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Anger over Troubles amnesty

Paisley against amnesty

There has been a hostile reaction to a possible amnesty for paramilitaries prepared to reveal details of their involvement in the Troubles.

Some relatives also say they do not believe those who have broken the law should be allowed an amnesty in return for revealing the truth about their activities.

Denis Bradley, the former Policing Board chair who jointly heads the British government appointed consultative group on the legacy of the Troubles, said an amnesty had not been ruled in or ruled out. But even the suggestion of an amnesty has infuriated the DUP's Ian Paisley junior who said it was sickening as no-one should be above the law.

There was strong criticism of the proposal from some of the 70 people who attended the consultative group's first public meeting last night.

Gerard McErlean, who lost two relatives in a loyalist attack, said the British government had appointed them and they were not truly independent.

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This is one giant leap too far and will not make any headway in dealing with the loss of a loved one. Those on both sides who conducted horrible campaigns of sectarian murder should be held to account. There were many innocent victims of the Troubles who met their deaths at the hands of these thugs. Fathers murdered in front of their families and children left fatherless. No one in their right mind will tolerate this.

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