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**The UK supports the ECHR judgement of Jan 08.**

The UK Government, at the meeting of the Committee of the Permanent Representatives in Strasbourg, 4-6 March 08, has supported the judgement against Turkey on the issue of the Missing and their relatives. This is the case of the nine missing persons whose relatives brought the case at the ECHR, back in 1990. Turkey is again asked to provide all necessary information regarding the fate of the said nine. Two of those missing, Andreas Varnava and Savvas Apostolides, have got brothers and sisters who live in the UK. These relatives have written to their local MPs and MEPs requesting that pressure is applied on Turkey, by the UK, so as to be forced to abide by the ECHR judgement. This is in addition to the efforts of our Organisation towards the Foreign Office.

**Meeting with Joan Ryan MP. 9 May.**

A meeting was held with Joan Ryan MP on 9<sup>th</sup> May 08 at her Constituency Office in Enfield. ORMC was represented by N. Neokleous, T. Theodorou, C. Antoniou, N. Loizou and J. Kouvaros. All our points were put to her including the "no reply" from the PM to our questions on the hard copy petition. She promised to look into it and pass all our demands to the PM.

**Brussels Press Conference: 7-9 May.**

This took place on 7-9 May 08. Our member John Kouvaros attended on behalf of our Organisation and together with our other sister Organisation representatives had a series of successful meetings with various EU officials who promised their support.

**Alexandra Palace Wine Festival. 28-29 June.**

We, as every year, have had our stand at this year's Wine Festival on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June 08. As usual some photos of our Missing were displayed and information was readily available for those interested. We feel this is necessary in order to keep people aware that the issue of our Missing is still unresolved and although progress is being made in exhumations and identifications, albeit at a very slow rate, we need to get as many supporters of our just cause to write to their MPs and MEPs, in order for our Government to push so that Turkey is forced to release all information it has about our loved ones. Thirty-four years of waiting to know the fate of our Missing is far too long by any standards.

We would like to thank all those of our members and supporters that helped man our stand.

**Picketing outside the Commons. Tuesday July 8.**

Our Organisation will be peacefully picketing the House of Commons, **On Tuesday July 8 from 17:30 onwards**, demanding that the British Parliament and Government take closer interest towards a solution of the humanitarian problem of the Missing Persons.

**Coaches will leave the Cypriot Community Centre at 16.45. Those who wish to use the coaches please be there on time!**

At 19.00 a Lobby / Meeting is organised by the National Federation of Cypriots in the UK at the House of Commons Meeting Room 9. ***This is by invitation only.*** The National Federation will issue those members/supporters picketing with tickets, if the wish to join the meeting.

**Rally. Sunday July 20.**

Like every year we will be taking part in the rally to demand once again our right to know what has happened to our loved ones. Turkey must be made to give all the information it has about our Missing. We urge all our members and supporters to attend the rally and demonstrate with us our determination never to give up on our just rights and demands. This year the starting point of the rally is outside the Turkish Embassy in Belgrave Square at 2.45pm. All relatives to wear black if possible and together with the rest of our members and supporters to walk TOGETHER behind our banner, which will be at the front of the procession.

Photos of many of our Missing will be available for those attending to carry them as well as various placards. We urge you to try and be behind our banner.