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**IDENTIFICATIONS:** Five more soldiers were identified and their relatives informed. They are the five that made headlines in the news, when photos and video of their capture by the Turkish army, were screened. The hopes of their relatives that these five might still be alive as they were seen taken alive on video and photos, were dashed! They were executed in cold blood and their bodies found in a well with 19 other Missing persons in the village of Tziaos. They are Antonakis Korellis from Kythrea, Panayiotis Nicolaou from Exo Metohi, Ioannis Papayiannis from Neon Chorion Kythreas, Christoforos Skordis from Dali and Philippos Hadjikyriakou from Famagusta.

If this is not proof of war crimes by the Turkish army, executing POWs, then what is? Perhaps The Secretary of State Rt Hon David Miliband or the Foreign and Commonwealth Office can give us the answer.

The new Cypriot MEP Mrs Antigoni Papadopoulou, has written to the European Commission, the leaders of all the EU Political groups as well as, all the MEPs, informing them of the latest developments regarding Greek Cypriot Missing Persons, requesting their support is forcing Turkey to comply with ECHR decisions.

MEP Mr Ioannis Kasoulides requested the EU Commission to authorise additional funding for the work of the CMP in Cyprus.



*Above is one of the photographs taken by the Turkish journalist at the time of the capture of the 5 soldiers by the Turkish army, but killed soon afterwards.*

The Committee of ORMC(UK) is organising a campaign to highlight, in the UK and the EU, the Turkish army war crimes on the missing.



On 14<sup>th</sup> July 09, from 5.30pm members and friends of our Organisation attended the picketing outside the Houses of Parliament for our Missing. Many MPs came out to meet us and listened and talked to family members of our Missing.

*(Photo on left with MP David Burrows).*

After the picketing we moved to the meeting room inside the Houses where MPs spoke about the issue and stressed the importance of ascertaining the fate of all our Missing. They all agreed that Turkey must give all the information it has on the Missing and that our Government must apply pressure on Turkey to do so.

On July 19 we took part in the annual demonstration / march from outside the Turkish Embassy to Trafalgar Square.

On 11<sup>th</sup> Sept we met with Lib Dem MP, for Hornsey and Wood Green, Lynne Featherstone and discussed the issue of our Missing. The case of the five soldiers was brought to her attention. She was very understanding and she will write to the Minister for Europe, Baroness Kinnock, to ask her for a meeting with ORMC.



*LEFT: From our meeting with MP Lynne Featherstone.*

*RIGHT: Our stand at the Wine Festival on 27-28 June 09 at Alexandra Palace.*

