

HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN WEST TYRONE

West Tyrone has experienced the third highest level of terrorist activity in N. Ireland that was directed mainly against the pro-British people who live there. Approximately 200 murders, most of which are still unresolved, have been carried out by republican terrorists during the 30 year campaign of ethnic cleansing of our area.

This barbarism can be compared in quality, if not in quantity, with that perpetrated by the Nazis during the second world war. European Jewry, along with Gypsies, Slavs, Russians, German dissidents for political and religious reasons, resistance leaders from occupied European countries, ordinary captives in the course of war, and even children of some of these former categories, were eliminated.

In Europe, the Jews were especially targeted for total elimination. How was it that this race could be treated so barbarously by the Nazis? For precisely the same reason that paramilitary terrorists are torturing, maiming, terrorising, and murdering our fellow-countrymen. They view us as 'termites in human form.' We are a lower life-form that is not to be regarded as significant or unique. The only good that can be done to us is to exterminate us, however ruthlessly. To rid N. Ireland of the British "is a page in our history which has never been written and is never to be written," said Heinrich Himmler, (1943). Our enemies can say the same!

Our people in West Tyrone, and in regions right along the border with the Irish Republic, are being systematically removed from their home-steads by ruthless terrorist gangs. These 'death squads' have been able to move with utmost ease across the border to the safe haven of the Irish Republic after they had wrecked havoc and death on our people.

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These include:

- **collusion** between security force hierarchy and our government, and the IRA;
- **collusion** between the Irish government and the IRA;
- **ethnic cleansing** of Protestants along the border;
- Irish Government's refusal to **extradite** known republican terrorists;
- the Declan "Beano" Casey affair;
- the litany of **torture** cases that are known to have taken place;
- **war crimes** perpetrated against the decent, law-abiding people of the area;
- the **refusal** by RUC chiefs to authorise ongoing investigations into the numerous murders that have taken place in the "Castlederg Murder Triangle;"
- the need for an **international public enquiry** in the **genocide** that took place in West Tyrone;
- the need for an **outside police force** to investigate the effectiveness of RUC investigations into terrorist murders;
- the necessity for **DNA** specialists to work on evidence gathering;
- the destruction of security force **surveillance records** – who authorised this?
- the requirement for research to be carried out into the level of **non-convictions** into the murders by terrorists 'death squads.'

Our people are still living in fear, and some of our ex-service members have been told to carry their personal protection weapons with them. Personal security measures have been re-instated with all the diligence of the worst times in our history.

We believe that there has been gross neglect on the part of our government during the past 30 years. No adequate protection has been afforded our people, many of whom still live in remote border areas. They still remember the strategic murdering by terrorists of only sons and eldest

sons who lived and worked on the family farm, thus bringing family lines to an abrupt and brutal end. Even when the terror campaign was at it worst, the Castlederg and Strabane areas were left unprotected by the security forces; access to the safe haven of the Irish Republic was as easy then as it is now. And today, the security forces are aware of the IRA training activity that occurs in a forest near Killeter, outside Castlederg, and nothing has been done to apprehend those involved.

Castlederg district has lost 24 of its people to terrorists, and suffered almost 100 bombings, with at least 13 attempted bombings. In this area, it was more likely to succeed in a bombing campaign than it was to be caught by the security forces. This was not because of inability of the forces to apprehend these terrorists, but because they were told not to do so. Almost 40 murder attempts have been launched against our people, some of these being multiple murder attempts. This number does not take into account the numerous times other army regiments came under persistent fire from gunmen. At one time, a UDR soldier had a 1:40 chance of being murdered within the year!

Our nearest international neighbour, the Irish Republic, has never been the friendly neighbour it portrays itself as, or is perceived to be by the international community. It has always been, and still is, a place of safety for republican terrorists. Arms dumps are still well stocked in Eire, IRA training still continues within its jurisdiction, collusion between the Garda Siochana and the IRA continues unabated, targeting of potential victims is still being done, and all with the full knowledge of the security chiefs.

Our questions are:

- Why is this terrorist activity allowed to continue unchallenged by the security forces?
- Would the so-called 'peace process' suffer a further deficit if the establishment was seen to take on the perpetrators of terrorist violence?
- Are terrorist-linked political parties now 'untouchable' so far as the rule of law is concerned?
- Are the British and Irish and European governments afraid to deal effectively with fascist terrorists masquerading as democrats?
- Is the European Parliament afraid to take on the IRA and its bed-fellows because it knows it could not possibly defeat that effective terrorist army?
- Does the European Parliament feel any embarrassment whatsoever at its double standards in criticising the Austrian people and the politicians it elected, yet accepts, placates and honours, through its official spokesmen, the terror organisation that murdered almost 3000 of our fellow citizens?
- What will the European Parliament do to restore proper democracy to the people of N. Ireland? Does it have the political will to do so?

All we want is the right to live with our neighbours without fear or threat. We are British subjects, and feel entitled to the full protection of the British state against murder gangs that come from elsewhere. We want to work our farms, engage in our careers, go to our place of work, and socialise without fear or threat. Our government has neglected us, and is still not sorry for its culpable neglect. Our children want to feel safe in their homeland – this is their right. We have no desire to be other than good subjects, and to contribute as fully as we can to our economy.

I trust that this brief report gives you information about the West Tyrone area, and its people, and the human rights abuses that we have suffered at the hands of terrorists. We want your help to address these and other issues.

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