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GIVEN events at Stormont today, one could be forgiven for thinking that the single biggest event of March 1988 was the shooting dead in Gibraltar of three unarmed IRA members by the SAS. Indeed there may be people who did not live through the period who think just that.

In fact the shootings on the British colony were simply the spark that left many more people dead that month.

People were killed by loyalists, republicans and the security forces in an orgy of violence when one horrendous

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event after another occurred. Instead of remembering individual people killed or groups who lost their lives at the time, we should be remembering all those deaths as a terrible loss of life which was all too common during the darkest days of the Troubles. We should also be thankful that such events are no longer happening and work together to make sure that they never happen again. Whether you are remembering members of the IRA, members of the security forces or innocent civilians caught up in the crossfire, that would be the best memorial to all the victims of the Troubles no more such victims.

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