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## **TRNC PRESIDENT CRITICIZES EU COMMISSION CHIEF FOR OMITTING TURKISH CYPRIOTS IN CYPRUS SPEECH**

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The president of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) criticized the European Commission head for not mentioning Turkish Cypriots in her speech at the opening ceremony of the Greek Cypriot Administration EU Council Presidency.

The Turkish Cypriot people have been on this island, are here now, and here they will remain, Tufan Erhurman said in a statement on Thursday.

Erhurman said he reviewed European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen's speech delivered on Wednesday and noted that it did not include a single reference to Turkish Cypriots.

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