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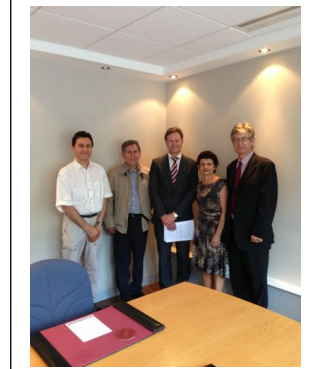
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WELCOME BACK: Another summer has come and gone and we hope you have all enjoyed this particular one that started rather late but gave some of the hottest days ever. Another year has passed and we are still fighting for our just cause. Hopefully with the support we are having from many British MPs we will be able to move forward and Turkey will be, at last, forced to disclose all the information it has on our Missing.

MEETING WITH THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF APPG (All Party Parliamentary Group) for CYPRUS: On Thursday 8th August Committee members met with Matthew Offord MP and presented him with the latest on the issue. He listened sympathetically to all the points put to him and stressed that "we cannot close the issue until we know the fate of every missing person".

The committee members cautioned against complacency in the forthcoming meeting of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers, especially in the face of a very skilfully composed memorandum by the Turkish authorities.

We were very pleased to note that Mr Offord will try to arrange a meeting between us and the Minister for European Affairs David Lidington MP. He will also table parliamentary questions on what information the British government has and apply pressure on it to become more proactive on the issue and in their dealings with Turkey.



IDENTIFICATIONS: The following identifications were announced: Yianni Mbakka from Genagra, Antonaki Efstathiou from Stylli, Panayioti Psatha from Arnadi and Andrea Panteli from Sotera.

BAD NEWS: Unfortunately our suspicions and fears that the Turkish occupying forces have been opening mass graves and moving remains to other unknown sites are now confirmed. The case of the mass grave opened at Kornokipos has confirmed that this is happening as only a few small pieces of bones were found there. A similar case was that from a mass grave in Assia.

WINE FESTIVAL: On 29 and 30th June we were at the Wine Festival, Alexandra Palace, with our own stand distributing information and keeping the issue of our Missing alive. We were visited by the Cyprus Minister for Commerce and Energy George Lakkotrypīs, Euro MP Marina Yianakoudakis and former Finchley MP Andrew Dismore.



PICKETING OUTSIDE THE HOUSE OF COMMONS: On Tuesday 9th July, we were outside the H of C from 5pm to 6.30pm, asking again, for pressure to be applied on Turkey to give the information its military have, as to the whereabouts of our Missing. MPs came out to see and speak to our members, amongst them and the new Chairman of the APPG (All Party Parliamentary Group) for Cyprus MP Matthew Offord and gave us their full support in our struggle and promised to work even harder towards the solution of this humanitarian issue. Leaflets were handed out to passers-by and many actually stopped and asked questions.



RALLY TO TRAFALGAR SQUARE: On Sunday 14th July we marched from the Turkish Embassy in Belgrave Square, to Trafalgar Square, where speeches were delivered by a number of British MPs as well as the President of the Federation P. Drousiotis. The main speaker of the day was Cypriot Minister for Agriculture and Natural Resources Nicos Kouyialis. Members of the Committee carried our banner and ORMC (UK) members and friends carried photos of our Missing. The weather was more like the one in Cyprus, this time of the year! Very hot and uncomfortable at times but our determination and all those present was evident that we were there to demand yet again, from Turkey, information about the whereabouts of our Missing. Let us hope that this is the last rally before a solution is found.



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