

Family unhappy with verdicts on Greek killing



'An extraordinary rescue operation'

It took two-and-a-half hours for the rescue of Wismond Exantus to take place.

It might never have happened, had not a member of his family approached a Greek journalist on the street and said they had heard noises coming from underneath a building.

The Greek journalist said he also heard the noises, and approached a Greek rescue team. They then went into operation in combination with French and American teams, and pulled the man free from the rubble.

As he was gingerly put on a stretcher and carried towards a waiting ambulance, Wismond Exantus smiled. He didn't say anything but he was, if not totally unharmed, clearly in a very good state of health.

I understand that he has recovered more in the following hours.

Silent crowds

It was an extraordinary operation.

At various times the rescue teams appealed for complete silence.

The crowds that were watching - Haitians, the rescue teams and journalists - said absolutely nothing and stayed still while the rescuers listened to what was going on deep in the building.

Wismond Exantus was trapped under five or six metres of timber and debris, and it was thought he was possibly trapped with other people who might still be alive.

But during the course of the rescue, he told his rescuers that the noise and activity from others trapped underneath the building had ceased about two days earlier.

He has now been taken to hospital.

What is perhaps remarkable about this rescue operation, quite apart from the joy that took place when he was pulled clear, was the fact that it came just hours after an end to the rescue phase had been announced by the Haitian government.

Many people say this was too early, and I guess that the rescue of Wismond Exantus will have lent weight to their argument.

Article from BBC

The father of a young Australian tourist killed in Greece says his family is facing its own "life sentence" after a Greek bouncer was given 22-and-a-half years in jail for killing his son.

Mykonos nightclub bouncer Marios Antonopoulos has been convicted over the killing of 20-year-old Sydney man Doujon Zammit, who died after Antonopoulos beat him with a fold-out baton in 2008.

A court on the island of Lesbos commuted an intentional homicide charge to a lesser one of lethal bodily harm. Antonopoulos had told the court he did not mean to kill the Australian.

Doujon Zammit's father Oliver Zammit says he is disappointed that the two other men charged in connection with the crime were given prison sentences of eight-and-a-half and seven-and-a-half years.

George Chatzioannou and Dimitri Varonas had their charges downgraded from being accessories to attempted murder to being present during the attack but without having the intention to kill. The owner of the nightclub was found not guilty of supplying the weapons used by the bouncers during the attack.

"Doujon did not have justice that night they took his life," an emotional Oliver Zammit told reporters outside the court.

"There was no court, there was no judge, no jury. We have been dealt a life sentence and we will have to live with this for the rest of our lives."



Doujon Zammit's cousin Adam Zammit is also upset by the legal loopholes in Greece.

"They say they didn't have the baton in their hands, so they're not as liable as the other guy, but they were all there," he said.

"When four people go and lay into two people that's not just assault. You know you're trying to do a lot more than that."

Nightclub dispute

Doujon Zammit was holidaying with friends when he died from head injuries after being attacked by Antonopoulos.

Throughout his trial, the bouncer wore a bulletproof vest as he was escorted into the court under heavy police guard.

The court heard how Doujon Zam-

mit and two other Australians had left a nightclub but were chased by a group, led by Antonopoulos, amid a dispute over a missing handbag.

The Australians were confronted by the men, pushed up against a wall and searched before Doujon Zammit was repeatedly beaten. He later died in an Athens hospital.

Oliver Zammit donated his son's heart to Greek-Australian man Kostas Gribilas, generating widespread publicity and sympathy for the case in Greece. Mr Gribilas joined the Zammit family in Greece to lend his support during the trial.

In a statement released before the beginning of the trial on the island of Lesbos, Oliver Zammit said his family hoped for the conviction of all four defendants.

Article from ABCnews

Jean Paul Gaultier use a Greek «fustanella» in menswear collection 2010-2011



Jean Paul Gaultier uses a Greek fustanella type skirt as worn by traditional Greek folk dancers, and Klephs (from the Greek word, kleftis, or thief), the roving band of bandits who resisted Ottoman Turk occupation, in mainland Greece, for nearly 500 years. The traditional, fustanella is made from long strips of linen, sewn together, to make a pleated skirt. This garment is worn over hose, with black garters, as shown in the pic below. Jean Paul Gaultier uses a similar garment; the model below is wearing black pants, under the skirt.



Plane diverted to Greece

THESSALONIKI, Greece: An airplane flying from Germany to Turkey was diverted to a Greek airport after a threatening message was found written in one of its bathrooms, authorities said, but a search of the plane found nothing suspicious.

The Turkish airliner, carrying 62 passengers and six crew members, was evacuated when it touched down in Thessaloniki, northern Greece.

Police said the English-language graffiti found in the bathroom included the words "will die today." Police who searched the plane said they found nothing suspicious, and no one has been arrested.