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A UDA political representative has said the chances of the organisation giving more information on past attacks are "very slim".

Davy Nicholl, of the UDA-linked Ulster Political Research Group, was speaking after the locally-based Healing Through Remembering project published a list of options on possible ways to get to the truth of Northern Ireland's past.

One of the options was for paramilitary organisations and the security forces to provide victims "with the truth about what happened to their loved-ones".

The Healing Through Remembering project porposed: "The organisations would become involved voluntarily, in order to meet victims' requests for information."

But Nicholl said: "I don't expect paramilitaries to be suddenly rolling up to the door of some organisation to reveal themselves to be involved in past events.

"That is not a do-able thing."

He said the truth about Martin McGuinness' involvement with the IRA had not emerged in the Bloody Sunday Inquiry.

Added Nicholl: "One person's version of truth may be a lie to others who listen to it.

"Do we really get to the bottom of it after all? Are we giving people false hope?"

The loyalist representative said disclosure of information on incidents was "against their (paramilitaries') codes". It is seen from the perspective of a betrayal of former colleagues, he said.

The Government is understood to be considering setting up a study group to report on possible ways of dealing with the past.

But it is not yet clear whether it will be announced before the March deadline for the restoration of devolution at Stormont.

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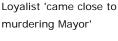




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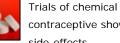
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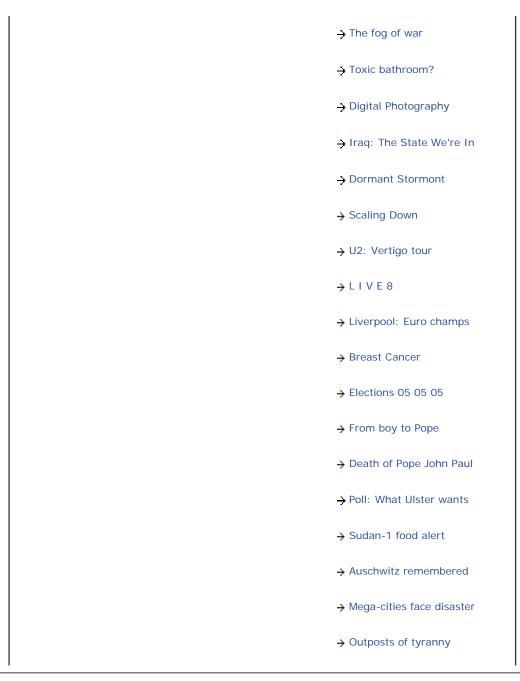


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