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(Editorial, <u>Irish News</u>)

Following the publication of the final report on the 1974 Dublin and Monaghan bombings, it is entirely understandable that the families of those who died feel a deep sense of frustration.

Victims deserve to know truth

It took 25 years for an Irish government to begin a process of inquiry into what happened on that terrible day when 33 people, including a pregnant woman, lost their lives.

At the end of that process, key questions remain unanswered about this shocking crime.

The long-awaited report by Patrick MacEntee found there was no evidence of collusion in relation to the swift winding down of the Garda probe into the bombings.

However, the report did uncover serious deficiencies in the investigation and pointed to poor record-keeping and the loss or destruction of an unquantifiable amount of relevant documentation.

The inquiry was also limited by lack of access to British government files.

The Barron and MacEntee reports have gone so far but the full truth about the bombings continues to elude those most directly affected and that is unacceptable.

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