

The buffer area that scars Cyprus in two

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Fig. 1 - S3 SLSTR (23.07.2023) - Cyprus is an island of more than 9000 km² located in the Levantin Sea.

[2D view](#)



When Cyprus was granted independence from UK in 1960, it counted 77% Greeks and 18% Turks.

Fig. 2 - S2 (23.01.2023) - The island is composed of two british military bases and two sovereignties separated by the UN buffer zone.

[2D view](#)



Following intercommunal violences, the Green Line buffer zone was established in 1964 to separate areas administered by each community, it is since enforced by United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.

Fig. 3 - Nicosia is the capital of both Republic of Cyprus and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. The buffer zone also crosses the city. [2D view](#)



The Greek-junta led a coup d'état in Cyprus in 1974, ousting the legitimate president, Archbishop Makarios. It provided the pretext for the Turkish invasion in the north of the island. It led to the unrecognized Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus territory, considered by the international community as Turkish-occupied territory of the Republic of Cyprus.

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