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### **Report by Cyprus Turkish Medical Association.**

Cyprus turkish medical association is an elected body by medical professionals to defend the right of doctors and dentist . Its elections are made every two years between the nominated doctors working both in private and government sectors.

There are two groups of doctors working either in private or private and state . So doctors working for state are free to work in private too. Although this is against the constitution that government empoloyees cannot do private job . There has been a gentlemen agreement so that doctors can do both . Few years ago law passed through the parliament to allow the doctors to let them to do private job too but this was challenged by the doctors working in private sector and was carried to the court and they won the case .now doctors in private sector are still working but this time against the main constitution . However as the private sector is increasing in number there is growing pressure on state doctors to work only for state and to close their private cilinics . As the private sector is increasinlly controlled by non medical owners They are increasingly trying to reduce the earnings of doctors and trying to increase their working hours .

On the other hand government in north of cyprus is under the pressure of turkish government to make revisions about the payment of the doctors working for state . Recently doctors who is starting work at the government are getting about 3000 (about 1100 euros) turkish liras instead of the old ones getting 5000 ( 1800euros) turkishl liras so their starting payment has been reduced drastically almost the The level of begging Since the life is expensive in the north .And their overtime is also proportionally to this iniatail payment . Assistant doctors gets about2300tl (840 euros) and the maximum salaries varies between 5000-5800 tl (1800-2100 euros)

There is also influx of medical proffesioaals from turkey working in private hospitals and increasinly they are trying to reduce the standard examination fees which is and extra competition for doctors who are alrady working in cyprus .

Recently newly elected government has the agenda of single work with introduction of extrapayment for every patient you look with bonus . Hopelly they will try to implement this new changes if the find extra resources for payment . At the same time they want to implement the genereal medical insurance to give the rights tthe patients to chosse whichever hospital or doctor they want . So doctors have always been kept with this anxiety whether they will only work private or not with no progress so far . They have also been harassed by tax offiicer all the time . So as the privitasation gets under way there is growing concern about the cost of medical services with decreasing payments to the proffesionals . At present existing chaotic enviroment is doing no good to anyone .