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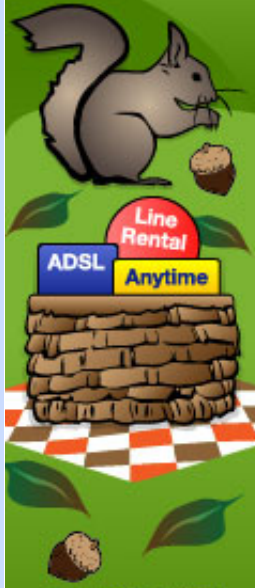
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### LOCAL NEWS



Ballynultagh area

Tuesday 11 November 2008 13:40

## DNA tests on potential `Disappeared` body

Forensic tests are being carried out on the remains of a body, presumed to be that of Danny McIlhone, one of the so-called `Disappeared`.



• **Report:** Partial remains were discovered in the Ballynultagh area of the Wicklow Mountains last week.

The 19-year-old vanished from west Belfast in 1981 but it wasn't until 1999 that the IRA claimed responsibility for his murder,

naming him as one of the nine 'disappeared'.

They claimed he was questioned about stealing their weapons and that he had died in a struggle with the person who was guarding him.

Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams has welcomed news of the discovery and passed on his condolences to the McIlhorne family.

The finding followed searches by the Gardai under the authority of the Independent Commission for the location of Victims' Remains.



Oliver McVeigh, whose 17-year-old brother Columba, disappeared in Dublin in 1975 after being kidnapped by the IRA, said the development offered hope to grieving families.

*"It proves that people working on the ground can locate these remains provided they get the right information."* he said.

*"There is no reason why others who have this information, the proper information, cannot come forward and end the families suffering and agony."*

SDLP MLA Alex Attwood said: *"This only confirms that serious questions still continue about the conduct of the IRA in this case of abduction and death and in all the cases of the disappeared."*

*"These doubts and questions must be answered in the only way possible - that all information is handed over and that those who the IRA know are withholding information are also handed over to the authorities once and for all."*

The issue is being discussed by the Irish taoiseach Brian Cowen with his Justice Minister Dermot Ahern during a pre-arranged meeting with the Republic's Garda Commissioner Fachtna Murphy on Tuesday.

A family spokesman said: *"The commission has informed the family of the developments in Wicklow."*

*We hope and pray for good news. We would ask the media to respect our privacy and stay away from the family home."*

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On 10 Nov at 18:53 - colin from monkstown said:

hope his family can now have closure and give him a christian burial , how and why now are questions sf must answer , why can this body be found now and not at the time ? was it a chance finding and if not why is the person who is mediating between the garda and the ira not arrested and charged with withholding info ? the ira have as i have always stated caused more harm to their own community than the british ever did !

On 11 Nov at 09:17 - Ms McCullough from Belfast said:

I am really happy for dannys family ie sisters,brothers and especially his daughter,i dont no the child but im sure she is really happy to bring an ending to this and be able to put her father to rest, the IRA will will have to answer some serious questions.

On 11 Nov at 09:36 - lorna from limavady said:

i cannot understand how anyone can support the ira when this is their justice to the families of these unfortunate people. no british army no ruc was ever responsible for a person disappearing and not getting a christian funeral, let this be the end of a family's suffering. why do this you who shout injustice against the state..

On 11 Nov at 11:09 - Laughing from Here said:

I don't believe that many did support the ira out of choice but rather out of fear. What did they really do good for the nationalist people of Northern Ireland in the same way as i ask what did Ian Paisley ever do for the unionist population in Northern Ireland? - The answer is divide us all!

On 11 Nov at 12:42 - John from Lurgan said:

Glad the Family can now have a proper Christian burial for their loved one and that their nightmare has finally come to an end after a long 27 years. At least now they'll be able to visit his graveside and mourn properly. On the news today Gerry Adams sent his condolences to the Family, what a hypocrite, he could've ended this a long long time ago and there are still Families awaiting the return of their Mother's, Father's, Son's & Daughter's, it's a disgrace. Shame on Sinn-Fein.

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