



New tribute to victims

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Enniskillen repalcement tribute sparks fury

The replacement of a photographic tribute to the 11 victims of the IRA's Enniskillen Remembrance Sunday bombing in the town's fire station provoked fury today.

The original was removed from the fire station months ago 20 years after the bombing following an objection by a member of staff.

A simple framed black and white photograph of firefighters at the Cenotaph scene of the bombing has replaced the earlier tribute - a montage of pictures of the victims around the scene of the explosion. Not even the names of the victims remain on the new tribute.

The replacement has been put up in the station in the Co Fermanagh town after Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service (NIFRS) efforts to resolve the in-station dispute failed.

The issue infuriated unionist politicians and disappointed the Northern Ireland Chief Fire Officer, Colin Lammey, who made the decision to put up a replacement picture.

Democratic Unionist Party peer Lord Morrow accused the fire chief of a farcical action to appease a minority.

He said: "Once again the lonely voice who disagrees is heard above all others, and all the rest are silenced.

"This was nothing more than yet another attempt to wipe out the unpleasant parts of Northern Ireland history, to appease those who refuse to accept otherwise."

Mr Lammey said today that following the complaint by a member of staff months ago the original framed print had been removed from the fire station wall "in order to maintain an inclusive working environment " for all firefighters and those who visited.

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Tom Elliott, the Ulster Unionist MLA for Fermanagh & South Tyrone, was equally angered by the decision and worried about reaction of the relatives of those who died.

"I have a concern about what the victims will think about this - it is a slap in the face to the relatives of those who died in the bombing."

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On 13 Feb at 15:28 - Clare from London said:

Why on earth would anyone take offence to a photograph! Incredible, it could only happen in Northern Ireland. These were normal people in a normal photo who sadly lost their lives because of a terrorist act. People need to realise that supporting acts of terrorism is totally out of fashion and unacceptable in the real world.

On 13 Feb at 16:37 - ruc widow from north west said:

that is just what a victim's family can expect today those victims not even connect with security forces and still they loose out.

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