

## KUZEY KIBRIS TÜRK CUMHURİYETİ ŞEHİT AİLELERİ VE MALÜL GAZİLER DERNEĞİ

## THE TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS ASSOCIATION OF MARTYR'S FAMILIES AND WAR VETERANS

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The Association of Martyr's Families and War Veterans was formed on 27 February 1976 in the capital of Cyprus, Nicosia, by the families and loved ones of those that were wounded or fell martyr from the 1950s and onwards, as the Turkish Cypriot people resisted against the Greeks and Greek Cypriots who wanted the annexation of the island of Cyprus to Greece. Our Association has approximately 450 members and families of wounded war veterans automatically become members as well.

The headquarters of our Association is No:13 Kızılay Street, Yenişehir – Lefkoşa. We also have branches in other major cities such as in Gazimagosa, Girne and Güzelyurt. The General Meeting of our Association is held every two years where a new management is elected.

Our Association aims are as follows:

- a- to continue the memory of martyr's and war veterans
- b- conveying the human rights violations the Turkish Cypriot people have encountered from the 1950s and onward to the visitors of the Museum of Photographic and Narrative Exhibitions of our Association
- c- organizing conferences and publishing books of consciousness-raising content with an aim of preventing the reoccurrence of the tragic experiences of the 1955-1974 period.
- d- assisting in manners of the social life of the association members and helping with any problems they may have
- e- assisting the relatives of the missing persons in delivering the remains of their missing relatives and providing support to ensure appropriate burial procedures take place

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President of Association

