



Statement of KRW LAW on Dublin Monaghan Bombing High Court Rulings 11/4/24

We act on behalf of The Families of people killed and survivors of the Dublin Monaghan Bombings in 1974. They are taking a High court civil action against the State over allegations of collusion and investigative failings in the years following the atrocity.

Six years ago we secured an important order from the High court directing the PSNI and MOD to hand over discovery of all relevant material and evidence in their possession. That order was appealed by the Defendants and in addition a number of summonses were issued against the Plaintiffs threatening to Strike Out the claims on a number of grounds.

Today the High Court dismissed the motion brought to try and stop the cases on the grounds that insufficient evidence was produced to sustain the actions. The court indicated that the pleadings can be revisited at a later stage after discovery has issued but for now the actions stand and must proceed.

Further motions were brought on jurisdiction and limitation grounds. The court took the view that these were mixed matters of law and fact and it is for the Trial Judge to decide how and when these issues will be addressed. An application to join the Attorney General as a defendant was refused. Equally that will be revisited by the Plaintiffs.

Speaking after the series of landmark rulings solicitor Kevin Winters KRW LAW said,

“This is a massive day for the Dublin Monaghan families. After years of legal campaigning they’ve achieved a further breakthrough in their long running quest for justice. However it’s also really important for Conflict - related litigation generally. The High court rejected the Defendants argument that Claimants must front load all their evidence before getting discovery. This is especially relevant in cases involving collusion allegations because the State has all the evidence in their possession. It’s deeply unfair and inequitable to ask a court to throw a case out in these circumstances. I am very pleased that we have been given a green light by the court today to proceed to the next stage in this important litigation.” ENDS

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