



Akrotiri and Dhekelia



Background By terms of the 1960 Treaty of Establishment that created the independent Republic of Cyprus, the United Kingdom retained full sovereignty and jurisdiction over two areas of almost 254 sq km (98 sq mi) -- Akrotiri and Dhekelia. The southernmost and smaller of the two is Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area, which is also referred to as the Western Sovereign Base Area. The larger area is the Dhekelia Sovereign Base Area, which is also referred to as the Eastern Sovereign Base Area. (2024)

Capital name: Episkopi Cantonment in Akrotiri (base administrative center for Akrotiri and Dhekelia)

Area total : 254 sq km

Climate temperate; Mediterranean with hot, dry summers and cool winters

Languages English, Greek

Executive branch chief of state: King CHARLES III (since 8 September 2022)
head of government: Administrator Air Vice-Marshall Peter J.M. SQUIRES (since 1 September 2022)

Diplomatic representation from the US embassy: none (overseas territory of the UK)