted of the following:

1. Seven rounds at a 50m target, kneeling down.
2. One round at the same target, standing up.
3. Five 9mm rounds at three targets from 25m.
4. A precision shot at a 25m target.



Obviously the winners were those who hit the target in the centre. No one managed this, but the best performers were: Sgt Roldan in the first section, Capt Laumann in the second, 1st Lt Flordelumbo in the third and Capt Milillo in the last.

But the Commanding Officer of Sector One had the last word. Upset at losing, he announced firmly: "Next time I am going to win. Is that clear?"