

## Statement by KRW LAW in response to Irish Govt Inter - State case announcement

Todays announcement by the Irish government that it will launch an Inter- State application against the UK Govt is the right decision politically, morally and legally.

It is a massive fillip to all those who have been agitating for decades to get access to the truth in unresolved killings.

In terms of timing this development couldn't be any more important.

It comes at a time when the courts here in Belfast are adjudicating on a series of Conflict - related challenges.

It will have an immediate impact on those cases.

We expect the courts here to take cognizance of this significant development.

Todays news sends a resounding message that Ireland as a nation won't be found wanting when it comes to upholding the human rights of thousands of people affected by the Troubles.

We first contacted the Irish Government in November 2022 and have been lobbying heavily ever since for an intervention.

It come a huge relief to know that Ireland will pursue this application.

To that end Ireland is revisiting the legal and political terrain of torture and the HOODED MEN when it brought a similar application against the British in 1978.

Today is a resoundingly important one for human rights in this country. ENDS

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