





Nicosia, called Lefkosa in Greek and Lefkosa in Turkish, is the last divided capital in Europe.



The wall was created in 1964, and became a barrier in July 1974 after the invasion of the Turkish Armed Forces



They captured 37% of the island and occupied the country north of the "Green Line". Green because drawn on a map with a green pencil.



The Green Line became a separation barrier between the Turkish and Greek community



1983 = Turkish Cypriots declared their independence under the name of "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus"; not recognised by any country in the world, except Turkey



For decades, Cyprus has been contended between ethnic Greeks and Turks. Reunification always has failed





Nowadays if you want to visit both sides, you must cross a checkpoint and change your money — euros on one side, Turkish liras on the other.

This is Ledra Street, which is part of a central shopping street that served as a barricade between north and south.



It was crossed by a wall, which was seen as a strong symbol of the island's 32-year division.



On 3 April 2008, Ledra Street was reopened in the presence of Greek and Turkish Cypriot officials.





And 230-foot-stretch
of wall, the whole
wall, has been
knocked down



Is it a step to the
reunification???

2002 - The UN Secretary-General released a United Nations proposal, named "Annan Plan", to bring about the reunification of Cyprus as the United Cyprus Republic



2004 - The proposal received a 65% favourable vote from the Turkish community. The Greek Cypriot community rejected it by nearly 75%. As the result, the reunification of the island did not take place.



2005 - Turkish Cypriots elected a new president Mehmet Ali Talat who still supported "Annan Plan" and reunification of the island.



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