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# British and Irish politicians united to condemn Ulster killings

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British and Irish politicians meeting in Co Donegal will today condemn recent killings carried out by dissident republicans.

A special motion will be proposed by Fianna Fail TD Niall Blaney, co-chairman of the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly (Bipa), and seconded by former Northern Ireland Secretary of State Peter Hain.

Major police investigations are continuing into the murder of soldiers Mark Quinsey and Patrick Azimkar in Antrim and PSNI officer Stephen Carroll in Craigavon earlier this month.

The motion before the 38th plenary session of the Bipa says Irish and British politicians are appalled by the deaths and "unreservedly condemn the recent murderous attacks, intended to undermine the peace settlement endorsed in referenda by the people of the island, north and south".

The text also expresses condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of those killed in the attacks.

It adds: "Politicians reiterate their full support for the democratic institutions and all those who work to build a better society in Northern Ireland."

Bipa delegates meeting at Solis Lough Eske Castle Hotel near Donegal town will also debate issues around the 1998 Omagh bombing and efforts to address the legacy of the Troubles.

The forum also includes parliamentarians from Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

Other issues tabled for discussion include renewable energy, national ID cards and the integration of migrant workers.

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