

*The Mayor of Northern Corfu, George Machimaris' address*

Honorable officials and guests,

Dear fellow citizens

We are here today to pay tribute to the memory of the many victims of the tragic incident that took place 75 years ago opposite our present location, in the waters of the Corfu Channel.

I would like to express my congratulations to the “Albert Cohen Corfu” Association for its initiative to organize this event, reminding modern time Corfiots and friends of Corfu about an important event that is part of our island’s history.

The Municipality of Northern Corfu embraced from the beginning this initiative, supporting the commendable effort and agreeing to the establishment in this village of ours of the modest memorial we are about to unveil today.

Unfortunately, the passage of years did not give the opportunity, as they would surely have liked, to our older fellow citizens that witnessed this sad story from close-by and surely did not forget about it.

But it would be good for the present generation – as well as for the future residents and visitors to Kassiopi, to be able to contribute to the memory retention about this event that all of us should wish never to happen again while we live in peace.

Thank you all