

Secretary of State, your Government is in breach of the European Convention of Human Rights

Speaking in Belfast in November 2014 European Human Rights Commissioner, Nils Muiznieks, warned the British Government that it was in breach of the European Convention of Human Rights by not conducting effective, independent, reasonably prompt investigations into conflict-related killings. Twelve months on we, the families of the bereaved and injured, are still awaiting effective, independent investigations into the deaths of our loved ones.

In December 2014 the two governments and the five main parties agreed a way forward for dealing with the past within the Stormont House Agreement. Your government promised full disclosure of documents to an independent investigatory mechanism - the Historical Investigations Unit (HIU). Now the British Government is using "national security" to undermine the independence of the HIU by demanding the right to redact/censor reports BEFORE they are provided to families. This is an outrage. You have reneged on the commitment made in December 2014 to set up a truly independent investigations unit.

Last month a UN Special Rapporteur* said, "...it is easy

to use national security as a blanket term... national security, in accordance with both national and international obligations, can only be served within the limits of the law..."

He added, "...indefinitely postponing the legacy issues will serve no one's purposes. Victims, some of whom have waited more than 40 years to see their rights violations redressed, are once again asked to wait longer. The credibility of institutions will continue to suffer."

For as long as this British Government fails to live up to its international legal obligations we can assure you that the "credibility of institutions will continue to suffer."

You failed to implement the recommendations of the Consultative Group on the Past. You failed to implement the Haass/O'Sullivan proposals. Now you are failing to implement the Stormont House Agreement. Your government is waiting for us to die off but our families will not go away. We demand a fully independent HIU and implementation of the other legacy proposals. All bereaved families have a right to truth, and to have their proposals on how to achieve that right, respected. These are rights not privileges.

The families of

Paddy Askin	17.05.1974	Eddie Fullerton	25.05.1991	Annette McGavigan	06.09.1971	Liam Prince	12.06.1976
Patrick Barnard	17.03.1976	Philip Garry	04.12.1971	James McGerty	26.07.1972	Christopher Quinn	04.11.1971
Owen Boyle	22.04.1975	Tony Geraghty	31.07.1975	Gerard McGleenan	16.08.1976	Frank Quinn	09.08.1971
Trevor Brecknell	19.12.1975	Breda Grace	17.05.1974	John McGleenan	22.08.1975	Brian & John Martin	
Edward Brogan	27.10.1981	John Francis Green	10.01.1975	Billy McGreaney	14.09.1971	Reavey &	04.01.1976
Sean Brown	12.05.1997	Margaret (Peggy) Hale	22.09.1975	Mick McHugh	21.01.1977	Anthony Reavey	30.01.1976
Anne Byrne	17.05.1974	Archie Harper	21.05.1974	Billy McKavanagh	11.08.1971	Francis Rice	18.05.1975
Gerard & Rory Cairns	29.10.1993	Michael Hayes	30.09.1972	Peter & Jenny McKearney	23.10.1975	Siobhán Roice	17.05.1974
Patrick Campbell	28.10.1973	Denis Heaney	10.06.1978	Michael & Seamus		Patrick Scott	03.04.1982
Joseph Desmond Clarke	12.03.1975	Daniel Hegarty	31.07.1972	McKenna & Marian Bowen		Patrick Shanahan	12.08.1991
Joan Connolly	09.08.1971	Gerard Higgins	28.10.1980	(née McKenna) &		Maureen Shields	17.05.1974
Paddy Connolly	04.10.1972	Frank Hughes	23.10.1990	Baby Bowen	21.04.1975	Emmanuel Shields	07.09.1990
Joseph Corr	09.08.1971	Kathleen Irvine	04.12.1971	May McKenna	17.05.1974	Andrew Small	17.03.1976
Tommy Croarkin	23.07.1974	Edward & Sara Keenan	04.12.1971	John McKerr	20.08.1971	James Smyth	04.12.1971
Henry Cunningham	09.08.1973	Henry Joseph Kelly	08.12.1972	Robert Richie McKinnie	07.09.1972	Bernard Teggart &	13.11.1973
John Pat Cunningham	15.06.1974	Joseph Kelly	17.03.1976	Brendan McLaughlin	29.02.1980	Danny Teggart	09.08.1971
Sean Dalton	31.08.1988	John Lavery	10.08.1971	Thomas McLaughlin	04.12.1971	Kathleen Thompson	06.11.1971
Gerry Dalrymple	25.03.1993	Louis Leonard	15.12.1972	Fred McLoughlin	15.05.1976	John William Toland	22.11.1976
Gerald De'ath	22.05.1975	Jim Loughrey	25.11.1976	Patrick Francis McNeice	25.07.1976	Joseph Toman	27.04.1975
Concepta Dempsey	11.06.1974	Seamus Ludlow	02.05.1976	Gavin Mc Shane	18.05.1994	Dorothy Trainor &	01.04.1975
Sammy Devenny	16.07.1969	Patrick Magee	17.04.1972	Martin McVeigh	03.04.1975	Ronald Trainor &	15.12.1975
James & Gertrude Devlin	07.05.1974	Alice Magennis	03.10.1975	Patrick Molloy	19.02.1974	Tommy Trainor	08.03.1978
Collette & Baby Doherty	17.05.1974	Antonio Magliocco	17.05.1974	Tobias Molloy	16.07.1972	Breda Turner	17.05.1974
Eddie Doherty	10.08.1971	John Oliver Mallon	15.12.1974	Patrick Mone	07.03.1976	Hugh Watters	19.12.1975
Martin Doherty	21.05.1994	Jimmy Marks	07.01.1976	Paul Moran	31.01.1992	Peggy White	17.05.1974
Michael Donnelly	19.12.1975	Ann Marren	17.05.1974	Dorothy Morris	17.05.1974	Paul Whitters	25.04.1981
Patsy Donnelly	19.12.1975	Hugh Martin	30.12.1972	Gary Moore	06.12.2000	Peter Woolsey	11.10.1976
Thomas Douglas	20.01.1973	Martin McAlinden	15.05.1974	Arthur Mulholland	10.02.1975	Oliver Woulahan	02.07.1976
Teresa Dowds de Mogollan	30.08.1993	Aidan McAnespie	21.02.1988	Fr Hugh Mullan	09.08.1971	<i>And other families who wish to remain anonymous</i>	
		Tommy McAuley	16.11.1987	Jim Murphy	21.04.1974	The Injured	
		Terry McCafferty	31.01.1974	Joseph Murphy	23.08.1971	Derek Byrne	17.05.1974
		Joe McCann	15.04.1972	Michael Naan	23.10.1972	John Byrne	17.05.1974
Harry Duffy	22.05.1981	Pat McCarthy	11.08.1971	John, Anna, Jacqueline		James Carlin	05.08.1975
Thomas Duffy	01.12.1972	Colm McCartney	24.08.1975	& Anne Marie O' Brien	17.05.1974	Brian Donnelly	15.05.1976
Joseph Elliott	12.11.1974	Francis McCaughey	08.11.1973	Barry & Declan O'Dowd		Noel Hegarty	17.05.1974
Charles English &	06.08.1985	James McCaughey	17.03.1976	& Joe O'Dowd	04.01.1976	Bernadette Joly	17.05.1974
Gary English	19.04.1981	Stephen McConomy	19.04.1982	Sean O' Hagan	15.05.1976	Frank McGuinness	17.04.1972
Pat Falls	20.11.1974	Brian McCoy	31.07.1975	Christina O'Loughlin	17.05.1974	Bernadette McNally	17.05.1974
Sean Farmer	24.08.1975	Rodney McCormick	24.08.1980	Geraldine O'Reilly	28.12.1972	Maria McShane	16.08.1976
Patrick Fay	17.05.1974	Gerard McCrea	02.07.1972	Fran O'Toole	31.07.1975	Marie Sherry	17.05.1974
Bernadette Friel	19.10.1975	Eamon McDevitt	18.08.1971	Marie Phelan	17.05.1974	Des McAlea	31.07.1975
Thomas Friel	22.05.1973	Elizabeth McDonald	16.08.1976	Noel Philips	09.08.1971	Stephen Travers	31.07.1975

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