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## 'Love Ulster parade will go ahead if talks not held'

(Valerie Robinson, [Irish News](#))

Organisers of the controversial 'Love Ulster' parade have said they will march in Dublin next month if Taoiseach Bertie Ahern does not meet them.

Willie Frazer of south Armagh group Families Acting for Innocent Relatives (Fair) said plans for a march and rally in the city this month were postponed after government officials agreed to hold talks.

However, Mr Frazer claimed that campaigners had not heard from officials in Dublin since then.

He said the group was determined to hold an event highlighting Protestant victims of IRA violence and would plough ahead with plans to travel to the capital at the end of next month if talks did not take place.

"We've heard no word from the government even though we were told that Bertie Ahern himself would meet us. We're being treated like the scum on somebody's shoe," he said.

Mr Frazer claimed that 40 bands had asked to take part in the event and some relatives of British soldiers killed in Northern Ireland had also expressed an interest in travelling to Dublin.

Fair will have to consult with gardai before setting a date for any event in the Republic following violent scenes last year.

Tens of millions of euro of damage were caused to businesses and streets when a protest by dissident republicans attracted dozens of rioters, who attacked gardai, journalists and shops.

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