

Nicosia, called Lefkosia 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.

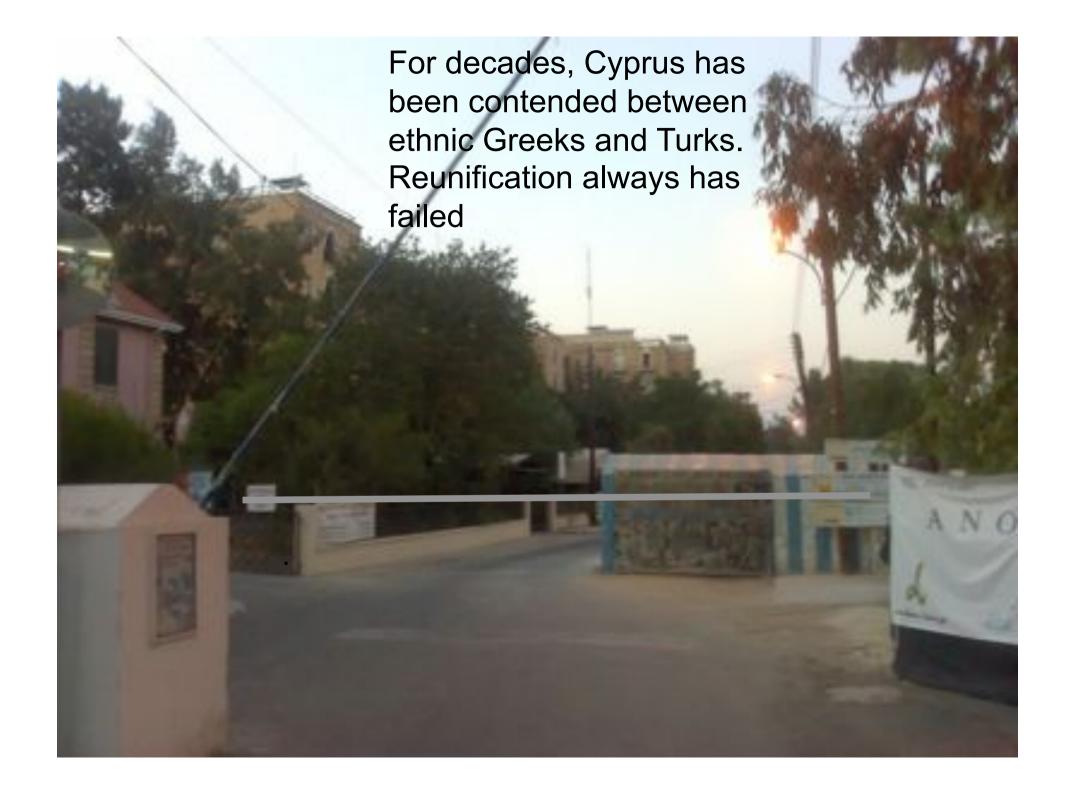


The Green Line became a separation barrier between the Turkish and Greek community



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







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.





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.



