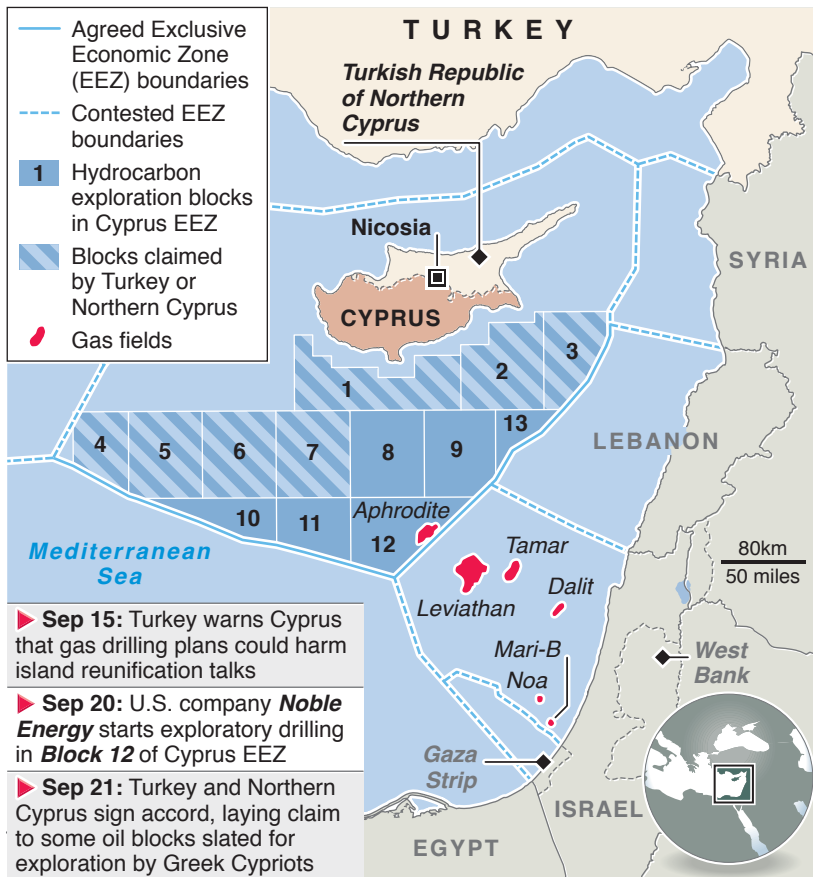


# Turkey-Cyprus gas dispute escalates

Turkey is reported to be sending warships and fighter planes to bolster oil and gas exploration efforts in waters off the ethnic Turkish northern half of Cyprus. The move is in response to exploratory drilling off the internationally-recognized Greek Cypriot half of the divided island



► **Sep 15:** Turkey warns Cyprus that gas drilling plans could harm island reunification talks

► **Sep 20:** U.S. company **Noble Energy** starts exploratory drilling in **Block 12** of Cyprus EEZ

► **Sep 21:** Turkey and Northern Cyprus sign accord, laying claim to some oil blocks slated for exploration by Greek Cypriots

► **Sep 23:** Turkey sends oil exploration ship to Cyprus. Three Turkish warships reported to have entered Mediterranean Sep 25. Submarines possibly deployed. Fighter jets to be stationed in Northern Cyprus