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6. Abstract (300 words):

Today, one of the major social problems which has serious consequences is lack of a sense of attachment to residential environments. According to the urgency and significance of the relation between human and environment, and the introduction of

the issues of environmental psychology as a science of the twentieth century and its role as a new approach in architecture in recent decades which has been quite influential in architectural design, the purpose of this research is to study a residential area _Kaliland in Famagusta, Northern Cyprus_ which based on an initial hypothesis lacks logical human-environment relations and may cause consequent irreparable problems. 'Home' has always been the center of feelings, affections, opinions, individual and family dependencies, and on the other hand, it reflects the culture of its related time. In traditional houses, architects have especially considered the human soul, thus, it has played an essential and effective role in strengthening the presence of human in their family and society. To describe the housing concept, it is necessary to consider human and space. The present paper tries to point out the possible problems and find solutions to enhance the quality of residential environments as urban areas based on strengthening the people's sense of attachment to their living place, as a qualitative-analytic research. Thus, while studying the sense of attachment and related concepts, in addition to document reviews, the direct observations have also been done.

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