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Subject: The 1 619 missing Greeks

During Turkey's illegal invasion of Cyprus in 1974 and the thereafter continuing occupation of 37 % of the island, a multitude of war crimes have been committed against the island's Greek community in a constant effort to Turkify land which had been Greek since Homeric times.

During the invasion 1 619 Greeks went missing and there is information that many of them were sent to prisons in Turkey. In the 90s information gathered by Kurdish inmates confirmed that seven Greeks from Cyprus were being held in a prison in Denizli (Laodicea) and 6 in Bolu (Vithinion). Nothing was done to set them free so they could return to their homes and families.

What does the Commission intend to do to ascertain the fate of the Greeks who were forcibly transferred to Turkey as prisoners of war?

What does the Commission intend to do to identify and help to punish those found quilty?

How will this situation affect Turkey's accession process to the EU?

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