

## ORGANISATION OF RELATIVES OF MISSING CYPRIOTS (UK)

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**IDENTIFICATIONS:** The following identifications were announced: Tassou Kyriacou from **Ag. Dometios** and Eleftheriou Zandi from **Menico**, Christoforou Kaimakami from **Kyrenia**, Steliou Petrou from **Derynia**, Iasonos Mantila and Vasiliou Kolia from **Marathovounos**, Yianni Kountouri, Georgiou Demetriou and Antonaki Antoniou from **Strongylos**, Kyriakou Therapontos and Theodoulou Theodoulou from **N. Chorio Kythreas**, Georgiou Athanasi from **Karmi**, Andrea Ioannou from **Lemesos**, Elia Christodoulou from **Strovolos**, Eleftheriou Ioannide from **Palouriotissa**, Emiliou Evdokiou from **Afania**, Andrea Angeli from **Ammohostos**, Kyiakou Foti and Theodoulou Theodoulou from **Palekythro**, Athanasiou Karageorgou, Argyriou Sini, Ioanni Constantopoulou, Georgiou Hamouriotaki, Ioanni Papadopoulou, Constantinou Brothema, Haralambous Karangouni, Georgiou Zervomanoli and Vasiliou Triandi from **Greece**, Georgiou and Anastasias Maleha, Paraskevous Haralambous, Marias Parpa and Nichola Parpa from **Troulli**, Costa Papadopoulou from **Kaimakli**, Costaki Artymata from **Paralimni**.

**NEW YEAR'S CAKE CUTTING:** On Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, our organization held a memorial service for all the identified and buried of our missing, at the Church of Our Lady in Wood Green where prayers were said for finding those still missing.

The event was attended by High Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus H.E. Mr E. Evriviades, committee members, friends and our many supporters. Mr Evriviades gave a short speech and our G. Secretary, Dr. Savvas HadjiPhilippou, thanked the High Commissioner for his interest and support. Those present were invited to the hall of St. Barnabas where coffee, tea and snacks were offered.



### **MEETING AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE:**

The Committee of the ORMC (UK) requested this meeting in order to clarify and address misconceptions that were evident in the Minister for Europe's recent reply to Members of Parliament, on the issue of Missing Persons of Cyprus, regarding Turkey's support of the CMP and the CMP's achievements to-date.

ORMC (UK) President, G. Secretary, Treasurer and Asst. G. Secretary attended the meeting at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (F.C.O.). Our concerns about the fate of our missing were put to the F.C.O., pointing out that we are interested in the missing from both communities, and asked the UK to help with the fact that Turkey does not co-operate in this matter. The reply from the F.C.O. was that: The UK Government does not directly lobby or promote the issue of the missing with Turkey but rather lends its weight to fully support the work of the CMP and lobby through the Committee of Ministers (CoM) and that the UK does not identify any areas requiring added intervention!

It was pointed out to the F.C.O. that the CMP carries out essential work, but how can it be satisfied when its own statistics show that there is a downward trend in the number of exhumations and identifications per year? How can it be satisfied that after so many years of work only a third of the missing have been found? At this rate, it will take thirty years or more to find the rest!

The F.C.O. stated that the UK believes with the solution of the Cyprus problem this will enhance the process of finding the missing. It was stressed to the F.C.O. that this is a humanitarian issue which requires to be resolved aside from the political settlement. The issue of the missing is not part of the negotiations, as it is not a disputed matter between the two communities.

The F.C.O. announced that an investigation into its archives of 1974 has begun to assess whether any information is available. This was welcome by us and asked the F.C.O. to encourage others to do the same.

*We were pleased that the meeting took place. We were made to feel welcome, the discussion was frank and constructive. However, we were disappointed that the UK is not perceived to be doing enough to apply direct political pressure on Turkey to provide information on the missing.*

**DONATIONS:** E. Gavriel £20, K. Pafiti £10. *Received with thanks.*