



International Day of the Disappeared 30.8.2016

ANNOUNCEMENT

Truth Now (<http://www.truthnowcyprus.org/index.php/en/>) is a non-governmental organisation, founded in 2007 with its primary purpose being the promotion of the ascertainment of the fate of all the missing persons in Cyprus from 1963 to 1974. Furthermore, the organisation seeks to put some pressure for the investigation and disclosure of the facts and the truth for the said period relating to the issue of the missing. This organisation believes that the truth constitutes a legal and moral obligation towards the families of the missing as well as towards society as a whole.

On the occasion of the International Day of the Disappeared, TRUTH NOW repeats its proposal for the creation of a Truth Commission in Cyprus and applauds and encourages further the discussions on the media over the last few days regarding the various forms and options for the healing of the trauma of the Cypriot population, as a result of the inter-communal troubles and the Turkish invasion.

The trauma runs deep, the wound is still open and justice is has yet to be done.

It is time for the powers that be, to stop limiting themselves to words but to take action. It is only with actions that we can set the foundations for security and trust.

In recent global history there are many examples and new ones are constantly emerging in the search for peace, which we can learn from. The most recent example in the search for peace is the peace agreement signed in Colombia, where indeed the ceasefire was official declared on 28.8.16.

It is therefore time for initiatives to be taken in Cyprus as well.

TRUTH NOW has repeatedly proposed the creation of a Truth Commission and made public its proposal (<http://www.truthnowcyprus.org/index.php/en/a-truth-commission-for-cyprus/item/27-proposal-for-amending-the-terms-of-reference-of-cmp>) for the amendment of the Terms of Reference of the existing Committee for Missing Persons (CMP) so as to enable an effective investigation throughout the whole territory of Cyprus, and so that the families may finally be able to receive information about their loved ones.

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