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Changing of the guard

Architect Chris Tsoulios is the new president of Sydney Olympic

Although it has not officially been confirmed yet, "O Kosmos" is in a position to revile that Chris Tsoulios is the new president of Sydney Olympic, taking over the reins from hard working George Giannaros.

A well-known architect with many connections in government departments – especially in the Canterbury area – Tsoulios is expected to build on the work left behind by Giannaros. "O Kosmos" caught up with the affable Tsoulios' during last week's presentation of the new official Sydney Olympic jersey and announcement of one year deal with sport giants Adidas.

As an exciting member of the team's committee, Chris Tsoulios is well aware not only of the task ahead, but also of the many problems he will encounter on the way to building a strong future for the club. With the facilities at Peter Moore Field already been secured, Tsoulios will start his tenure, knowing that Sydney Olympic will no longer be the recipient of all jokes from Sydney's

soccer community who have branded the team a "bunch of gypsies", thanks to the ever changing training grounds. Obviously though, the work is not yet finished, and Tsoulios and his fellow committee members are fully aware they should not rest on their laurels.

"We have a lot to announce that will put a smile on the faces of the Greek sporting loving community" he tells O Kosmos, clearly pleased with what's been going on behind the scenes. "A little patience is all we ask for. There are still some meetings left, some formalities to be dealt with and in a short while we will be ready as a club to to make a formal announcement regarding the use of the sports facilities the Peter Moore Field".

DON'T MISS TOMORROW'S EDITION OF "O KOSMOS", for a full report on the club's agreement with Adidas, plus more!!!

Workers, locals hold demo in favor of Skouries gold mine project

Mine workers and residents from Skouries, near Halkidiki in northern Greece, gathered in Megali Panagia on Saturday to express their support for a controversial gold mining project that has fueled furious protests by other locals and environmental activists who say the mine will cause serious damage to an ancient forest and poison the water supply.

In a speech during the rally, conservative MP Adonis Georgiadis said the investment has the support of the government. Hellas Gold, which is 95-percent owned by Canadian Eldorado Gold, insists that the gold mine is legal and safe.

The Council of State, Greece's highest administrative court, has yet to rule on an appeal against the project by residents.



Police seize gun, hand grenades at high security prison

Police on Saturday seized a gun and two hand grenades from a cell in Attica's high-security Korydallos Prison. Authorities believe the occupants of the cell – Albanian and Kurdish men – had been planning to use the weapons to escape.



New Democracy condemns Kavala protest against Voridis

New Democracy has condemned a violent protest against former conservative minister Makis Voriadis ahead of a press briefing in Kavala, northeastern Greece.

On Friday, employees at Kavala Oil stormed the hotel where the event was to take place and caused extensive damage to the premises, while Voriadis remained in his room.

Workers were protesting a new contract for exploitation of fuel deposits in the Prinos oil field in the Aegean Sea which awards joint rights to the mother company Energean Oil & Gas. "The workers came here asking for trouble. We wanted to talk with them, but they didn't give us a chance," the local party organization said in a statement.

Cretan court hears rape, murder case

A court in the town of Neapoli in Lasithi, Crete, on Friday began hearing the case against a 46-year-old Romanian national who has been accused of raping and killing an elderly woman during the course of a home invasion last year.

The unnamed suspect allegedly broke into the home of 85-year-old Sofia Kornaraki in a village near Iraklio on March 18, 2012, with the intent of robbery.

He was accompanied by his 17-year-old son, who was sentenced to 19 years in prison by a juvenile court in Crete in September after confessing to being a part of the break-in.

The father and son are said to have gagged and killed the woman as they ransacked her home, with reports also suggesting that the 46-year-old sexually assaulted her.