



THE ENNISKILLEN BOMBING 8 NOVEMBER 1987

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KRW LAW LLP (KRW) represents four families whose loved ones were killed or injured in the Enniskillen Bombing 8 November 1987. The PIRA planted the bomb that killed eleven people (10 civilians and an UC police officer), many of them elderly. A twelfth man was fatally wounded, entering a coma from which he would later die, and 63 were injured.

Rumour and suspicion continue to surround the Enniskillen Remembrance Day Bombing.

On the 6 March 2025 KRW made representations to the governments of the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom seeking an investigation to allay these rumours and suspicions.

These representations request the two governments establish an independent cross-border human rights compliant investigation into the Enniskillen Remembrance Day Bombing with guarantees of co-operation regarding disclosure and compellability of evidence and witnesses.

Yesterday a formal request has been sent to the Minister for Justice Home Affairs and Migration in Dublin with specific reference to the original Garda investigation. A similar request has been sent to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in Belfast asking for him to establish a statutory-public inquiry pursuant to the Inquiries Act 2005 and to work with his Irish counterpart on this matter.

Those families instructed by KRW are deeply concerned regarding reports of allegations made by journalist and author Martin Dillion in his new book *The Sorrow and the Loss*. The families we represent know that it was the PIRA who planted the bomb that murdered their loved ones in Enniskillen on the 8 November 1987. However, the claims made by Martin Dillion, despite his *caveat* that such claims must be treated with considerable caution, raise the following issues of serious concern:

the British and Irish governments 'scrubbed' files relating to the Enniskillen Bombing

several sources that he (Dillion) trusted confirmed that British and Irish Governments concealed 'this document'

(and) concealed claims that the State knew about the PIRA attack and allowed it to happen

assertions that the Security Service (M15) 'tampered with the bomb's timing mechanism determining that the explosion would devastate PIRA's public image

"Highly classified" papers were never made public

'British and Irish governments have been 'sitting' on such papers'

These include papers on '... an MI5 Agent who 'broke ranks' and complained that the agency allowed the bomb to happen ...'

'... matters arose which muddied the waters in (the) 'intelligence corridors' in Northern Ireland'

(there was) suspicion '... that state assets were part of the planned bombing in Enniskillen'

These allegations are laid against the respective governments and their respective intelligence agencies.

Rumours and suspicion are widespread regarding a political and security force intelligence agenda about the bombing of Enniskillen on Remembrance Day 1987.

Rumours of MI6 agent handling have escalated following recent media claims that key intelligence issues may go a long way to informing the otherwise inexplicable decision to shut down the police murder investigation after only 18 days.

Further, these rumours include those regarding the role of Charles Caulfield in the Enniskillen bombing who has been named in Parliament under Parliamentary Privilege as having been allowed to remain in the USA whilst attempts to extradite him were subject to political interference.

Barry O'Donnell, Associate Solicitor, KRW LAW said:

"The Enniskillen Bombing 8 November 1987 is recognised as possibly making a tuning point in the course of the Troubles in Northern Ireland.

It effects continue to scar the communities of Enniskillen and County Fermanagh.

KRW is representing four families whose lives were affected by the bombing.

Many rumours and much suspicion continue to surround all the circumstances about the PIRA bomb. Many of these allegations have persisted over many years.

Most recently the work of Martin Dillon, who has written consistently on aspects of the troubles, has raised further matters of serious concern.

Our representations today to the respective politicians in Dublin and Belfast request an independent cross-border ECHR complaint investigation into all the surrounding circumstances of the Enniskillen Bombing 8 November 1987.

We will be seeking meetings with both governments in due course.
This exercise must address continuing public concerns and allay the persistent rumours and suspicions regarding any political-security-intelligence agenda and or interference with the police investigation and which either enabled or failed to prevent the destruction of innocent lives and has subsequently protected the perpetrators and denied truth to the victims, their relatives and the survivors.

Our clients make it clear that it was the PIRA who planted the bomb in Enniskillen on the 8 November 1987 however these serious allegations need investigated and more importantly established if the bomb could have been prevented”

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