

ORGANISATION OF RELATIVES OF MISSING CYPRIOTS (UK)

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Welcome back! We hope you all had a nice summer holiday, batteries recharged and back to the old routine!

IDENTIFICATIONS:

Klitos Klitou from Lefkoniko, Kypros Ioannou from Xeros, Yiannakis Sarris from Lemesos, Haralambos Kambouri from Kakopetria, Pieris Vereis from Dherynia, Costas Vlamis from Voni, Stylianos Orphanides from N. Horio Kythreas, Demetris Strouthou from Lysi.

Ten Turkish Cypriots have also been identified since last March but unfortunately, we cannot obtain their names.

CMP's Latest figures: The U.N. sponsored Committee of Missing Persons (CMP) figures show that:

- Greek Cypriots: 693 identified, 817 still missing *
- Turkish Cypriots: 262 identified, 230 still missing.
- Total identified this year – to the end of August: 28
- Total exhumed this year – to the end of August 21

*Some exhumed remains have yet to be identified due to the condition they were found and their genetic coding cannot be determined. The CMP scientist are continuing their effort to achieve identification.

The role of the CMP (Committee on Missing Persons) is to look for and find the missing people. Its work is becoming more and more difficult due to lack of vital information.

CONFERENCE OF WORLD FEDERATION OF OVERSEAS CYPRIOTS:

This biannual event took place in Nicosia from 27th - 30th August. John Kouvaros represented our Committee (as our president was unable to attend).

John reported that one hour was allocated for the issue of the missing in which speeches were delivered by Messrs P. Photiou, N. Sergides, and L. Patsalides, giving up-to-date information as to where the issue stands.

He also attended a meeting with the ambassadors of the UK, USA, Greece, Israel and others, in which he requested that the issue of the missing is brought up in any of their meetings with Turkish officials and request Turkey's cooperation.

THE FALLEN 500:

Presidential Commissioner Photis Photiou submitted to government a proposal to investigate, exhume and identify the remains of some 500 Greek Cypriots and Greeks buried in the north who had fallen during the invasion. These people are not amongst those listed as missing persons.

They are buried in known and unknown graves in the north and their relatives are demanding that they are brought back and given a proper burial. He said that the procedure will be difficult.

NIKI HADJOULI'S ART EXHIBITION:

Our member Niki is having an exhibition of her paintings on Thursday 5th December from 7.00pm at the Cypriot Brotherhood in Finchley under the title is "**Hope and Faith**". The paintings depict her personal experiences during the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974. Proceeds will be donated to ORMC (UK).

DONATIONS: