
UN Chief Visits Cyprus to Revive Island Peace Efforts



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UNITED NATIONS, July 16: United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres will visit Cyprus from July 27 to 29 for separate talks with Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot leaders aimed at reviving the stalled peace process and strengthening stability on the divided island.

UN spokesperson Stephane Dujarric said Guterres will meet Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus President Tufan Erhurman, Greek Cypriot leader Nikos Christodoulides and other stakeholders.

The talks will focus on advancing negotiations and supporting peace through the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP).

UNFICYP has been stationed on the island since 1964 and remains one of the UN's longest serving peacekeeping missions.

Cyprus has remained divided for decades despite repeated UN-backed efforts to reach a comprehensive settlement. Intercommunal violence in the 1960s forced many Turkish Cypriots into protected enclaves.

In 1974, Türkiye launched a military intervention as a guarantor power after a Greek Cypriot coup seeking union with Greece. The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus was established in 1983.

Several peace initiatives have failed, including UN-sponsored negotiations in Switzerland in 2017.

The Greek Cypriot administration joined the European Union in 2004, after rejecting a UN reunification plan that year.