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UN HELPS TO KEEP CYPRUS' BUFFER ZONE TROUBLE FREE

VIDEO

CYPRUS MOUFFLON

MOUFFLON RUNS

UN VEHICLE

CAPT. MAURICIO SILVESTRE,
DRIVING, TALKING ON CAMERA

UN POLICE APPROACH
SHEPHERD

AUDIO

NARRATION

The reclusive Cypriot Moufflon, an indigenous wild mountain sheep, roams freely at the country's buffer zone, a 180 kilometre-long corridor separating Turkish Cypriot North and Greek Cypriot South. The UN Mission in Cyprus, UNFICYP, is tasked with patrolling the cease-fire lines. Argentinean Captain Mauricio Silvestre... (20)

CAPT. MAURICIO SILVESTRE (ENGLISH)

"We are monitoring in order to push away or to expel anyone who has penetrated the buffer zone..." (7.5)

NARRATION

Across the island, UN police is told of a shepherd and his flock wondering inside the buffer zone. No civilian movement or activity is permitted unless specifically authorized by UNFICYP. Salvadorian policeman Luis Jimenez Montano investigates... (13.5)

POLICEMAN LUIS JIMENEZ
MONTANO TO SHEPHERD
THROUGH INTERPRETER

"Do you have an I.D.?"

*"He is not allowed inside with animals and if he's
interested in coming with his animals he needs to
apply for a permit." (9)*

NARRATION

UN POLICE VISIT LOCALS,
DISTRIBUTE FARMING PERMITS

Farmers can use lands inside the buffer zone if
they have an official permit. The dividing line
covers about three percent of the entire island and
some of the country's most fertile and valuable
lands are located here. (11)

MS. FARMER AND
PEACEKEEPERS

AERIAL VIEW, ABANDONED
VILLAGE

Most villages inside the buffer zone were
abandoned in 1974, when the island was divided.
UN peacekeepers have been in Cyprus since
1964, making UNFICYP one of the oldest UN
missions anywhere. One thousand peacekeepers
constantly patrol the ceasefire line. The situation
remains calm throughout the island, but the
bitterness between the two divided communities
remains... (22)

MS. DRIVING THROUGH
ABANDONED VILLAGE

VARIOUS M/SHOTS OF
ABANDONED VILLAGE

VARIOUS SHOTS OF PYLA
VILLAGE

Pyla, located inside the buffer zone, is one of the
few ethnically mixed villages in the island. There
are two houses of prayer here, a Greek orthodox
church and a Mosque. Though the communities
live side-by-side, they have little to do with one
another. (15)

MAKING COFFEE

An important place for social life is the coffee

PLAYING BACKGAMMON
BACKGAMMON AND ELDERLY
PEOPLE AT THE CAFÉ

house. Here in Pyla, there are two. One Turkish Cypriot and across the village square, a Greek Cypriot. Everyday Paul Bablos comes here for a game or two of backgammon. But sometimes finding playing partners can be very difficult indeed... (17.5)

PAUL BABLOS ON CAMERA

PAUL BABLOS (ENGLISH)

"At the moment there are not enough players to play the game..." (5)

MORE PLAYING BACKGAMMON

NARRATION

But this could change. After years of separation, more and more people here believe that the two communities will mix again as they did before the island's troubles. At the Turkish Cypriot café, Memet Yahi is optimistic... (13)

MEMET YAHİ ON CAMERA

MEMET YAHİ (ENGLISH)

"It's a good atmosphere here. Turks, Cyps, Orthodox, Muslims together. You can't see other sites like this." (8.5)

WS. NICOSIA
TILT TURKISH + GREEK CYPRIOT
FLAGS

NARRATION

Here in Nicosia, Cyprus capital city, the ceasefire lines of the two sides are in close proximity. Security forces are just a few meters apart from each other. The buffer zone runs across the city and through its historic center. (13)

PATROL

Several times a day, peacekeepers patrol these

KID OUTSIDE BUFFER ZONE
ACTIVITY OUTSIDE BUFFER
ZONE

erie streets. Just outside the buffer zone life goes on, but inside it's a land frozen in time, says British sergeant David Liversedge. (11)

SGT. DAVID LIVERSEEDGE, ON
CAMERA

SGT. DAVID LIVERSEEDGE (ENGLISH)

"The actual buffer zone itself is set in the 1970s. As it was back then. And it hasn't been touched since, basically. It has just deteriorated ever since and it's getting rapidly worse." (10)

CAR SHOWROOM, TILT
1970's AD AND PAN TO
PEACEKEEPERS
ADVERTISING SIGNS
BICYCLE AD

NARRATION

The image of a 1974 automobile at a showroom seems to confirm that life here is at a standstill, and it also serves as a reminder of just how long this impasse has gone on. But some progress has taken place. (12.5)

CROSSING POINT

Both sides have generally respected the ceasefire and the military status-quo. Travel restrictions have been eased. Currently there are five crossing points between north and south. Others are planned to open in the future. (11.5)

MONITORING WITH BINOCULARS
UN VEHICLES PATROL DIVIDING
LINE
MONITORING CROSSING POINT
WITH CAMERA
HUMANITARIAN CONVOY
HELICOPTER TAKES OFF
FOOT PATROL

UNFICYP continues to keep the ceasefire lines and the buffer zone under constant surveillance. By foot, car, and in the air, the UN patrols help to defuse tensions and keep channels of dialogue open, until an agreement on a comprehensive settlement can be worked out between Greek and Turkish Cypriots. (17.5)

UN LOGO

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