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Exhumations and Identifications.

These still continue on both sides of the divide. There have been thirteen more identifications in April – May and the relatives have been informed. Five of them were members of the Souppouri family killed by Turkish soldiers in the village of Palekythro. They were not included in the list of the Missing, as it was known that they were killed. The other eight remains were of soldiers and civilians. The funerals of most of them have taken place. From our records we do not seem to have any close relatives of the identified Missing in the UK.

Unfortunately as yet the Turkish army has given absolutely no information at all about any of our Missing. As usual, Turkey completely ignores the judgements of the ECHR.

Our Campaign.

On the 4th Feb 09 a letter was sent to the Rt Hon Caroline Flint, Minister for Europe. We are awaiting her reply. At the end of February a letter was sent out to many MPs asking them to get our Government to put pressure on Turkey to give all the information it has on our Missing. Our letter was passed on to the Foreign Office for comments and the MPs received a reply from the Minister for Europe the Rt Hon Caroline Flint. You can read all these letters on our website (http://www.ormc-uk.org) on the CAMPAIGN page. We have sent a response to the Minister's reply to the MPs, and you should be able to read it (as well as her anticipated reply when it comes) on our website.

On Thursday 26th March 09 Committee members attended the meeting convened by the Rt Hon C. Flint at the Cypriot Community Centre and asked questions. One of the questions was "Is our Government prepared to use practical measures to persuade or even force Turkey to abide by the ECHR judgements against her regarding the issue of the Missing"? Her reply was not at all clear and a letter was sent to her the following day asking for a written explanation. No response as yet.

JULY ACTIVITIES.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you on Tuesday 14th July 09 outside the Houses of Parliament for our picketing and afterwards in the House to meet with the MPs.

A coach will be leaving the Cypriot Community Centre, Wood Green, at 4.30pm on Tuesday 14th July for the Houses of Parliament. Please be there on time if you wish to travel there by the coach.

For more details call the office or the National Federation of Cypriots (UK) 020-8445 9999.

Also on Sunday 19th July 09 outside the Turkish Embassy and then march to Trafalgar Square for the Rally.

Lobby for Cyprus.

Lobby for Cyprus have sent out over 600 letters to various key Organisations and Human Rights Groups about the plight of our Missing and their relatives, requesting action against Turkey to be forced to abide by the ECHR decisions.

We are very grateful to Lobby and we thank them very much for their support.

We now have our own Website. O.R.M.C. ORGANISATION OF RECALITIES OF MISSING SYPRIOTS (UK) http://www.ormc-uk.org

Please visit our website and use the already prepared letter to write to your MP/MEP. You can even get the name and address of your MP, from our website, if you do not know it. It is all so very simple.

ALEXANDRA PALACE WINE FESTIVAL.

Like every year we will have our stand at the Festival to distribute leaflets and give information to those interested.

The Festival will take place on Saturday and Sunday 27 and 28 June 09.

Those who wish to help please call the office.