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Deputy First Minister and IRA victims are to hold a meeting.

DFM to meet bereaved relatives

Sinn Fein's Martin McGuinness is to have face-to-face talks with victims of IRA

violence, it was confirmed today.

The Northern Ireland Deputy First Minister and self confessed former IRA leader, has agreed to meet a small delegation of bereaved relatives from the victims group Families Acting for Innocent Relatives (FAIR).

The meeting, expected within the next fortnight, follows a request from FAIR.

The organisation director, William Frazer, said there would be those from the Protestant community, including families of murdered RUC, Ulster Defence Regiment and Royal Irish regiment soldiers who would be uncomfortable about the meeting.

But he said: "I would like to assure them we will not be forgetting them or their sacrifice when we go into this meeting."

He said of Mr McGuinness: "If he wants to put out the image that he has changed then he will have to convince the victims that he has changed."

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