

# ORGANISATION OF RELATIVES OF MISSING CYPRIOTS (UK)

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#### 1. APPG FOR CYPRUS - PRESS RELEASE

**David Burrowes MP – The Chairman of the British All Party Parliamentary Group for Cyprus, cordially invites you to join him, fellow members of the APPG for Cyprus and guests from the Relatives of Missing Cypriots UK Committee, in:**

**The House of Commons - Committee Room 21, on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 4:00pm.**

David Burrowes MP will chair the meeting, and the President for the Committee of Relatives, Mr Neoklis Neokleous will be addressing Members of Parliament. Following the presentations there will be a questions & answers session and the opportunity to express your views and any concerns. Both Greek and Turkish Cypriot relatives and friends of missing Cypriots, Affiliated Associations, the general public and media are welcome to attend.

On Saturday 5th February 2011, committee members from the organisation of the Relatives of Missing Cypriots (UK) had a meeting with David Burrowes MP - Chairman of the British All Party Parliamentary Group for Cyprus in his Constituency Office. The meeting was very productive and it was agreed to take the issue of the Relatives of Missing Cypriots further. An additional meeting was held on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2011 where David Burrowes addressed the Relatives of Missing Cypriots, in the Cypriot Community Centre in Wood Green, in preparation for the parliamentary meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

David Burrowes MP said "The issue of missing persons is a key issue for the All Party Parliamentary Group and we are therefore looking forward to holding the first ever meeting in Parliament which will be solely focussed on this issue. The aim of the meeting is to hear directly from relatives of missing Cypriots and to raise awareness of the issue. We have a sub group of the APPG which will take forward the matters that are raised to seek real and substantive progress on this issue of basic human rights and justice".

***ORMC (UK) Message to Members & Friends: WE MUST ALL BE THERE TO SHOW OUR COMMITMENT AND RESOLVE. WE NEED TO FIND OUR MISSING NOW! 37 YEARS OF WAITING IS FAR TOO LONG***

**2. IDENTIFICATIONS.** The following identifications of remains found in a mass grave between Bella Pais and Sychari were announced: Costa Psara from Bella Pais, Stavrou Hadjinicolaou from Agia Varvara, Nicosia, Kyriacou Stylianou from Pachna, Georgiou Moustaka from Kyrenia. Also from a mass grave in Tziaos: Charalambou Andrea from Ikos Marathasas, Constantinou Ashikalli from Kaimakli, Michael Michael and Costa Kyriacou from Kyrenia. Found in Mia Milia: Papaepiphanius Ioanni from Angastina, Evelthon Ioannides from Neo Livadi Morphou and Costas Kourris from Mia milia. Excavations are continuing in Kyrenia, Lapithos, Aspri Moutti, Sychari, Karpasia, Koutsoventi and Lysi. Also in two areas in the Government controlled area of Cyprus. Unfortunately Turkey still refuses to give the CMP any information on the Missing.

**3. THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT SUPPORTS THE CMP IN CYPRUS:** The Committee of ORMC (UK) expresses sincere appreciation and congratulates our MEP Marina Yannakoudakis for her great success in the European Parliament. 410 MEPs (out of 736) have signed her Written Declaration stating support for the Committee for Missing Persons in Cyprus.

In early May the members of ORMC (UK) Niki Loizou and John Kouvaros assisted by Victoria Kouvaros went to Strasbourg and distributed informative pamphlets inviting MEPs to sign the Declaration. In early June NEPOMAK members went to Strasbourg and helped as well. We thank everyone and especially the secretary of Marina, Harriet Wolf, who worked so very hard to meet the target.

Our organization will send letters of thanks to all the MEPs who signed the Declaration and keep them informed of any developments.

