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Greek President in Cyprus

NICOSIA — President Constantinos Stephanopoulos of Greece arrived in Cyprus on Thursday on the first visit by a Greek head of state to this divided Mediterranean island.

The visit is seen as a show of Greek solidarity with Greek Cypriots at a time of increased tension between Cyprus and Turkey, which backs the island's breakaway Turkish Cypriot state.

Mr. Stephanopoulos is a figurehead and his office is largely ceremonial, but his four-day visit has prompted President Suleyman Demirel of Turkey to plan a visit to the Turkish-Cypriot part of Cyprus next week. (AP)