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THE MCGURK'S BAR BOMBING 1971: ATTORNEY GENERAL DECISION ON INQUESTS

KRW LAW LLP (KRW) acts on behalf six families of relatives of those murdered in the McGurk's Bar Bombing 1974.

We welcome the decision of the Attorney General that it is advisable to direct a coroner to conduct an inquest into the killings of two victims of the bombing.

Despite the draconian imposition to stop inquests into Conflict-related Legacy deaths by way of the contested and challenge Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023 which falls on 1st May 2024, this decision and other recent similar directions by the Attorney General, clearly indicate the importance of the existing coronial process in truth-recovery and information-retrieval in the out-working of the Legacy of Conflict.

KRW made applications in 2017 to a previous Attorney General to direct similar inquests into the murder of the victims of the McGurk's Bar Bombing 1971.

Today we have written to the Attorney General to request she extends her direction to include those victims whose relatives are instructed by KRW or to confirm that her direction includes those victims.

We have worked tirelessly to secure truth, justice and accountability to resolve the many questions that persist around the bombing.

This work has included making and supporting Freedom of Information applications to access key information about the bombings.

We are presently awaiting a determination from the Information Rights Tribunal on one of these applications regarding intelligence about the bombings.

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