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Actor makes plea

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Nesbitt in Disappeared plea

Actor James Nesbitt today urged those who know where the bodies of IRA murder victims are secretly buried to bring an end to their relatives' torment.

The Ulster-born star made an appeal on behalf of the so-called Families of the Disappeared in an attempt to yield a breakthrough denied to many of them for decades.

As he met with representatives of the victims who were kidnapped and shot dead by the IRA throughout the 1970s, Nesbitt insisted it was a humanitarian rather than political issue.

He said: "The families here are still in the most torturous state of limbo.

"It is almost impossible to appreciate the suffering they have had to live with.

"To anyone who can help end their suffering I would simply say please come forward."

The actor met with relatives at the Belfast headquarters of Wave, a cross-community organisation supporting people traumatised or bereaved by the violence in Northern Ireland, which he has been patron of since 2002.

Despite extensive searches on both sides of the Irish border, the bodies of several of the disappeared have still to be located.

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