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Dear Member,

Another year is nearly gone and we are still fighting and will continue to do so until the remaining of our Missing are found.

We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday, whether home or abroad!

We wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happier and Heathier New Year!



IDENTIFICATIONS: The following identifications have been announced by the CMP: Niyazi Fuat Mehmet from Mari, Salih Esref Niyazi from Larnaca, Theodoulos Solomou from Afania, Andreas Diarkou from Assia, Demetris Tsaousi from Afania, Demetrios Lourmbas from Greece, Constantinos Tsidiridis from Greece, Panayiotis Iliopoulos from Greece, Kyriacos Tsakkouras from Lefkosia, Andreas Kkolou from Liopetri, Spyros Hadjiyianni from Morphou, Christodoulos and Savvas Yatana from Lapithos.

CMP figures now stand at Greek Cypriots identified 756 and still missing 754. Turkish Cypriots 295 and 197 respectively.

NEWS FROM THE CMP: We are advised that at the moment they are excavating in five areas in the north, namely; Galateia (Mehmetcik), Marathovounos (Ulukisla), Agia (Alsancak), Karavas (Alsancak), Templos (Zeytinlik) and in one area in the south; Geri.

We pray and hope that the excavations produce results. All the information for all these sites is given by Turkish and Greek Cypriots. Unfortunately Turkey still refuses to open its archives so that more accurate information is available to the CMP on the location of mass graves!

CMP member Mr Pantelides said on a TV interview that only 1 in 8 excavations produce results. On the same programme a Turkish Cypriot journalist and activist on the case of the missing, Mr Mustafa Gursel, has suggested that as the number of those who have information is diminishing, although he said, there are people out there that do have information but do not come forward. It may be a good idea to offer an incentive (financial) to attract those who know to come forward. The incentive will ONLY be given if the information produces the desired results.

Mr Pantelides felt that it is wrong to advertise incentives as this may cause an avalanche of false information arriving in the CMP.

However, a viewer called to point out that the incentives will only be given if the information produces the expected results, therefore only those with valid information will come forward.

Food for thought?!!!

ORMC(UK) WEBSITE: Our website has been available for many years now and it was decided that it is about time that it is brought up to date. So members of the Committee with our President had a meeting and discuss the matter and decided to go ahead with the update.

This will be done in due course and you will be able to see our "new" website very soon.

OBITUARY: The Committee has offered their sympathies to our Vice President Tony Theodorou on the death of his sister Chrystalla. She passed away on Wednesday 17th April. It is a double blow for our Tony as on 10th February he lost his wife! Dear Tony we pray to God to give you strength to cope with your sad losses. May they both rest in peace!

DONATIONS: Mr Y. Kashimeris £200, Mr L. Loizou £1700. **Thank you for your kindness and generosity.**