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Dear Pilgrim:

I am pleased to enclose for you the evidence of one of the fastest and neatest bits of work that has been turned out by the Athens Morale Group. It is a front page of Embros, showing the dead Diamandis, which reached the public on the morning of the 23rd. The story was a knockout. George Edman therefore asked the editors to hold the forms, had 20,000 copies printed, and in cooperation with the Greek General Staff arranged for delivery by airplane in bandit-held territory of Sterea Ellas and Thessaly within twenty-four hours of the time the paper reached the Athens public.

Attached is a translation of page 1 of Embros and a copy of the newspaper.

Today's Ethnikos Kyrix commented: "It seems that the liquidation of Diamandis was the final blow to the morale of the bandits in Sterea Ellas and Thessaly. According to the General Staff communique 22 bandits were killed and 51 were captured the day after the death of Diamandis was announced."

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DIAMANDIS AND THE TATTERED REMNANTS OF HIS "DIVISION"
AT THE CEMETARY AND IN THE PRISONS OF LAMIA

Pictures taken by Embros correspondent
D. Avramopoulos

1. The captured brother of Diamandis, Efthymios Alexandrou. He says he was sent to the mountains by Mr. Sofoulis (late P.M.) in order to negotiate the surrender of his bloodthirsty brother.
2. Efthymios Katsoyianis, a "Lieutenant" on Diamandis' staff. He claims he killed Diamandis by machine gun, from a distance of six meters during the fight.
3. (Diamandis' body). A short while before its burial.
4. Handwritten note by Diamandis' brother (after his capture). "The andartes will not win because the people won't let them."
5. Army men placing Diamandis' coffin near the appointed place of burial.
6. Crowds gather outside the MP premises at Lamia to get confirmation of the terrorists' death.
7. Women bandits captured during the clash.
8. Captured bandits from Diamandis' staff: "Captains" Papaefstathiou and Kalaidjis and "Lieutenant" Katsoyianis.
9. The monster who has been terrorizing Roumeli for the last three years exists no more. The Army punishes traitors.
10. Another picture showing the public excitement over the reported arrival of Diamandis' body in Lamia.

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