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## Swapped at birth

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# Nightmare ends

## UPROAR OVER CONVICT'S ALLEGED ROLE IN TASSOS GRAVE THEFT

Former President Tassos Papadopoulos' remains were yesterday laid to rest, bringing relief to his family and an end to the three-month ordeal that shook the island.

Hours later police announced the arrest of a 58-year-old man from Athienou in connection with the investigation into the horrific grave robbery last December that made international headlines.

The blessing, at the Ayios Nicolaos Cemetery in Deftera, was attended by political leaders and hundreds of well-wishers.

Police are confident that the investigation will be concluded and that the culprits are already in custody.

However, the alleged involvement of notorious convict Antonis Prokopiou Kitas has opened up a can of worms over inadequate security measures at the Nicosia Central Prison.

Two other suspects, Kitas' brother and an Indian national, are in police custody after the latter confessed to his part in the crime and named the lifer as the instigator.

MPs are now crying out for blame

to be laid on those who allowed the convict to orchestrate the criminal operation from his cell.

Chairman of the House Legal Affairs Committee Ionas Nicolaou said President Demetris Christofias and Justice Minister Loucas Louca were heavily responsible for the convict's crimes that continue to plague and embarrass Cypriot society.

"Kitas has once again proven that, whether in hospital or in prison, he is able to organise and conduct his criminal activities without being stopped."

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Spain's Queen Sophia lights a candle at Ayios Ioannis Lampadistis, one of Cyprus's world heritage site churches, during her official visit to the island to inaugurate a major exhibition of Spanish art. The Queen appeared charmed by the warm welcome she received. >8



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